

CHARLESTON AREA CHURCHES

FOOD PANTRY

*“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



NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2018

PANTRY NEWS

The pantry is running smoothly, just really busy! So busy in fact that the board is discussing opening another day of the week for distribution. Since Tuesday is currently the only week day we are not open, we are looking at that. Currently the guest are being surveyed to give the board an idea of what time of day works best.

The pantry has never been open during morning hours, and that is an option. The EIU Community Service office has stated interest in running Tuesday evening in addition to Thursday evening, so there is another option. A decision on all of this is forth coming.

In other news, the Charleston Presbyterian Church's very first *Hunger Hike* was held in October, and was hugely successful. The total raised was over \$6,000.00!

Of that total, the food pantry along with Soup Stop, Standing Stone Food Pantry and Coalition for People in Need each will receive \$980.00. 15% of the total will be given to the international organization Food For Hungry.

The remaining amount will be divided between the Charleston High School Food Pantry and The EIU Newman Center Food Pantry. So many areas being blessed.

GRATITUDES

- Donations of money from the VFW Post 1592 Men's Auxillary, and an anonymous donor, have been given to purchase turkeys for any guest wanting one. This is in addition to their regular meat choice. All those receiving a turkey have been excited and grateful!
- First Church of God Senior Adult Group for 28# food donation.
- Donation made through our Face Book page. LIKE US!!!
- *MEMORIALS* – donations were received in memory of Fran Choate and Maureen Ankenbrand. May God's peace be upon the family and friends of these two ladies.

OCTOBER 2018 NUMBERS

Households – 521 Individuals – 1,843
Children > 18 – 655 Meals – 16,587
Food donation in pounds: Ruler – 2,210
WalMart - 10,413, Eastern IL Food Bank
10, 252, including USDA donation.

FUN FACTS – DOMESTIC TURKEYS

- 1) The majority of turkeys bred for human consumption is the *Broad Breasted White* breed. The females of this variety weigh between 12-16#, and the males check in at 22-29#.
- 2) The average age of a domestic turkey is 10 years.
- 3) Turkey eggs are not generally sold, as the grown turkey is more in demand. However, when sold, the price is about \$3.50 per egg.
- 4) An electric power plant in western MN uses turkey droppings along with their bedding, usually wood chips, to produce power!

