



An UPDATE for PARTNERS of FEED MY PEOPLE



Please note:

Mark your calendars:

-For those of you that have **first** Wednesday, **first** Thursday, or **first** Friday of the month deliveries, a reminder that we have a **fifth** Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in January. So:

-*First Wednesday* ordering window opens **Jan. 29 - Feb. 3 by 8am**

-*First Thursday* ordering window opens **Jan. 30 - Feb. 4 by 8am**

-*First Friday* ordering window opens **Jan. 31 - Feb. 5 by 8am**

(If you order weekly, please disregard this message.)

-We will be **CLOSED** on Monday, *February 17th* for President's Day. Those of you affected by this closure will be alerted by email at the beginning of February.

A Note from our Executive Director



Friends,

As some of you may know, I will be retiring soon. I am proud and grateful to have been a part of the FMP team the past 13 years and now it's time to hand over the reins. I'm excited to announce that **Padraig Gallagher** has been named the new FMP Executive Director. Padraig recently served as Executive Director of Stepping Stones of Dunn County and brings a wealth of experience to FMP. He shares our commitment to

standing in the gap for our neighbors at risk of food insecurity through the collective efforts of FMP and YOU – our dedicated, amazing partners. I am anxious for you to meet him!

I will still be around for a month or two to assist with transition and hope I can personally thank many of you for all you do!

With gratitude,

Suzanne

FREE Fresh Produce continues

Thank you for all you are doing in each of your communities to ensure that no one in need of food is turned away.

To support you in this, FMP has agreed to continue to offer all fresh produce to you at **no cost** through *March 31, 2025*. As the year progresses, we will continue to assess our costs to determine if we are able to provide produce at no cost beyond March 31st.



We are inspired every day by the work you do, and we will continue to support you in any way we can. We would love to talk with you and hear more about how we can continue to work together in 2025 to make a bigger impact for our neighbors facing food insecurity.

Product Highlight from the Warehouse



If you are interested, we have an abundance of assorted frozen bakery items. Order now!

DN700218 - Frozen Bakery Items - assorted - by the pound

Partner Proud!

The Menomonie "Tables"

Menomonie is so blessed to have 4 free community meals available weekly! **Mondays Meal** is provided by the United Methodist Church, **Tuesday's Table**, by St. Joseph's Catholic Church, **Wednesday's Table** by Christ Lutheran Church, and **Thursday's Table** by the 1st Congregational Church. The common denominator amongst all the "Tables" is that all the programs are staffed by volunteers! Magically it seems that when we seem to be short of volunteers, new ones appear!! The Tables' goal is to produce meals that are simple, hearty, and healthy! In 2024 Thursday's Table handed out 6,300 meals for an average of 129 meals a week! The other tables vary in how many meals are handed out but there is always high demand. As a guest stated awhile ago, "There are different people who come to receive meals! We share, we listen and encourage one another. Thursday's Table is not all about food, you know!"



Meet Our Team!



This month, meet **Tami Syverson**. Tami leads the Partnership Team to ensure we are meeting the FMP mission of creating equitable access to food for healthier communities. This is done by creating and building existing relationships with FMP partners and community members to deepen our knowledge, which in turn will guide us as to where we need to provide support to strengthen the communities we serve.

Tami truly loves that she gets to work for an organization that allows our team to work together to meet the basic and crucial need of having enough food. It is her belief that there is nothing better than finding creative solutions to problems that seem unsolvable and being able to put a smile on someone's face with an act as simple as offering them food. Doing this alongside an amazing team, volunteers, and a supportive board, is truly the cherry on top of the sundae!

A few fun facts:

Tami has been married for 18 years. They have a blended family which includes 5 adult children and 2 grandchildren, 1 of which they are raising. In addition to their jobs, they run a small beef farm. Tami loves baking, canning (especially using fruits and vegetables that she has grown), making goats milk soaps and lotions, and using what is around her to create food. (Her last project was making acorn flour.)

**Pop-Up
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