

Foundation makes large donation to food bank

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the past 25 years. The foundation has a three-fold mission, said Beard. "We want to use this vehicle to give back to the community by supporting non-profit groups who effectively serve those of our community in need. We want to empower them to expand their presence and their services and to promote support for those who are unserved in our communities. We are proud to partner with the Back Mountain Ministerium Food Pantry to support their effort to build a new and better facility."

624 square foot room into the new education and administrative wing of the church to house the food pantry. It will cost \$62,000 to build, and will provide support for people who are not served with their need for food by any other group or agency in the Back Mountain. "We were fortunate to meet the criteria of the First Federal Bank grant program," said Louise Hazeltine, co-chairman of the church building campaign committee. "Our mutual goal is to meet the needs of those less fortunate among us, in particular, the children and the elderly. We appreciate the assistance from First Federal which will enable

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Trucksville United Methodist Church

us to improve our service to our clients with less wear and tear on our volunteers." "How wonderful it would be if other businesses, organizations or individuals would partner with us in this mission," said Naugle. "We have worked hard to raise the money to build our new education and administrative wing, and have \$1.4 million

in pledges. We need \$1.7 million, and the community's support for the food bank portion of the building. This \$20,000 grant will go a long way to help support that effort. We also received a \$500 donation from the First National Community Bank of Dunmore, which has an office in Shavertown." Throughout the holiday sea-

son, the community has rallied to support the food pantry with non-perishable food, monetary donations and other goods. Several groups have held food drives and have netted hundreds of pounds of food for distribution for Thanksgiving, Christmas, the cold months ahead and beyond. "We are also hoping that, as the economy and individuals struggle, businesses may find ways to help us with employee

food drives or in-kind donations if they are in the food industry," said Naugle. "There is a bakery in town that gives us their unsold goods at the end of the day. We could use more of that spirit in this important community ministry." For more information about the food pantry, its mission, and ways you can help, call Pastor Naugle or Barbara DeBellis at 696-3898.

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