Easter goodwill –
bags and bags of it

Bags of food covered the floor at the Disciples Ministry Wednesday, waiting to be distributed to people in need. It was the 10th anniversary of the Easter food giveaway conducted by the church, run by Pastor Paul Aronopulos and his wife, Jeanine, who is the ministry's administrator. Packing the food takes volunteers about five days. Again this year, volunteers included representatives of Holmdel workers from Austin, Minn., many of whom received free food when they were on strike in 1986. The union has sent volunteers every year since. When the church began the effort, food was handed out from a small truck to about 9,000 people. The ministry now has about 27,000 people it tries to help. Many families join the volunteer effort, either helping pack the food or helping during distribution. Below, 93-year-old Julie Kester kept busy moving bags of food to the line of people filling through the church basement yesterday.

Pastor Paul
handed a bag of
food to one of
those filling
trough the
church at 1000
Oliver Ave. N.
The line to get
food beganorming early in
the morning and
stretched
several blocks.

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