Rev's Reflections

Feeding Our Neighbors

As I write this on Tuesday, there is talk that the government shut down may end soon, meaning that SNAP benefits could be restored. Maybe I'm a cynic, but I doubt that they guy who threatened states which continued full benefits at their own expense will do the right thing.

On Sunday during the service, I acknowledged how much we are all doing personally to make sure our neighbors are fed, and requested that we bring our donations to the sanctuary on Sunday, so that we can see the collective impact we are having. At least until we get through this crisis.

Here's where I ask for your indulgence.

Please bring your donations of cash or non-perishable food items for the Jonnycake Food Pantry to the sanctuary. Our neighbors need it still. SNAP will not be restored instantly. Food prices are still 30% higher than they were in January. Unemployment is still rising. Each week, more of our neighbors are forced to choose between paying for food or paying for utilities.

I think we can keep doing this weekly for a bit, until we figure out a way to have a regular monthly donation as part of Sunday services, so that it doesn't conflict with sharing the plate on the first Sunday or any other liturgical practices.

This is one of the many ways in which I am so grateful for your generosity and care.

In Peace,
Rev Denis