# Did you know

### Poverty here at home.

Median Household Income Bemus Point \$36,477 Chaut. Cty \$42,993 NY State \$60,850

#### Poverty Rate

 Bemus Point
 18.2%

 Chaut. Cty
 18.9%

 NY State
 15.4%

#### **Bemus Point School District**

26.9% students receive free or reduced lunches
22.3% = Free Lunch
4.6% = Reduced Lunch
To qualify for free lunch, family income under \$15,171.





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## 5 Loaves & 2 Fish Ministry



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Luke 3:11

John answered, "Anyone who had two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food do the same.

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Please consider donating one of the following items to our Ministry. Please see back for our Donation Sites.

Macaroni & Cheese - 6 oz box Applesauce Cups 4 oz Individual Cups Peanut Butter 1.5 oz Individual Instant Oatmeal Packets Milk Drink- 8 oz Fruit Snacks **Cheese & Cracker Snacks** 1 oz bag of Goldfish 1 oz bag of Pretzels Beef Sticks - 0.28 oz Fruit Cups - 4 oz Granola Bars Non-perishable Orange Beverage/ Juice Drinks - 6.75 oz bottles: e.g. "Sunny-D" Individual Serving Size Cereal Bags

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The 5 Loaves and 2 Fish Ministry was founded because of a need in our community – childhood hunger.

For some children, the two meals they receive in school Monday through Friday are the only meals they will eat. Their goal is to place **bags** of food in student backpacks on Friday afternoons to supplement the food they may or may not receive at home over the weekend.

They are currently serving Bemus Point Elementary students grades PreK/K, Clymer Central students grades K-3 and Sherman Central students grades PreK/1. Each year another grade level is added.

This is a faith based program where confidentially is a priority. It is an 'opt out' program – meaning that all families at the designated grade levels receive a letter inviting them to participate in the backpack program but giving them the ability to opt out if they choose.

Every first Tuesday of the month, volunteers fill bags at Clymer Central School and are distributed to the individual schools during the week. They are currently filling 644 bags an evening!

Local **Donation Sites** include St. Timothy Lutheran Church, St. Mary of Lourdes Catholic Church and Ellery Baptist Church. Specific foods and sizes are requested to ensure that each bag can be filled to it's capacity with foods chosen by the group.

Can you help by donating food or money? How about a monthly commitment? Help us fight childhood hunger in our community, one child at a time.