

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 – DECEMBER 2018

PANTRY NEWS

November was another busy month as the numbers listed show, and this is with being closed for Thanksgiving and the Friday after! Speaking of Thanksgiving, through two very generous donations in November, the pantry was able to pass out close to 70 whole turkeys. The recipients were very thankful for this shared blessing.

The pantry has also been blessed with very good volunteers. There are around 30-35 regular volunteers working through out each month. In addition there are the EIU students who work on Thursday evening. Many students may only work one time, but each and every one is helpful.

The pantry is very proud of the fact it is ran totally by volunteers, no person is paid, therefore all the money goes for food and operating expenses.

GRATITUDES & BLESSINGS
FOOD DONATIONS

- The EIU Honors College - 67#.
- St. Charles Church - 43 # of cereal.
- 442 # of ground venison from Farmers and Hunters Feed the Hungry of Cumberland County.
- Boy Scout Pack #41 food drive total of 490#.

- Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity for 1,041#.
- 159# from CCAR.
- My Charleston Dentist – 89#.

MONETARY DONATIONS

- Calendar donations, individual donors, churches, businesses.
- Mrs. Bosler’s 3rd grade class from Carl Sandburg school.
- The band *Mother Load*.
- Coles Co. Old Car Club.
- Lerna Lion’s Club.
- Five Feline Farms.

Donations were received in memory of the following women: Mary Williams, Ruby Shaffer, and Carolyn Lewis.

May God give comfort to the families and friends of these loved ones.

NOVEMBER 2018 NUMBERS

Households – 516 Individuals – 1,821
Children > 18 – 689 Meals – 16,389

FUN FACTS – FOREIGN COUNTRY
CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

1. Instead of milk and cookies children in Ireland leave Santa mince pie and Guinness!
2. Eating at Kentucky Fried Chicken has become so popular on Christmas day in Japan that families must make reservations!
3. In Estonia families like to go to the sauna together on Christmas Eve!
4. In Germany the first person to find the hidden pickle ornament in the Christmas tree gets an extra gift!
5. The real St. Nichols was a monk born around 280 A.D. in Patara, Myra, which is modern day Turkey.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

