

**CHARLESTON AREA CHURCHES
FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2021**

“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



PANTRY NEWS

The pantry is still seeing a reduced number of guests, probably due to people still receiving extra SNAP benefits, and stimulus checks. However new people continue to come in on most distribution days. Many new people say they did not realize they are eligible for services. Other agencies, along with friends of these people, refer them to the pantry.

The income guidelines are still at the increased level of 200% of poverty, so there are many people who do not realize they are eligible. The pantry does not ask for proof of income, only that people who receive food acknowledge they are below the guidelines.

If anyone is wondering if they, or someone they know, are eligible they can contact the pantry during operation hours. The guidelines can also be found on-line.

The pantry continues to wait for final approval of plans to the beginning of the expansion. Good things come to those who wait, Right!

THANKS

- The Barbershop Harmony Society gave a generous monetary donation.
- Many churches donated their regular, and extra money and food, in March.
- Individuals who give on a monthly basis, you know who you are!

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

Memorials were received in memory of Guy Loucks and Dr. William Wall.

Dr. Wall was one of our regular donors, we will miss him popping in with his donations.

May God bless the loved ones of these men with peace and comfort.

March 2021 NUMBERS

Community Members Served

Families: 159

Individuals: 503

Meals: 4,527

Donated Food (in pounds)

EIF: 2,262 **USDA:** 5,564

Walmart: 4,961 **Ruler:** 2,749

Individuals 230 **Churches:** 513

Businesses: 694

FUN FOOD and APRIL FACTS

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 may be planted in April.
- The latest date Easter can fall on is April 25th, and since you are wondering, the earliest date is March 22nd.
- Sweet peas and daisy are the flowers for April.
- The April birthstone is a diamond.
- Earth Day is always on April 22nd

HAPPY SPRING!!!