

# Food: WOU's food pantry seeks to feed students, staff, community

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Previous efforts focused on increasing the supply of spices available at the pantry.

For the Thanksgiving drive, Colasurdo is hoping to gather enough turkeys, hams and all the traditional fixings to feed 50 families.

While the dorms have ovens and kitchens, it may be tricky to cook a turkey, but students heading home for the holiday can take the food with them, she noted.

In fact, students' homes may be where some of the food insecurity comes from, Colasurdo said.

"We are serving a population that is historically underserved on college campuses here in Oregon," Stalley said. "We pride ourselves in providing an environment here on campus for first-generation college students, and that may be part of why we see a greater demand here for food."

Another thing that may contribute is the increasing costs of higher education, he said.

"In that larger fabric of student debt, it may be why we're seeing such a need on our campus," Stalley noted.

University meal plans don't really help, Colasurdo said.

Her freshman year, the cost to stay in the dorms was nearly \$9,000. In addition, she had a \$350 meal plan



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**Becca Hazel hoists a turkey donated to the food pantry.**

each term and had to add money to the plan at the end of the term.

The dining hall has different prices for those who live on campus than for those who live off campus.

It's less expensive to rent someplace off campus, but then students don't get the

cheaper prices in the cafeteria, Colasurdo said.

"If someone was thinking like that and got an off-campus place, they wouldn't have cheap food," she said. "So it's kind of a poor setup, especially considering our food insecurity. It really should be thought about."

Regardless of the reason, the WOU food pantry is helping make a dent in hunger through its efforts. In fact, use of the pantry has more than tripled since last June, Colasurdo said.

"I'm working on posters and stuff," she said. "We always have emails going out. There's a Facebook page, and all these things."

Gathering donations and getting the word out is just part of the equation. The other part is in encouraging people to use the pantry.

Using a food pantry can carry a stigma, but it doesn't need to, especially when the pantry's services are confidential.

Most of the pantry's donations come from the Marion-Polk Food Share, Colasurdo said, and comes with instructions on how to cook it.

"Some of the stuff that I'm concerned about that's hard to go is our shelf-stable beans," she said. "They take about 45 minutes to make. I know I personally wouldn't. Like, when do I have time to cook just beans for 45 minutes?"

Instead, Colasurdo said she tries to get more quickly prepared foods, such as canned soups.

"Everyone can cook it. It's warm. It's fast to make and it usually has more nutrient value than a can of refried beans," she said. "People like it."

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"It is not quite as strict as he thinks it is," Kirby said.

Furthermore, he said sacred texts, such as the Quran and the Bible, offer ideas and rules for living, but that shouldn't be the only factor in understanding a religion.

"To really understand the religion, you have to see how people practice it," Kirby said.

He said there are more than 1 billion Muslims worldwide, and the vast majority wouldn't commit that kind of violence.

"He is just being selective and unfair," Kirby said.

He isn't aware of any municipality in the United States implementing Sharia Law and believes the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment would prevent that.

In a separate post, Garus made threatening remarks aimed at transgender children and school administrators who would allow them to use the restroom for the gender they identify as.

"I don't condone violence, but I am a father... and as a protective father, I will fight for my kids and I will fight for my daughter," he said.

The council took no action against Garus. City Attorney Lane Shetterly said this circumstance is not grounds for removal per the city charter. Individual councilors issued their own

statements, some saying they don't agree with Garus.

Councilor Kelly Gabliks disagreed with Garus and said she knows Dallas to be "friendly, inclusive, warm and inviting to all people."

"I also think it is wrong for anyone to encourage or advocate violence against children or any administrator that might support transgender students," she said.

Councilor Jackie Lawson wouldn't endorse or condemn his views and supported his right of expression.

"Personally, I am more concerned with a person's actions rather than their words," she said.

Others at the meeting said Garus' words have labeled Dallas as unwelcoming.

"How can people like me or people that are Muslim, or with any different gender identity, feel comfortable here?" asked Elliot Yoder, a Dallas resident and transgender teen.

Yoder, along with Dallas resident Justin Noll, has proposed drafting a resolution making it clear the city is welcoming of all.

After the meeting, Garus said he felt supported.

"I think what we witnessed here is a good example of a peaceful democracy where people can come out and exercise their freedom of speech," he said.

For more on this story: [www.polkco.com](http://www.polkco.com).

# POLK COUNTY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

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Currently meeting for worship and verse by verse Bible teaching at 628 SE Jefferson St. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday school is available from youth ministry and below to nursery. Wednesday evening cafe-style Old Testament study starting at 6:30 p.m. Come join us for a relaxed study around a cup of coffee or drink. Mens prayer is Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Womens Bible studies are scheduled also, call for times. Last Sunday of the month Jubilee Service, old time hymns and bluegrass music, 6:30 pm -7:30 pm. Community invited. The Pastor/Teacher is Larry King. Come join us and be a part of God's family here in Dallas. For more information call 503-831-1074.

