



## Blessing Box at Outreach Center

According to Feeding America, 1 in 7 Americans struggle with hunger. Children and seniors are at a higher risk of food insecurity. You've probably heard about or seen "little free pantries" located around Nebraska. LFP's or Blessing Boxes have been helping people that have "fallen through the cracks" and wouldn't qualify for a mainstream pantry yet live paycheck to paycheck.



Will Whited & his Eagle Scout project

First UMC Outreach Center can add their name to a list of organizations that are sponsoring a Blessing Box. Thanks to Will Whited and his Eagle Scout project, the Outreach Center is taking another step to help stop hunger in the Columbus community. The concept is a simple one: "take what you need, leave what you can." We are asking our members to help stop food insecurity in our own neighborhoods! Simply drop off a nonperishable item at the Outreach Center or add an item or two to our Blessing Box, located in the front of the First UMC Outreach Center. Please consider donating to this wonderful program and watch our families flourish! If you have any questions, please call, text or e-mail Sandy Martensen (402-563-3107) at [wmartensen@neb.rr.com](mailto:wmartensen@neb.rr.com).