

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



DECEMBER 2022

PANTRY NEWS

All is going well at the pantry. Guest numbers are up slightly, donations have been coming in steadily, and volunteers are covering all the necessary work that is required.

The pantry received an honor in November. An organization called the Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial of America recognizes agencies that provide services in their community on a yearly basis. They named the Charleston Area Churches Food Pantry as a Hometown Hero, and presented Todd with a plaque.

The search is on for a new van, which the pantry hopes to get in the new year.

THANKS

November saw many donations, a few significant ones are as follows:

- Ashmore Elementary School held a food drive collecting 1,467 pounds.
- JJ Collins, Ameren, and EIU's Sigma Chi sorority each donated food totally 3,255 pounds.
- Bimbo Bakery donated several flats of blueberry bagels.
- Blackbaud Giving Fund (a public charity) made a nice monetary donation.

Hunters have donated 13 deer to the pantry. Connley's Meat Locker in Martinsville

processes the meat for the pantry at half the usual cost. All the deer is processed into ground meat and distributed to our guest as an extra meat.

As the year draws to an end the pantry director, board members and volunteers would like to thank the following for their donations in 2022:

- All the individual donors who give on a faithful regular monthly basis.
- Area churches that donate money and/or food on a regular basis.
- Individuals, businesses, civic organizations, and schools that donate money and/or food.
- WalMart and Ruler for their donations through Feeding America.
- CVS, Coke, Starbucks, and County Market for their donations.
- The Eastern Illinois Foodbank for their donations and support of the pantry.

There were donations given in memory of Martha Drake and Joann Daugherty. May God comfort the loved ones of these women.

NOVEMBER 2022 NUMBERS

Households: 265 Individuals: 846

Meals: 7614

Donated food in pounds:

USDA: 4,091 EIF: 436

WalMart: 11,567 Ruler Foods: 1,796

Individuals, businesses, schools: 4,743

FUN FOOD FACTS

Cranberries are a seasonal food, mostly eaten during the holidays. In fact, 20% of all consumed are at Thanksgiving! They are a nutritious food being low in sugar and high in Vitamin C and fiber.

*MERRY CHRISTMAS and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR in 2023!*

