

# Pantry Happenings Newsletter

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## **PANTRY WEBSITE**

[www.nlmethodist.org/pantry/index.htm](http://www.nlmethodist.org/pantry/index.htm)

Thanks to Todd P. for getting the pantry website going. Please check it out. The Newsletters and Calendars will be on the webpage along with other information for volunteers and families.

## **Tonight – In-Service**

Please join us to learn about Edible Nature. Paul D. has prepared an exciting in-service about natural items that you can eat. Please join us at the church tonight (May 23<sup>rd</sup>) 7:00-8:30 p.m.

## **A BIG Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who helped clean the floor of the pantry! It really looks good. Let's keep it looking good.

Please take care of any spills or anything tracked in by cleaning up at the time it occurs. There is a small brush on a broom handle, water, a bucket, and rags in the cabinet. We like to be proud of our pantry and the way it looks, and if we all help-out it will be easy to keep it clean.

## **Float**

We have a plan for the Fun Days Float, but we need a few people to work on signs and flyers. Please let Judy know you are interested in these activities and potential days/dates that would work for you.

## **Bake Sale**

We need food items to sell at the fundraising Bakesale at North Liberty Fun Days. Please have items at Natlie's house between 10:30-Noon on 6/10/06. Please let Natlie know if you will be bringing items so we are sure we have enough items for the Girl Scouts to sell.

## **Sacking – Rotating and Dating**

Please be sure to rotate sacks when you make up new sacks. Pull old sacks forward in the cupboard and put newer ones in the back. Before presacking, please pull old sacks out and put them on the table so they are used first and then put the new ones in the cupboard. Please start dating all sacks when they are made so it is easier to keep track of newer and older sacks. We want to make sure everyone receives the fresher food possible.

## **Managing Children in the Pantry**

When do I redirect children? When do I say something to parents about their children? How can I help children behave well at the pantry? Our June In-Service will be daytime (10-11:30) Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to the presentation made by pantry volunteers regarding how to successfully manage children in the pantry. Please join us at this daytime in-service.

## **Bookkeeper**

Bev B. has volunteered to manage the books for the pantry. She will be helping us to have accurate bookkeeping. We are also opening a checking account for pantry funds, which will allow Bev to write reimbursement checks for our purchases. If you have a receipt that needs to be reimbursed, please put it in the Reimbursements folder in the pantry. It is in the bottom drawer of the file cabinet. Bev will check the folder periodically, but if you need a check quickly, please email her to let her know. Thank you so much, Bev.

## **Newsletter Topics**

Please let Tina D. know if there items that should be added to the Newsletter.

## **Up-coming Meetings/Trainings**

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  
06/12/06 – (10:00-11:30 am) **In-Service Training – Managing Children in the Pantry**  
06/14/06 – (7:00 pm) Administration Team Meeting  
06/20/06 – (7:00 pm) Connections Team Meeting  
07/11/06 – (7:00-8:30 pm) **In-Service Training – Volunteer Feedback (topic tentative)**

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