**Church of God of Prophecy New Beginnings** - 575 SW Ash St., (corner of Ash & Stump St.) Pastor Travis Clemons, 541-671-0375. Bible Study School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. We welcome all to come and get acquainted with our Pastor and his wife Christina. Home Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Associate Pastor Jim Dickason 503-302-9816.

**Church of Christ** - North Kings Valley Hwy. Sunday Class 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 5:30 p.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We are a Bible Based Church. Visitors welcome. For information call 503-831-4886. If no answer, please leave a message and we'll return your call as soon as possible.

**Dallas Alliance Church** - 775 E. Ellendale, Dallas, 503-623-2265. Email [office@dallasalliance.org](mailto:office@dallasalliance.org). Lead Pastor Jim Jamieson; and Youth/Children's Pastor Lance Baker; Every Sunday: classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., (Nursery provided for a.m. services); Tuesdays: Youth Night 7:00 p.m. in Ediger Hall; Wednesdays: Adult Prayer Meeting 1:00 p.m., Choir practice 6:45 p.m. Call for info on current Bible Studies. Web: [dallasalliance.org](http://dallasalliance.org).

**Dallas Church** - PO Box 462, Dallas, OR 97338, 503-623-2711. Worship Gatherings: Sundays 10am. Meeting at 450 SE Washington St., Dallas OR 97338. Atmosphere is relaxed, families & children welcome, come as you are, current music & relevant teaching about Jesus. Pastor: Ben Bauman. [www.dallaschurch.org](http://www.dallaschurch.org)

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**Evangelical Bible Church** - 1175 S.E. Howe, Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Jerry Franz, Visitation Pastor Allan Wiebe, Youth Pastor Nathan Ens. Sunday: Worship \*8:00 a.m.; \*10:45 a.m.; \*6:00 p.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; High School Youth Group 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Jr. High Youth Group - 7:00 p.m.; 2nd & 4th Tuesday: MOPS \*9:00 a.m.; Wednesday: AWANA - 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Bible Studies \*9:00 a.m. & \*7:00 p.m. (women); Thursday Group Bible Study 2:00 p.m. \*Nursery care provided.

**Faith Evangelical Free Church** - 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, 503-623-8034; Senior Pastor Al Perkins, Associate Pastor Ed Sutter, Worship Pastor Ted Kitzmiller, Youth Pastor Aaron Swank, Ministry of Children & Family Debbie Davies. Sunday School 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday High School Youth Group 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Jr. High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Please call or visit our website for information about other meetings. [www.faithfreechurch.org](http://www.faithfreechurch.org)

**First Baptist Church** - 245 S.W. Church St., Dallas, 503-623-5189; [www.gofbc.org](http://www.gofbc.org); Church Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 10 am - 2:30 pm; Pastor Rick Bratton 503-551-9561; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6-7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome!

**First Christian Church** - Joyfully Worshipping & Serving 1079 S.E. Jefferson Street, Dallas, 503-623-2569. Pastor Darren Anderson. "Live Wire Worship" with Praise Team - 8:30 a.m., Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. (Nursery provided), Men's Bible Study - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Christian Women's Fellowship - 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 pm (Sept through June). Please call church office for information about other meetings.

**Grace Community Church** - 598 E. Ellendale Ave. PO Box 69, Dallas, 503-623-4961. Senior Pastor-Dave Bertolini, Pastor of Worship & Discipleship-Ryan Bucher, Pastor of Student Ministries-Ben Pottloff. Sunday Worship: 1st Service-9:00 a.m. with Kids, Youth, & Adult Sunday School running concurrently. 2nd Worship Service-10:45 a.m. with Kids Worship running concurrently. Nursery provided for 0 - 2 year olds during both services. Office open Tuesday-Friday for office hours visit our website at [www.graceindallas.org](http://www.graceindallas.org). All are welcome!

**Living Hope City Church** - 186 SE Mill St., Dallas. Family Worship 10:30 am. [www.living-hopecitychurch.org](http://www.living-hopecitychurch.org) Equipping Center & Offices 186 SE Mill St., Dallas. For more information call 503-623-6890.

**Living Word Faith Fellowship** - 830 SE Shelton Street, Dallas, 503-623-9062. Pastor Joan Siewert. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m. Children's Sunday service 10:00 a.m., nursery provided. Men's fellowship second Saturday of month breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Murphy's Restaurant, Dallas. Pastor Michael Van Dyke in charge of men's fellowship. Call for additional information. Website: [www.proclaimhim.org](http://www.proclaimhim.org)

**Salt Creek Baptist Church** - 15075 Salt Creek Road, Dallas, 503-623-2976. Senior pastor David Curtis. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship 10:50 a.m. Nursery provided for worship services. Classes for all ages. Wednesday Senior High and Middle School Youth at 6:30 p.m. Please call for information about other meetings or visit our website at [www.saltcreekchurch.org](http://www.saltcreekchurch.org).

