

CAROLINE CONNECTION



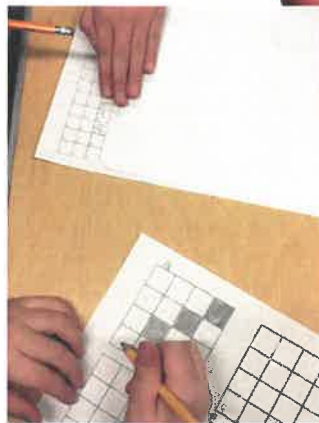
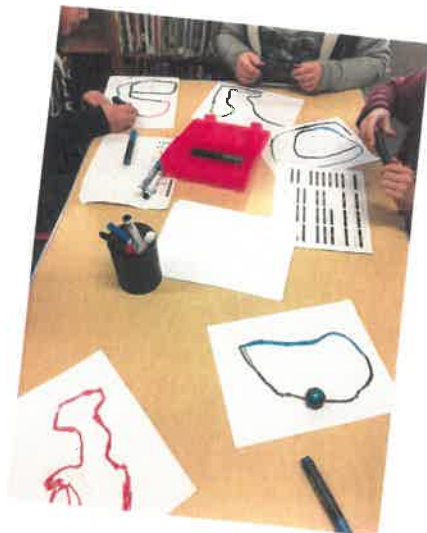
Greetings, Caroline Families!

This week is Computer Science Education Week. This is held annually in recognition of Admiral Grace Murray Hopper (1906-1992), a pioneer in the field of computer science. Our Caroline students have participated in a variety of activities related to computational thinking all month.

In the library, Mrs. Stephenson has been exploring computational thinking and coding with students. All students have started with "unplugged" activities to explore computational thinking. Younger students moved into scratchjr.org to explore beginning coding. Older students used scratch.mit.edu and Code.org. If you get a chance, let your kiddo(s) show you what they have been learning and creating.

Hope to see you soon at school!

Sincerely,
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December 11, 2019

VOLUME: 11

CALENDAR

Dec

**16-20 December Dress
Up Days!**

**16- PTA/ Coffee with
the Principal 8am
(Library)**

**17 - Perry Ground
Visits Caroline 8am**

**23- Jan.3 No School-
Winter Recess**

Jan

**15 - WEDNESDAY
morning Program 8am**

27 - PTA Meeting

**Orchestra/Band
Concert TBD**

Parents Night Out!

Saturday December 14

WHERE: Brooktondale Community Center

WHEN: 5PM-9PM

Families with youth age 7 and up who are interested in board games, Magic the Gathering and simple crafts are invited to sign their youth up for this program. Parents can have a few free hours while their child plays games with teens from the teen program and Youth Educator Beth Bannister. Teens are invited to come early to prepare as well. Space is limited to 15 youth ages 7-12, with priority given to families who live in Caroline, the Town of Ithaca, or the Villages of Cayuga Heights or Lansing. Sign up soon! Free, with suggested donation of \$5 per child for pizza and snacks.

RSVP to Beth Bannister with the name and age of youth.

bab47@cornell.edu or 607-227-9532

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Caroline Spirit Week!



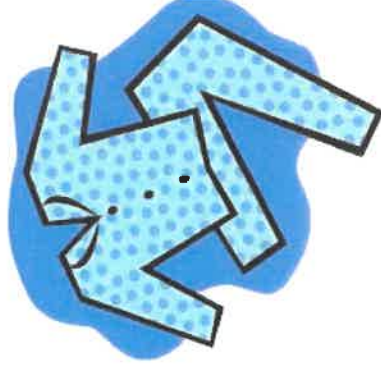
Monday, December 16: Favorite Sports Team Day

Tuesday, December 17: Winter Hat Day or Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday, December 18: Ugly Sweater and/or Funky Sock/ Day

Thursday, December 19: School Spirit Day (Red & White or I/ Am Needed shirt)

Friday, December 20: Pajama Day!



Seasonal Community Resources

Children with Special Health Care Needs

Child Find

Child Find is the primary referral source to the Early Intervention Program for children ages birth up to age three. Through Child Find, children who are suspected or at risk for developmental delay or disability are monitored and screened. The Child Find-Early Intervention staff works closely with your child's primary care provider to monitor your child's developmental progress. If a potentially qualifying disability or delay is identified, your child will be referred to our Early Intervention Program for evaluation.

Early Intervention Program

Upon entering the Early Intervention Program, your child will be evaluated for developmental delay. If your child qualifies, services for your child can be provided in your home free of charge. Services include further evaluation if needed, vision and hearing, speech, physical, and other therapies; child development groups and family counseling. These services are provided to help your child grow and develop, and to help you care for your child.

Children with Special Health Care Needs

The Children with Special Health Care Needs Program provides assistance to families of children with special health care needs birth through age 21 who need help in accessing various health care professionals and other community resources. We will also help you to access appropriate health care coverage such as Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus and Medicaid. Our Family Outreach Worker is a Certified Social Worker who will work one-on-one with you to help you meet your family's needs.

