

Pantry Happenings Newsletter

To engage our community in feeding and clothing our neighbors

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Everyone can afford to give away a smile.

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***Very Special Person**

Some of you have asked about the asterisk beside names on the schedule. Each shift has a designated lead person, someone with experience and knowledge about the pantry, who can hopefully answer questions and help with problem solving. That person is indicated by an asterisk beside their name.

New Volunteer Time Sheets

We have started using our new time accounting book. Each of you have a page (or pages) of your own, where you will put down your hours. Look for the new book, labeled "Volunteer Time Sheets" in the Volunteer Cabinet.

Donation Bin

The donation bin in the church (in the coat closet next to the office) has been overflowing with clothing lately. Please check the bin sometime during each pantry shift and bring donations out to the pantry. Also, anyone who happens to see the bin full is welcome to bring things out.

Above and Beyond

This week's nominee is Sally W.. Sally (and her daughter Molly) do a ton of behind-the-scenes work in the pantry. Not only do they pick up food, sack food, and stock shelves, but they come in to clean, work at food drives, and help out with clothing. Way to go, girls!

A Busy Year

We ended December with a bang this year. We had 235 visits to the pantry – the highest number so far. Overall in 2006 we:

- Served 350 families
- Had 2202 visits to the pantry
- Distributed over 50,000 pounds of food
- Distributed over 4900 pieces of clothing

Thanks so much to all of you who volunteer! We couldn't do it without you!

Help Wanted

“Publicity Assistant” Someone to write short items for the church newsletters. Time commitment: about 1 hour a week.

“Clothing Assistant” We need someone to sort through donated clothing items that come into the pantry and the church and decide what to keep and what to send on to Goodwill. You can do this at home or at the pantry. Time commitment: 1-3 hours per week.

“Shoe lady” (or man) Someone to sort, match, and label shoes (materials provided). Time commitment: about 1 hour a week.

“Form Copier” We need someone to check the forms at the pantry on a regular basis (at least once a month) to be sure there are still copies. The forms would include the Family Record, TEFAP form, slips of paper for shopping, Current Visit Record, Volunteer Time Sheet, etc. Time commitment: about 1 hour a month.

Please let Tina D. or Judy M. know if you would be able to complete any of these tasks.

Board Update

Working committees were set up for several areas. The Operations Committee with Char C. as chair and the Volunteer Support Committee with Tina D. as chair will continue as they have been. The Bylaws Committee will be temporary. Dave K. will head this up. Dave J. accepted leadership of the Marketing Committee; this will cover all publicity-brochures, newspaper coverage, our Power Point presentation, etc. A Fundraising Committee was formed with Natlie W. as chair.

Election of Officers:

Chair	Dawn M.
Vice Chair	Tina D.
Recorder	Lucy L.
Treasurer	Bev B.

Up-coming Meetings/Trainings

01/16/07 – (6:45pm) Board Meeting
01/22/07 – (6:30-8:00pm) – New Volunteer Orientation
02/01/07 – (6:00 pm) Operations Committee
02/12/07 – (7:00 pm) Volunteer Support Committee
02/20/07 – (6:45pm) Board Meeting
02/27/07 – (6:30-8:00pm) – New Volunteer Orientation
03/20/07 – (6:45pm) Board Meeting
03/28/07 – (6:30-8:00pm) – New Volunteer Orientation

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