

C.A.R.V.E. OUT HUNGER

C.A.R.V.E., a creative food collection program for the poor, is patterned after an early church custom of gathering food from “love feasts”. This program was inspired by the desire to observe feeding the poor as an act of worship. In an attempt to follow the model of the early church, C.A.R.V.E. is a reminder to worship attendees that while they have resources to purchase food at the supermarket, not everyone does. The object of C.A.R.V.E. is to help people remember the poor every time they go shopping. C.A.R.V.E. reminds them to pick up an item for those in need when they purchase food for themselves or their families.

C.A.R.V.E. works like this: Each Sunday of the month is designated for a special item needed to stock Restore Hope’s food pantry. It is simple – the first week purchase a box of cereal for the poor, and on through the list.

The **C.A.R.V.E.** Plan

- C** for “**CEREAL**” - 1st Sunday
(or oatmeal, etc.)
- A** for “**APPLESAUCE**” - 2nd Sunday
(or any canned fruit)
- R** for “**RICE**” - 3rd Sunday
(or pasta, dried beans, or peanut butter)
- V** for “**VEGETABLE**” - 4th Sunday
(green beans, corn, carrots, peas, mixed vegetables)
- E** for “**EVERYTHING**” - 5th Sunday



It is helpful to include a reminder in the newsletter and the bulletin for the C.A.R.V.E. item for the coming week. Members are asked to place the food in a shopping cart before worship and the ushers wheel the cart to the front of the sanctuary to be blessed along with the morning offering.

Imagine the impact that would be made if every congregation in our community launched the *C.A.R.V.E. Out Hunger* program!

START NOW – C.A.R.V.E. OUT HUNGER!