

## 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 & Th 5:30-7:00



**APRIL 2022**

### PANTRY NEWS

The time change is in affect, and life at the pantry continues as usual. Numbers are still not up to pre-pandemic amounts, but some days have picked up. New guest continue to come for the first time for assistance.

Work on the landscaping for drainage and new grass will finish up once the weather is decent. The extra room inside the pantry is proving to be a true blessing, we have been able to spread out and have added much needed storage.

Todd and Richard have completed the tedious task of painting all the wood shelves for the storage racks, so now the pantry meets that public health standard.

### THANKS

The pantry received generous donations from the following local organizations:

- The Lerna Lions Club
- Presbyterian Women's Trust
- Pyramid Landscaping
- Amazon Smile Charity
- Wheeler Farms
- Lakeview School of Nursing

We also received several hundred pounds of ground venison and moose meat from a group of hunters. Both meats have been taken with much enthusiasm!

As always, the pantry appreciates any donation, (food or money) in any amount!

## NUMBERS

February 2022: Families: 140  
Individuals: 414 Meals: 3,726  
Donated Food (in pounds)  
EIF: 5,374 USDA: 642  
Walmart: 5,642 Ruler: 750

March 2022: Families: 184  
Individuals: 554 Meals: 4,986  
Donated Food (in pounds)  
EIF: 3,006 USDA: 1,821  
Walmart: 4,482 Ruler: 744  
Individuals: 104 Churches: 86  
Schools: 269

### FUN FOOD and APRIL FACTS

Spring is here, but most days it still feels like winter! Just remember April showers bring May flowers!

- April is from the Latin word *aperit*, meaning "to open" (bud), since plants begin to grow in this month.
- This is the month to plant seeds that were started in earlier months, like onions. Did you know onions started from seed are generally more firm and last longer than ones from sets?
- Best veggies to plant in April are radishes, lettuces, kale, green onions, sweet peas, spinach, beets, and broccoli.
- Honeydew is one fruit that can be planted in April.
- The latest date Easter can fall on is April 25<sup>th</sup>, and since you are wondering, the earliest date is March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Sweet peas and daisy are the flowers for April.
- The April birthstone is a diamond.
- Earth Day is always on April 22<sup>nd</sup>

***HAPPY SPRING!!!***

