

CHARLESTON AREA CHURCHES

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



NOVEMBER 2025

PANTRY NEWS

Autumn greetings everyone!

The capitol campaign to raise funds for the purchase of the building is going very well. As of last count, the total was about 85- 90% of what is needed.

The community has been extremely responsive to the campaign. Many people have told board members and volunteers how important they think the food pantry is to the community. Many people have said they want to support the pantry, and make sure it remains open, and able to serve those in need.

Since the pantry is a Charleston Chamber of Commerce member, we were able to have an information booth at the Charleston Farmer's Market on the square this past summer. Our treasurer, Scott Stevens manned the booth, and he did a great job promoting the needs of the pantry.

There was a collection jar available for donations, with over \$900.00 collected for the capitol campaign. Thank you Scott, and all the donors.

The plan is to continue the capitol campaign through December. If we meet the goal before that, any excess will go toward the purchase of food for distribution.

In other pantry news, the numbers continue to be steady at 370-400+ families coming for assistance most months.

THANKS

A BIG THANKS to every individual, group, business, and church that has donated to the capitol campaign.

Thank you to all the regular donors that keep us running monthly. The cost of food has not lowered, and there is currently no reduction in cost, or grants, in process through the Eastern Illinois Food bank in Urbana. Every amount given, no matter the size of the donation is greatly appreciated.

OCTOBER 2025 NUMBERS

Families: 525 Individuals: 1,606

Meals: 14,454

Donated food: EIF: 209 USDA: 3,246

WalMart: 7,892 Ruler: 2,928

FUN FOOD FACTS

Let's talk turkey!

Some facts about domestic and wild turkeys.

- Wild turkeys are native to Mexico. In the 1500's European explorers took these turkeys to Europe where they were domesticated and brought back to the states by the colonist.
- Males turkeys are called "toms", females are "hens", adolescent males are "jakes", and babies are "poults", "chicks", or "turklettes".
- Wild toms can weigh up to 20 pounds, and wild hens are about 12 pounds. However, domestic toms can weigh up to 50 pounds, and the females about 16 pounds.
- Only tom turkeys gobble, this is a mating call to attract the hens.
- Wild turkeys are hard to hunt due to having to be called in by the hunter using calls. On average, only 1 in 6 hunters actually get a bird.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!!