Physically Handicapped Children's Program

The Physically Handicapped Children's Program offers financial assistance to families with children birth to 21 years of age, who have or are suspected of having a chronic and/or disabling medical condition. The program is available to Tompkins County residents who meet the medical and financial criteria.

Children with Special Care Needs
Tompkins County Health Department
(607) 274-6644

Winter 2019-2020



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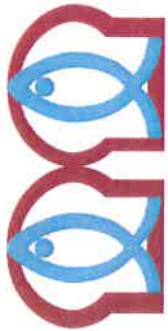
Tompkins County is fortunate to host many different places where one can obtain free food or prepared meals. Food Pantries and Hot Meals are listed below.



*** Call before you go: Program hours sometimes change. Holidays may affect these hours. We recommend calling the program directly to confirm hours and requirements.

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| <p>Saint Johns Friendship Center 618 West State Street, Ithaca (607) 273-6684</p> | <p>Pantry (three meals a day for three days for each person in the family) Tuesday-Friday 9:30am-11:30am Monday- Friday 1:30 pm-3:30pm Meals Tuesday and Thursday, Noon (usually bag lunch)</p> |
| <p>Baptized Church of Jesus Christ 412 First Street, Ithaca (607) 272-1984</p> | <p>Wednesday, 10am-12:00pm 3rd Saturday, 10am-12:30pm</p> |
| <p>Caroline Food Pantry 524 Valley Road, Brooktondale 539-6057 (Tammy Longabaugh), 539-6810 (John Martin) 539-7920 (Ted Sobol)</p> | <p>Pantry – (Caroline Residents ONLY) 1st and 3rd Monday, 5-7pm</p> |
| <p>Danby Food Pantry Danby Federated Church 1859 Danby Road, Danby 273-7850 280-4776 (Joan Barber)</p> | <p>Pantry (Danby Residents ONLY) 3rd Thursday, 3-6pm Mobile Food Truck (all Tompkins Co. residents) 4th Monday, 12-1 PM</p> |
| <p>Dryden Kitchen Cupboard Dryden Presbyterian Church (red brick church) 6 North Street, Dryden 844-8321</p> | <p>Pantry (Town of Dryden Residents ONLY) Monday and Friday 11am-Noon Wednesday, 5-6pm</p> |
| <p>Dryden United Methodist Church West Main and North Streets, Dryden 844-9861</p> | <p>Community Meals 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm</p> |
| <p>Enfield Food Distribution Enfield Community Center 182 Enfield Main Road, Enfield 273-8256</p> | <p>Pantry (Enfield Residents ONLY) Sundays 12pm-1pm Mondays 4pm-3:30pm</p> |
| <p>Freeville Pantry Freeville United Methodist Church 37 Main Street, Freeville 844-8760 (church) 844-5281 (parsonage)</p> | <p>Pantry – (Freeville Area Residents ONLY) 2nd and 4th Monday, 6-7pm</p> |
| <p>Groton Food Providers Groton Assembly of God, Joyce Crouch Benevolence Building, 101 McKinley Avenue, Groton 898-5263, ext. 615</p> | <p>Pantry – (Town of Groton Residents ONLY) 2nd & 4th Saturday, 10-11:30am Healthy Tuesdays, 6pm Groton Public Library, 112 E. Cortland St., Groton</p> |

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| <p>Immaculate Conception Church 113 North Geneva Street, Ithaca (pantry entrance on West Seneca Street) 273-6121</p> | <p>Food Pantry Tuesday, 1-2pm</p> |
| <p>Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard Salvation Army 150 North Albany Street, Ithaca 273-2400</p> | <p>Pantry – (City/Town of Ithaca Residents ONLY) Monday-Thursday, 1:30-3pm Friday, 1-2:30pm</p> |
| <p>Underman Creek Apartments Community Room #1, 201 Cypress Court, Ithaca 269-0409 216-9522</p> | <p>Workers Center Pantry 3rd Saturday, 12Noon- 12:30 pm</p> |
| <p>Lansing Food Pantry The Rink, 1767 East Shore Drive, Lansing 592-4685</p> | <p>Pantry (Lansing Residents ONLY) January-October 4th Monday, 1-3pm May, November, December, 3rd Monday, 1-3pm Plus emergencies Mobile Food Truck (all Tompkins Co. residents) 2nd Monday, 10-11am</p> |
| <p>Loaves & Fishes St. John's Episcopal Church, 210 North Cayuga Street, Ithaca 272-5457</p> | <p>Meals – Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Noon Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm</p> |
| <p>McLean Community Church 50 Church Street, McLean 838-8234</p> | <p>4th Saturday, 1:30-2:15pm</p> |
| <p>Newfield Kitchen Cupboard Newfield United Methodist Church 227 Main Street, Newfield 564-3555 (Marge Stroosnider) 564-7823 (church)</p> | <p>Pantry-(Newfield Residents ONLY) 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6-7pm, plus emergencies</p> |
| <p>Reach Out to Christ Pantry and Outreach 318 Johnson Rd, Freeville Salvation Army, Our Brother's and Sister's Table 150 North Albany Street, Ithaca 273-2400</p> | <p>Pantry Sundays 1:15pm-1:45pm Mobile Food Truck Third Thursday 5-6pm</p> |
| <p>Southside Community Center 305 South Plain Street, Ithaca 273-4190</p> | <p>Mobile Food Truck (all Tompkins Co. residents) 3rd Saturday, 10:00 am – 11:00 am Meals Saturdays, 12Noon Sundays, 3pm</p> |
| <p>Tompkins Community Action 701 Spencer Road, Ithaca 273-8816, ext. 137</p> | <p>1st Saturday, 12 Noon-2pm Last Saturday, 12Noon-2pm Emergency food packs, Monday-Friday, 4-6pm Tuesdays, 1pm-4pm</p> |
| <p>Trumansburg Food Pantry Trumansburg United Methodist Church 80 East Main Street; (corner South Street) 387-9260</p> | <p>Pantry: (T-burg/Utysess Residents ONLY) Alternate Mondays (see schedule), plus emergencies, 1-2pm; 5:30 -6pm</p> |
| <p>Overlook Apartments Community Room 216-9522 Calvary Baptist Church 507 North Albany Street, Ithaca 273-7291</p> | <p>Alternate Sundays 12-12:30 pm Pantry 3rd Saturday, 12-2pm</p> |



