

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



OCTOBER 2019

PANTRY NEWS

There was lots of activity in the Serving Together Under One Roof (STUOR) building during September. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter the water fountain in the main hallway leaked, flooding the hallway and conference room. Now the flooring has been replaced with ceramic tile! This project was done by volunteers from Habitat for Humanity and EIU students under the direction of Butch Thompson. The repair is not totally finished, but will look very nice once completed.

The following information was in last months newsletter, however it is worth sharing again. The local Produce with a Purpose organization did a fund raiser to purchase a TV for the conference room. This TV is used for educational and information presentations while our guest are waiting. It is proving to be a useful tool. To find out more about this organization look them up on Facebook or at Producewithpurpose.org.

September was also the month the 2020 Food Pantry calendar was distributed through out Charleston neighborhoods. The calendar always raises much needing funds for the pantry.

THANKS

- Joan Gregg and Venness Walters for you work on the calendar.
- Women of Wesley United Methodist Church Bible study who

helped bag the calendars for distribution.

- The various youth groups and Boy Scout troop for distributing the calendars.
- Lori and Bob Olson for a generous monetary donation.
- The CHS Class of 1954 for their monetary donation.
- Bill Heyduck's daughter Jean donated \$91.00 in honor of his 91st birthday!

Memorials were given for Claude Hone. Our sympathies to his family and loved ones.

SEPTEMBER 2019 NUMBERS

Families: 460 Individuals: 1,546

Meals: 13,914

Donated food in pounds: EIF: 3,432

USDA: 6,634 WalMart – 6,266

Ruler – 807 Other – 73

FAST FACTS – HALLOWEEN

* The word Halloween is of Christian origin beginning around the year 1745. It is a contraction of All Hallow's Evening, which is the night before All Hallow's Day which 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 18th century only the Anglican and Catholic colonist celebrated All Hallow's Eve, but it was the Irish and Scottish immigrants that brought it to wider celebration in the 19th 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.

