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Bread Basket's shelves are getting bare

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While they're not yet empty, there are lots of bare spots on the shelves at Georgetown Bread Basket.

With the number of people using the food bank on the rise, Terri Mosher, chair of Georgetown Bread Basket, said they are down on several food items and are hoping the community will come through with donations.

Mosher said there has been an 11 per cent increase, compared to 2011, in the number of people (approximately 400 adults) using the food bank, and a six per cent increase in the number of families (approximately 200) who rely on it.

Each month the food bank gives out about 12,500 lbs. of food, or approximately 150,000 lbs. each year, said Mosher.

During the food bank's main food drive in November, 40,000 to 50,000 lbs. of food is collected and food donations go up at Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter, but there are times when the supply on the shelves get quite low.

"Hunger doesn't take a vacation," said Mosher. "The community is very generous during the Scout/Guide Food Drive (November) and Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, but we do see some gaps, and with the current unemployment situation we do need to fill some of these gaps sooner rather than later."

Terri Mosher, of the Georgetown Bread Basket food bank, surveys the shelves, which are getting quite low on food donations for this time of the year. She says there has been

an 11 per cent increase, compared to last year, of people using the food bank.

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