

## 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



MARCH 2021

### PANTRY NEWS

All is going well at the pantry. There are still new people coming every week to use the pantry. Numbers are still lower than usual, but everyone served is very appreciative. The main reason we think numbers are lower is that people receiving SNAP are getting more money due to the covid-19 relief.

In fact, one generous couple called saying they had received more in SNAP than they could use for the month, so they went to Walmart and bought a large quantity of food which they donated to the pantry. What a wonderful gesture of kindness and generosity.

There have been several other generous food and monetary donations made. The pantry always needs these donations, no matter the size or amount.

We had two women from Paris come to the pantry to observe our operation. These women are planning to open a second food pantry in Paris, and were told our pantry was a good one to see in action! Todd was able to provide much needed information to them. Thank you to the Easter Illinois Foodbank for referring our pantry. It is reassuring to us that we are doing a good job. Think we knew that, but always nice to get a "pat on the back"!

Todd has been informed that the architectural drawings for the expansion are in the process of approval for the pantry to receive a building permit. With this step going forward, and spring on the way, we hope to see this project starting in the near future.

### THANKS

The pantry is blessed by some very faithful regular monthly donors that are a big part of the monetary income we receive. These donors are individuals as well as churches, and are very appreciated. The amounts given are very helpful in the purchase of food, as well as our operating expenses.

As always any donation, no matter the amount, is greatly appreciated!

### FEBRUARY 2021 NUMBERS

Families: 201    Individuals: 681

Meals: 6,129

Donated food in pounds:

USDA – 5,170    EIF – 1,451

WalMart – 4,422    Ruler Foods – 2,916

Individuals and churches – 141

### FUN FOOD FACTS

#### CORNED BEEF

- Beef brisket is the meat used to make corned beef, it gets its name from the large grained rock salt called "corns" that is used to cure it.
- Corned beef was invented in 17<sup>th</sup> century Britian, and is not part of the culture of Ireland.
- It was the Irish-American immigrants that made it popular, they used it as a substitute for bacon.
- Sugar and spices are usually added to give the meat more flavor.

