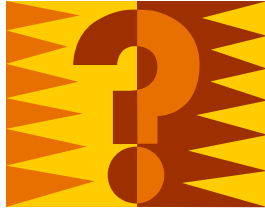


Pantry Happenings Newsletter



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VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return by Monday, May 15th, 2006.

Your feedback is important; please submit your survey by May 15th.
A survey is included on page 3 in case you lost your copy.

“Hiring” Again

We need a back-up HACAP driver with a truck to help pick-up the HACAP order several times throughout the year.

A local volunteer would be a great option to help be sure everyone sees the newsletter. We need someone with a color printer. The person would print the newsletter every week, put it in the notebook in the pantry, and mail copies to people without e-mail.

Thanks to the volunteer who offered to work on bookkeeping, Judy might just kiss you for taking this one off her hands. ☺

We still need a weekly inventory person. Please let Judy know if you can help out with any of these tasks.

I'm Sorry We're Closed

A few families have been arriving at the pantry during the last few minutes of the shift or after the pantry is closed. Please gently encourage families to come to the pantry during our open hours. Everyone's time is important, including our volunteers. The last shopping should start 15 minutes before the end of the shift. If families come after this time they can receive sacked food. If families arrive 5 minutes before the end of the shift please give them sacked food, but ask them to look at clothing another time. Please close the door when the pantry is closed. If there is a family still finishing up you can let them out when you leave. It is okay to say to a family that we are closed if they arrive after hours.

Recycled Containers

Please use recycled containers to divide only non-food items. There has been some concern that using these containers for food is unsanitary. You can use new Ziploc bags to divide food.

New Student

Jodi Joslin will be a new social work practicum student starting soon. She will be at the pantry from May 15-August 4. She will be working pantry shifts and behind the scenes with one of the teams. Please join us in welcoming her to the pantry.

Edible Nature

We are looking forward to our May in-service Edible Nature. We plan to have some hands-on examples of “weeds” and plants you walk by every day that are edible and tasty. We hope to be able to share this information with pantry families so please join us on May 23rd, 2006.

Up-coming Meetings/Trainings

05/10/06 – (7:00 pm) Administration Team Meeting
05/16/06 – (7:00 pm) Connections Team Meeting
05/23/06 – (7:00-8:30 pm) **In-Service Training – Edible Nature**
05/25/06 – (6:30 pm) New Volunteer Pantry Orientation
06/01/06 – (6:00 pm) Operations Team Meeting
06/05/06 – (5:45 pm) Recipe Group Meeting
06/05/06 – (6:30 pm) Volunteer Support Team Meeting
06/19/06 – (10:00-11:30 am) **In-Service Training – Managing Children in the Pantry**
07/11/06 – (7:00-8:30 pm) **In-Service Training – Volunteer Feedback (topic tentative)**

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An outreach ministry of the North Liberty First United Methodist Church

We are asking for feedback at the North Liberty Community Food and Clothing Pantry. Please let us know your thoughts about the pantry. Thank You.

- 1. I have volunteered for _____ months and _____ year(s).
 - 2. I volunteer _____ hour(s) per month.
 - 3. I started volunteering at the pantry because _____
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4. I help out at the pantry by:
- Picking-up food
 - Sacking food
 - Delivering food
 - Working during pantry shifts
 - Working in clothing
 - Serve on a support team
 - "Monday" pantry tasks
 - Other _____

5. My favorite activities at the pantry are:
- Stocking shelves
 - Working with clothing
 - Sacking food
 - Talking with families
 - Working with other volunteers
 - Support team activities
 - Other _____
 - Other _____

6. I am: Male Female

7. I am.
- 18-24
 - 25-40
 - 41-55
 - 56+

*For questions 7-10, please consider your experience with the **Orientation Training** that you received when you started to volunteer at the pantry.*

	Strongly Agree –	Agree –	No Opinion –	Disagree –	Strongly Disagree
8. I feel the information I received is useful for when I work in the pantry.	5	4	3	2	1
9. The length of the training was good.	5	4	3	2	1
10. The information was presented in a way I could understand.	5	4	3	2	1
11. I would have liked to have received additional information in specific areas.	5	4	3	2	1

12. The orientation training could be improved by:

13. In-service topics that I would like to learn about in the future:

	Strongly Agree –	Agree –	No Opinion –	Disagree –	Strongly Disagree
14. The amount of communication I receive is helpful.	5	4	3	2	1
15. Communications I receive are easy to understand.	5	4	3	2	1
16. Communications about the monthly calendar are clear.	5	4	3	2	1
17. I feel like I am kept informed of changes that occur in the pantry.	5	4	3	2	1
18. The amount of work at the pantry is about what I expected.	5	4	3	2	1
19. I feel like the policies in the pantry have the right amount of flexibility.	5	4	3	2	1
20. I feel like I always know what I should be doing.	5	4	3	2	1
21. I feel that there is consistency from one pantry shift to another.	5	4	3	2	1
22. My input on pantry decisions is valued.	5	4	3	2	1
23. I enjoy the time I spend in the pantry.	5	4	3	2	1
24. I like to work with the other volunteers.	5	4	3	2	1
25. I like to work with the families at the pantry (if applicable).	5	4	3	2	1
26. I feel appreciated.	5	4	3	2	1

27. Something I like about the pantry:

28. I would like the pantry to:

29. I continue volunteering because:

30. Additional Comments or Suggestions:

Please return completed questionnaires at the Volunteer Appreciation dinner on April 26, put in Judy McRobert's mailbox in the church office, or put in the labeled box in the volunteer cabinet at the pantry.