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church** - 589 SW Birch, P.O. Box 450, Dallas 97338-0450. 503-623-5872. Services on Saturday: 9:30 A.M. Sabbath School Bible Study for all age groups. 10:50 A.M. Worship Service. Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 to Noon. Pastor: Larry Brown

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church** - 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas (at the corner of Levens & Cherry) 503-623-8522. Email: [stthomasdallas@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasdallas@gmail.com) 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Eucharist. Sunday School and Nursery Care available during worship. Sundays 1:30-3:00 all ages FREE singing lessons. St. Thomas Episcopal Church 1486 SW Levens Dallas. Call Rebecca 503-559-5205 with questions. The Episcopal Church and St Thomas Welcomes you—please join us.

**Trinity Lutheran Church** - 320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas, 503-623-2233. Pastor - David Pederson. Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Kids Church during 10:00 a.m. Worship. Youth Group HS/MS 11:30 a.m. Sundays.

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**Valley Life Center (Assemblies of God)** - 1795 S.E. Miller Ave., Dallas, 503-623-4116. Lead Pastor: Chris Barker; Associate Pastor: Ted Gibson; Children's Director: Crystal Barker; Youth Director: Kirk Bathke. Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Please call for more information or visit our website at [www.valleylifecenter.com](http://www.valleylifecenter.com)

## FALLS CITY

**Falls City Christian Church** 233 S. Main Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344, 503-787-3104 Sunday Service: 10 am; Website: [www.falls-citycc.org](http://www.falls-citycc.org)

**Falls City United Methodist Church** - 242 N. Main Street, Falls City, 503-851-3213. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Morning worship Sunday 9:20 am. All denominations are welcome. [www.falls-cityumc.org](http://www.falls-cityumc.org)

**Mountain Gospel Fellowship** - 303 N. Main, Falls City, 503-787-8037. Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m., Wed. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Everyone welcome just as you are. Join Us!

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church** - 205 N. Main, Falls City 97344, 503-787-3907. Pastor Larry Brown. Sabbath School Sat. 9:30 am-10:40 am; Worship Service 11 am. Community Service Center (Food Bank) third Wed. of each month, noon-3pm.

## INDEPENDENCE

**Buena Vista Community Church** - 11355 Church St., Buena Vista. Independence. Pastor Larry Lyon. Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**Cornerstone Church of God** - 4395 Independence Hwy, Independence, 503-838-5119. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Nursery available.

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**Life Center Foursquare Church** - 437 D Street, Independence, OR Phone: 503-838-6507. Pastor Larry Gratreak. Worship Service and Sunday School starts at 10:30 a.m. Various Studies, Prayer Groups and Home Fellowships available throughout the week. Call for more information. You are welcome! Find us on Facebook.

**St. Patrick Parish, Catholic** - 1275 E St., Independence. 503-838-5801. Father Henry Guillen Vega Masses Sat., vigil 5 p.m.; Sunday 9:30 a.m. (English), 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Spanish); Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs. 9am, Saturday 7 p.m. (Spanish). Evergreen Nursing Home; Holy Days 9 a.m. (Eng) & 7 p.m. (Eng/Span). Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 3:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Religious Education: RCIA Mon 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Mid-High & High School Grades Mon 7:00-8:30p.m.; Grades 1-4 Tues. 7:00-8:30 p.m. WOU Campus Ministry: Mass Sun. 5:00 p.m. at 315 N. Knox

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**Church of Christ** - 127 N. Heffley St., Monmouth, 503-838-2360. Minister - Dan Brewer, Youth Minister - Jon Siegrist. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:45 a.m., Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m., Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

**Faith Lutheran Church** - 200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy., Monmouth (the church with the lighted cross on the "S" curve). School Year Schedule: Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:00 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 10:30 am. Pastor Dallas C.R. Dubke. Everyone is welcomed! 503-838-3459. [www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org](http://www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org)

**Monmouth Christian Church** - 959 Church Street W, Monmouth, OR 97361; Office: (503) 838-1145; Fax: (503) 838-1162; Email: [mcc@mymcc.cc](mailto:mcc@mymcc.cc); Website: [mymcc.cc](http://mymcc.cc); Lead Pastor: Sean Biltzer; Pastors: Ulysses Vela, Mary Weinbender, & Seth Halligan; Sunday Worship Service: 10 am, English & Spanish; children's programming for birth to 6th grades also available. Momentum (7th & 8th Grades) meet Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 pm MCC; Join us this Sunday in person or live online at [www.mymcc.tv](http://www.mymcc.tv).

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**St. Hilda's Episcopal Church** 245 Main St. W., Monmouth, 503-838-6087, sthildas church.org Sunday Eucharist - 10:00 am followed by Fellowship. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 am. Wednesday Worship at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm. Nursery care provided. Call for periodic small groups and celebrations. All are welcome!

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