

## CHARLESTON AREA CH741URCHES

### FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER

"for I was hungry and You gave me food; I was thirsty and You gave me drink; I was a stranger and You took me in." Matthew 25:35  
Hours M-W-F 1:30-4:00 & Th 5:30-7:00



### SUMMER 2022

### PANTRY NEWS

The pantry has seen a slight increase of guest coming for services in the past few months. New first time guest continue to also come in for assistance monthly.

The landscape has been completed and looks very nice, and the sloping has worked well as there has been no standing water in the parking lot as there used to be after heavy rains.

Fresh produce is being donated on a regular basis from Walmart, University of Illinois Extension and area gardeners.

Along with his work at the pantry Todd has been busy helping with the development of a new organization in Charleston called Matthew 25. The project provides shelter for homeless people in Charleston. Currently rooms are available at an old motel/apartment complex in town. This is a very needed service, and the rooms available are already full.

### THANKS

- The Charleston Middle School donated 256 pounds of food to the pantry.
- Charleston Postal Office's food drive resulted in 1,726 pounds being donated to the pantry.
- Home Church and Praise Assembly gave very generous donations in June.

- Gary and Mary Coffey for 50 dozen ears of fresh corn.
- Cornerstone Christian Academy donated 245 pounds of food.
- The State of Illinois TANF program provided 697 pounds of cereal for families with children to provide extra food through the summer.
- All the regular monthly donations from individuals and area churches.

Any amount that is donated is very appreciated, and helps with the operations of the pantry.

Memorial donations were given over the summer for Ian Ringuette and Ed Werling. May God give comfort to their loved ones.

### MAY 2022 NUMBERS

Families: 206 Individuals: 630

Meals: 5,670

Donated food in pounds:

EIF: 2,875 USDA: 1,876

WalMart: 5,013 Ruler: 592

### JUNE 2022 NUMBERS

Families: 273 Individuals: 853

Meals: 7,677

Donated food in pounds:

EIF: 4,128 USDA: 2,695

WalMart: 5,468 Ruler: 476

Individuals and businesses: 245

### JULY 2022 NUMBERS

Families: 252 Individuals: 810

Meals: 7,290

Donated food in pounds:

EIF: 4,704 USDA: 3,358

WalMart: 6,350 Ruler: 657

### FUN FOOD FACTS

It is very important to stay hydrated in the hot summer months. The following foods are high in water content, so eat/drink up! Melons, berries, lettuces, zucchini, celery, tomatoes, peaches, cucumbers, and skim milk Drink plenty of water too!

**HAPPY SUMMER!!!**

