

healthy food *giveaway*

FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH

2024



ANNUAL REPORT

About the healthy food giveaway

First Alliance Church (FAC) has been distributing fresh fruit and vegetables since March 2019. At that time, we invited people into our gym and walked them through the choices with a grocery bag.



In the fall of 2022, we partnered with the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB), which required us to increase the frequency of our events. This was made possible with the generous assistance of our many church and community partners (see pg 8). Working together and with God's help, we've made it happen for the last two years.

Through our partnership with Manna Food Center, we built a pantry and bought a freezer to safely store food between events. A grant from CAFB allowed us to purchase a refrigerator. We hold a drive-in event each second Saturday, and on the fourth Tuesday we host a food pantry where our guests can come in and select from a variety of foods.

***Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble.
Then your light will shine out from the darkness,
and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.***

~Isaiah 58.10

Our Vision and Mission

Reaching into our community is not an option for us. Jesus told us to care for each other, and we take that seriously. We pray for those around us, that they may live an abundant life. But we are also reminded that thoughts and prayers alone do not keep us warm at night. It is our mission to do what we can for those around us, putting love into concrete actions. To see just what the HFG means to our volunteers and our guests, click [here](#).

We envision and work toward a community where no one goes hungry.

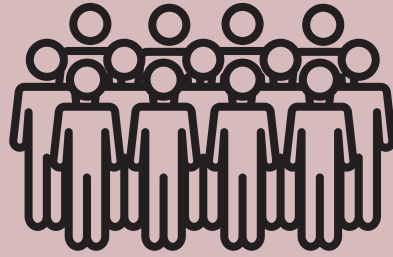


Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you tells him, “Go in peace; stay warm and well fed,” but does not provide for his physical needs, what good is that? So too, faith by itself, if it does not result in action, is dead.

~James 2.15-17

People

by the numbers



14,750

total individual
visits to all 2024
events from

4,428

registered
guests

22,000+

family members
served from all 2024
events

400+

volunteers who
gave generously of
their time

98

zip codes

people came from
many zip codes in
the DMV area

10

counties

mostly in Maryland,
but a scattering in
DC and VA as well

23

events

12 weekend drive-in
events and 11 indoor
food pantry nights

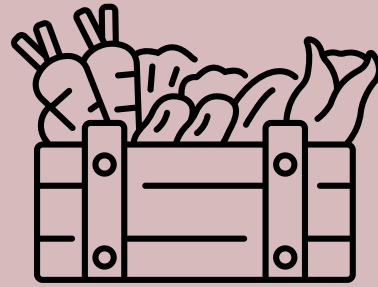
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hours

