

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



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021

PANTRY NEWS

If you have driven by the pantry in the past few weeks, you have seen the progress being made with the building of the addition. The work is going very well, thanks to the volunteers through Habitat for Humanity. Thanks to Butch Thompson for his very capable supervision of the build.

There will be work done to the parking lot to make the grade level with the new addition. There will also be a drain system added to prevent water from running into the building.

The income guidelines for pantry use will remain at 200% per the Federal Poverty Guidelines until further notice, and the numbers of guest coming for services is slowly increasing.

Todd has applied for and received a Capacity Building Grant through the Eastern Illinois Foodbank for purchase of new shelving for the addition. Todd is also looking at grant funding to eventually replace the van.

The decision was made at the July Board meeting that wearing mask for guest and volunteers will be a personal choice of each individual. The pantry continues to limit the number of guest in the building at a time.

Todd continues to go to Bloomington one day a month to get free food for the pantry.

THANKS

We are most grateful to the area churches that are so generous with the donations they give to the pantry. Their support provides so much encouragement for the work we do!

A big THANKS to the volunteer crews that have shown up on Saturday mornings to construct the addition to the pantry building!

Donations were received in memory of Ned Hackett. May God provide comfort to this man's loved ones.

JULY 2021 NUMBERS

Guest numbers unavailable at this time.

Donated food in pounds:

EIF: 272 USDA: 8,386
WalMart: 8,266 Ruler: 564
Farmer Market: 200
Individuals and businesses: 272

AUGUST 2021 NUMBERS

Families: 169 Individuals: 499

Meals: 4,491

Donated food in pounds:

EIF: 2,558 USDA: 6,363
WalMart: 6,214 Ruler: 2,737
Individuals and businesses: 1,510

FUN FOOD FACTS – GOURDS

- Gourds are botanically a fruit with a hard outer shell and a fleshy interior, growing on climbing or trailing vines.
- Some gourd are edible, which makes us think they are a vegetable since they are usually prepared as a savory dish.
- Gourd are generally used for decoration, or the shells are made into containers, or bird houses.
- Gourd were used as ornaments in King Solomon's temple. 1 Kings 6:18

HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!!!