

# Putting faith into action: Aurora Methodists aid food pantry on 'Serve Day'

Members of Aurora's Flowing Forth United Methodist Church put faith into action Sunday (June 30) with a "Serve Day" project providing labor and donations to Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry in Aurora.

After an abbreviated worship service at Aurora Christian School, about 20 congregants headed to Marie's Community Garden Park, a garden that benefits pantry clients. Led by Sharon Seitzinger, volunteers weeded, hauled mulch and removed debris.

Ten volunteers coordinated by Lesley Miller remained at the church to color "well wishes" greeting cards for Wilkinson clients. Earlier, congregants placed about 50 paper grocery bags of food and other items on the altar to stock pantry shelves.

Rev. Derek Rogers, church pastor, said the church holds a Serve Day when five Sundays occur in a month. Sunday's effort was the second Serve Day of 2019.

The pastor announced Flowing Forth celebrated its first anniversary on Sunday, July 7, with a 10 a.m. worship service at Aurora Christian School, 2255 Sullivan Rd. in Aurora. The public was invited. Fellowship and refreshments preceded the worship service.

The celebration will continue on Sunday, July 14, with a dessert potluck after worship.

The church was created last year in a merger of the former Fourth Street UMC, and Flowing Grace UMC, both in Aurora.

Call (630) 239-2321 for more information.

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