for all 2024
events

Food

by the numbers



6,330

cases, bins, or
pallets
containing over

140,000

pounds of fresh,
canned, and shelf-
stable foods

64,055

individual cans
boxes, or bags of

89

different
food
items

3,360

prepackaged,
donated boxes of
fresh produce worth

\$46,200

300

pounds of
mixed greens

30

dozen eggs

200

pounds of
ground beef

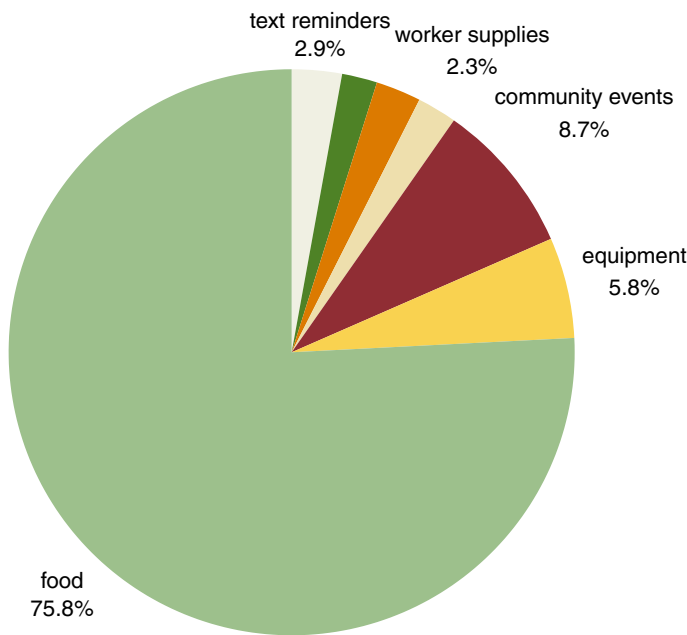
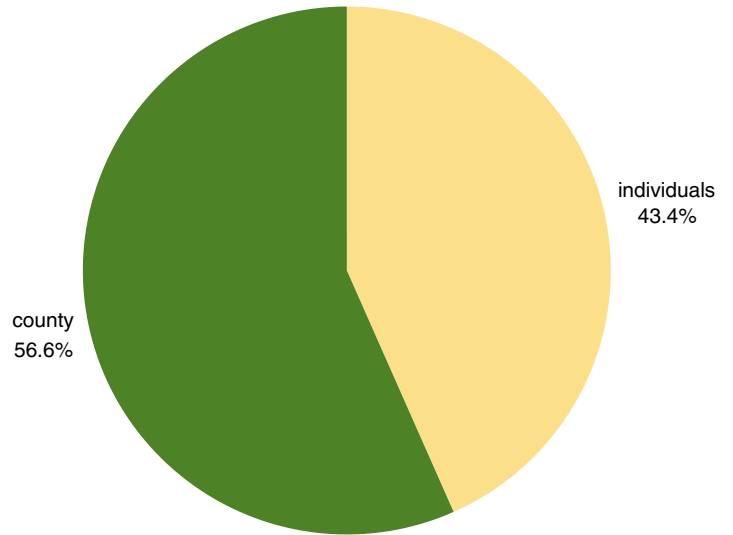
donated by local
farmers in Olney and
Derwood via
ChowMatch and
Manna Food Center

Financial Report



DONATIONS

Individuals	\$10,702
<u>County Grants via CAFB (4)</u>	<u>\$13,973</u>
TOTAL	\$24,675



EXPENSES

Food	\$15,508
Bags	\$412
Community Events	\$1,784
Equipment	\$1,177
Texting	\$585
Supplies	\$528
<u>Worker supplies</u>	<u>\$463</u>
TOTAL	\$20,455

- Our food is purchased from the [Capital Area Food Bank](#).
- We received four grants from Montgomery County via CAFB which allowed us to purchase over \$15,000 worth of food for under \$2,000.
- We are extremely grateful to [Sprouts Farmers Market of Burtonsville](#) for their generous donation of 5,000 heavy-duty, reusable plastic bags, which saved thousands of dollars.
- We hosted a hot dog meal in August and a Thanksgiving meal in November.
- Equipment purchases include another iPad, iPad cases, carts, and traffic cones.
- A texting service allows us to remind our guests of each event.
- Supplies include office supplies and materials for signs. We also purchased t-shirts, hand warmers and ponchos for those snowy mornings, and safety vests for our volunteers.

About First Alliance Church

Better Together: A United Church for a Divided World

First Alliance Church was started in the 1930s, originally within the city limits of Washington. We moved to Silver Spring in the 70s and continue to be a place where all are welcome.

We believe that every church is called by God to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ and we express this calling with a statement of hope and direction: "We will change our world by helping people know God, love life and serve others."



We are a diverse church with people from all parts of the world and all walks of life. We represent different races, language groups, and countries of origin: Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Peru, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Puerto Rico,

Sierra Leone, Tajikistan, Uganda, the United States and Vietnam. We envision breaking down walls and spreading God's love, practicing for heaven while living on earth. A preview of what this can look like is in God's word. "...I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language..." (Rev. 7:9).

Our church staff is led by Pastors Mike Mercurio and Allen Grimes. If you have a question about anything, just let us know.

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[To make a gift](#)



[To volunteer for weekend drive-thru](#)



[To volunteer for Tuesday night indoor pantry](#)



Special Thanks to Our Partners

Capital Area Food Bank

Manna Food Center

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

-Tri-Sigma chapter

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

-Eta Phi Zeta chapter

Sprouts Farmers Market of Burtonsville

Taylor Morse Brown Foundation

Addis Kidan Christ's Church (Amharic)

Bread of Life Bible Fellowship (Kreyòl)

Classical Conversations Home School

Fraternidad Cristiana (Spanish)

Gaithersburg Int'l Christian Fellowship

(English/Cantonese/Mandarin)

Greater Grace Community Church (English)

Hội Thánh Tin Lành (Vietnamese)

Igreja Shalom (Português)

Sons of God Fellowship (Oromo)