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And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

November 2025

Dear Beloved in Christ,

I write to you today during a period of significant change in our country. Recent updates to governmental policies and programs have affected some members of our community, resulting in the loss of important support for their daily needs. While these developments are regularly reported in the news, I want to be clear about the local consequences. Many of our neighbors are facing challenges due to these changes. How can we best respond?

The Prophet Micah's message seems clear. God expects us to place justice and mercy in the forefront of our decision-making and our actions. While none of us can undo the challenges created by public policy changes alone, together we can make a difference! This past summer, Episcopal Charities made an appeal to help buy milk for the 200 families that count on Pete and Andy's Food Pantry at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Providence each week. Within six weeks our donors had given enough to pay for milk through the end of the year. Together, we made an impact much larger than any of us individually could have accomplished.

As we enter the winter season, we know many more of our neighbors will need our support. Will you join us as we help our church-based feeding ministries and the local agencies that partner with our churches to provide food, shelter, and medical care for those who are going without?

In Christ's service,

The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely
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