

Neechi Mart Update – July 2026

Neechi Mart is an Indigenous led program led by Kate Webb-Harris and Willy Anderson. Kate and Willy were introduced to St. Andrew's through Rev. Layne Kilbreath and Bill Judd. St. Andrew's began hosting Neechi Mart in February 2025. Most Wednesdays, people come to shop at the food mart, enjoy a community lunch, and learn cultural crafts. St. Andrew's offers space to participate in smudge and prayer led by a knowledge carrier, and a safe place for people who are hungry and hurting to find community. The need has grown. On July 15th, 2026 there were 10 volunteers supporting 58 shoppers (shopping for 16 elders/seniors, 57 children, and 81 adults). 77 lunches were served. 289 people were supported through Neechi-Mart on that day alone.

Trends include:

- An increase in numbers needing food.
- A decrease in the food received from Food Bank and other sources.
- Complex issues beyond food security (ie. Housing, grief, trauma)

How can we help?

- Wednesdays are very busy! If you need to have access to Trinity Hall, please come **any other day but Wednesday** to respect the Neechi-Mart community.
- **Donate!** We are looking for pasta and pasta sauce, and protein (canned meat and fish, beans, and peanut butter), and if you wish to donate cash, we will purchase fresh meat to divide and share with the community.

Pray and Welcome

Please pray that St. Andrew's building and community might be a welcoming and safe space for Indigenous neighbors and those needing food support. If you would like to volunteer to help shop, please contact the office and we will have one of the leaders contact you.