

**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 - OCTOBER 2018**

**PANTRY NEWS**

The pantry was busy as usual in September, but not as busy as in August when we set an all time high for guest served. The directors and volunteers are happy to be available to assist so many families. Although, it is unfortunate that the need exist at all, the pantry is blessed and grateful to have the resources on hand to fill this need.

There is one small change being incorporated at the pantry. In the past, the people coming to the pantry for assistance have be referred to as “clients”, but now they will be referred to as “guest”. This term better describes the participants, as one meaning in dictionaries is “one who is extended hospitality”. All volunteers working the pantry strive to make our guest feel welcome and comfortable when they come for assistance.

A BIG piece of news is that the 2019 Food Pantry calendar has been distributed, and donations are starting to come in!

**GRATITUDES**

- The volunteers that helped collate and distribute the 2019 calendar.
- People who have made donations after receiving the calendar.
- SBLHC for donating \$710.00 from the sale of beef that was purchased

from the Coles Country 4-H auction.

- Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid for the donation of toothbrushes and toothpaste.
- Master Gardeners for still bringing in produce. Sad to see that ending soon.
- The local churches and individuals for continued support.

**SEPTEMBER 2018 NUMBERS**

Households – 470    Individuals – 1,658  
Children > 18 – 624    Meals – 14,922

**FUN FACTS – HALLOWEEN**

- The word Halloween is of Christian origin beginning around the year 1745. It is a contraction of All Hallows’ Evening, which is the night before All Hallows’ Day
- All Hallows’ Day is the start of a 2 day Western Christian feast to celebrate Allhallowtide, which is a remembrance of the dead saints (hallows), martyrs and loved ones who have passed.
- In the 18<sup>th</sup> century only the Anglican and Catholic colonist celebrated All Hallows’ Eve, but it was the Irish and Scottish immigrants that brought it to wider celebration in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- Trick or Treat probably originated from the English tradition of children dressing in fancy clothes and going from parish to parish asking for “soul cakes” from the rich in exchange for prayers for givers and their families and friends.