Loaves & Fishes

210 North Cayuga St, Ithaca, NY 14850
(607) 272-5457 • info@loaves.org

Everyone is welcome at Loaves & Fishes. There are no eligibility requirements.

Loaves and Fishes of Tompkins County is a Christian ministry which provides a place for free meals, hospitality, companionship and advocacy for those in need, regardless of their faith, beliefs, or circumstances.

When you walk through our door you will find lots of friendly people and a delicious, healthy "home-cooked" meal. You are welcome to get second and third servings too. We always offer a vegan option.

One meal is served each weekday, including on all holidays except Thanksgiving.

Doors open one-half hour before meal service for coffee and conversation. It is also nice to come at this time when it is rainy or cold outside.

MEAL SCHEDULE:

LUNCH

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, lunch is served from 12 noon – 1:00 pm. Doors open at 11:30 am.

DINNER

Tuesdays and Thursdays, dinner is served from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:00 pm

HOLIDAYS

Meals are served on all holidays that fall on a weekday. The only exception is Thanksgiving Day, when we are closed. The Salvation Army, located at 150 N. Albany Street in Ithaca, usually provides the community with a free meal on Thanksgiving Day.

ADVOCACY SERVICES:

Our trained Advocacy Volunteers share meals with our guests and provide ongoing, compassionate, non-judgmental support. Additionally, practical assistance is often provided to ensure our guest's most basic needs for adequate housing, clothing, healthcare, safety, employment and transportation are met.

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)



The Regular HEAP season will open November 12, 2019

The 2019-2020 Emergency benefit will open January 2, 2020

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) provides assistance with fuel and utility expenses for income-eligible homeowners and renters. The HEAP program may also be able to help with furnace repair or replacement. The Tompkins County Office for the Aging processes HEAP applications for persons over age 60, and for those who receive SSI, or SSD, and do not receive Food Stamps. Contact DSS or apply online at the [New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance website](#).

| Tompkins County Department of Social Services | Tompkins County Office for the Aging | After Hours Emergency Contact |
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| 320 West Martin Luther King Jr/State Street Ithaca, NY 14850 Phone: (607) 274-5264 Days Open: Monday – Friday | 214 West Martin Luther King Jr/State Street Ithaca, NY 14850 Phone: (607) 272-2444 Days Open: Monday – Friday | Tompkins County Sheriff's Department Phone: (607) 272-2444 Days Open: Monday – Friday |

| 2019-2020 HEAP Benefits Guidelines | 2019-2020 HEAP Benefits Gross Monthly Income Guidelines | 8 | \$6,620 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Household Size | Maximum Gross Monthly Income | 9 | \$6,764 |
| 1 | \$2,494 | 10 | \$6,908 |
| 2 | \$3,262 | 11 | \$7,086 |
| | | Each additional | Additional \$553 |



324 W Buffalo St, Ithaca, NY 14850

(607) 272-5062

Hours of operation for the Clothing Closet
and Front Desk:

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00am-11:45am and
1:00pm -3:30pm

We provide tens of thousands of free items each year
to help people in need to stretch their limited budgets.

No appointment is needed for these services:

Free Clothing Closet

- o Proof of address for all household members is required
- o After signing up, each household member can receive a set number of items each month.
- o Clothing, shoes, coats available
- o Sheets, towels, blankets, and kitchenware sometimes available

Personal Care Products

- o 1 bag per household available every 2 months
- o Dishwashing liquid, shampoo laundry detergent, toilet paper and soap included in each bag

Diapers

- o 1 bag of diapers per child every 2 months. Amounts vary per age.
- o The child must reside in household full time.
- o Bring birth certificate, or DSS budget sheet, to sign up

SHARE THE WARMTH

December 2nd through 5th 9am-4pm

December 9th through 13th 9am-4pm

There will be all kinds of winter items available
for children and adults including coats, hats,
gloves, boots, snow pants, blankets, etc.