

CHARLESTON AREA CHURCHES
FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER

“for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and 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



MAY 2018

PANTRY NEWS

The pantry was very busy during April, seeing more clients than April of last year. There are still new clients coming in almost every day that we are open. Sadly, 2 families that came in April had lost their homes to fire, losing all their possessions. It is very rewarding, yet humbling, to know the pantry can be helpful when people are in need. The pantry maintains a list of other pantries and agencies in the county that also offer assistance to people in need.

The people of Coles County are very generous in the support of these agencies. Each agency, including the pantry, are always grateful for this support.

THANKS

One type of support which is most generous is when families choose the pantry to be a recipient of memorials for their loved ones who have passed. In April there were 3 families who made this decision. One donation was for Mike Strader, long time pantry board president, and then a board member up to the day he passed. Another was for Anna Mae Walters, the mother of Mike Walters, a long time volunteer. The third person was Florence Heyduck, wife of current board member Bill Heyduck.

Total donations for just these 3 people was over \$4,600.00. This is enough money to purchase at least 1 – 1 ½ months worth of

food from the Eastern Illinois Food Band, depending on the amount of our order.

What a way to honor these people after their passing. They would all be happy to know they helped so many people. Mike Strader would especially be proud, as his family members talked about how much he loved to feed people!

There were also memorial donations made for Sam Buxton. May God give peace, comfort, and happy memories to the families of their beloved who have passed.

There were also generous cash donations from the following:

- * VFW Jar Fund.
- * Barbershoppers Lenten Concert.
- * Dr. Iffut Ali of Lake Land College.
- * A local 4-H club.
- * Many individual donations.

Last, but not least, EIU School of Business students gave 8,019 lbs of canned food they collected over the spring semester!

THANK YOU all for each donation given!

APRIL 2018 NUMBERS

Families - 477 Individuals - 1,660
Meals – 14,940 Children > 18 - 605

FUN FACTS – MOTHER’S DAY

- * Mothers Day is a day to celebrate the mothers of families, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of moms in society.
- * In 1907 a devoted daughter named Anna M. Jarvis suggested a day to honor mothers. The media jumped on the idea, and started publishing ideas on ways to celebrate moms.
- * On May 8th 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation declaring the 2nd Sunday in May as Mother’s Day.
- * Mother’s day is celebrated in over 40 countries world wide.
- * An ancient Polish proverb says:
In every mother’s eyes, a turkey is a swan!