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SPRING 2018

Welcome to The Journey-South County

In December, the ACFP grew once more to include the newest church to call Affton home: The Journey – South County. Located on Weber Road, across from Mesnier Primary School, The Journey-South County moved into their new home this fall and quickly entered into the community here in Affton.



Dale Miesner, The Journey – South County’s Board Representative, expresses the energy and commitment that this entire community has already for our mission. In late February, more than a dozen members of this church community visited the ACFP to learn more about our mission and how they can get involved.

The success of the ACFP continues to rest on our collaborative, ecumenical ministry. We serve from our common desire to care for our neighbors. With the addition of The Journey – South County, the ACFP is positioned well to meet the need for food assistance now... and in the future. Welcome, Journey – South County!

SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars and see inside for more info on these upcoming events at the ACFP:



April 28, 2018



August 11, 2018

CURRENT NEEDS

- Peanut Butter
- Boxes of Cereal
- Dry Rice/Beans
- Canned fruit
- Toilet Paper



Member Churches

- Affton Christian
- Affton Presbyterian
- Church of the Reformation-Lutheran
- Cure of Ars
- Eden U.C.C.
- Journey – South County
- New Apostolic
- Our Lady of Providence
- Rooftop
- Salem Lutheran
- Seven Holy Founders
- St. Dominic Savio
- St. George
- St. Mark
- St. Simon the Apostle
- Zion Methodist

Together, we can make a difference!

Our Mission:

To live the Christian principles of our member churches by providing a continuous and reliable source of food and assistance to those in need in the Affton community.

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Get Involved... Stay Informed

“Like” us on Facebook and visit our website often... <http://AfftonChristianFoodPantry.com>



We Honor:

General Internal Medicine Group
Wayne & Lorraine Kinman
Pastor Carol Keller
Nell Wamser's 100th birthday
John & Eileen Hivner

Sue Hantak
OLP Men's Club
Bernice Williams
Claire Patterson

We Remember:

Jim Kinstler, Sr
Jim Light
Gene & Frances Stecher
Melven & Anne Meyers
Gene Haessig
Lotterly Family

Mary Mears
Lois Schweizer
Theresa Novotny
Margaret Feldmann
Ernestine Heisserer
John Conrath

These individuals were honored with a gift made in their name to the ACFP between Dec 2017-Feb 2018.

YOU ARE INVITED!

A Night of Dueling Pianos

Dinner Auction to support the Affton Christian Food Pantry
Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:45 p.m.

The Evening includes:

- Silent & Oral Auction
- Dessert Dash
- Open Bar
- and live music from **SPANKY ENTERTAINMENT DUELING PIANOS!**

Where?

Seven Holy Founders Parish Center
6737 S Rock Hill Rd
Affton, MO 63123

When?

Saturday
April 28, 2018

\$50/Person
Tables of 8

RSVP

A Night of Dueling Pianos

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NAME

PHONE EMAIL

YES! I want witness the Dueling Pianos on April 28, 2018!

Tickets x \$50 per person. Total Enclosed: \$

Please seat us with

OR - In lieu of attendance, please accept this donation \$

Make checks payable to and mail to:
THE AFFTON CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY
PO Box 6944, St. Louis, MO 63123

Reserve my space or donate online at: AfftonChristianFoodPantry.com

BEER FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 11, 2018

1pm - 5pm

American Czech Center
in south St. Louis

Join us as we taste a variety of beer styles and offerings from local brewers, while supporting our mission to feed families in need!

More info to follow... stay tuned!



A common question for food pantries is which donations are more helpful: food or money. The short answer is: **all donations are greatly appreciated.**

But a little known fact is that, as members of the St. Louis Area Foodbank, we are able to purchase many different foods by the pallet, paying just a fraction of retail cost. While there are no guarantees as to which items will be available at any given time, your monetary donations allow us to purchase pallets of food as they become available, and to make retail purchases when necessary.

Whichever you prefer, know that your donations make a measurable difference for our families!



From Our Director's Desk

One of my favorite parts of working at the ACFP is spending time with our clients. Just a few weeks ago, a new client, Joe*, arrived more than an hour late for his appointment, just as we were closing the pantry for the evening. This was only his second visit with us, and he was very apologetic about the inconvenience he was causing our volunteers. He explained that he had been delayed at work by a customer and missed his bus. He knew he'd missed his appointment, but he just stopped by to let us know why and to ask for another appointment.

When we gave him a box of food and several bags of fresh and frozen items, his eyes filled with tears. "I didn't expect to get any food tonight," he told us. As two volunteers gathered food for him, a third helped him set a new appointment. Before leaving the pantry, he stopped me to say thank you. "Your volunteers are so kind. I work in customer service, so I know how hard it is. Thank you for being there for me tonight."

Thank you for making it possible for us to be there for Joe, and everyone who needs a little help.

Jennifer Meekhan

*Name changed for privacy

Thank You!



Students from Bishop DuBourg High School, who spent a Day of Service at the ACFP this winter!



Nell Wamser, who requested donations to the ACFP in honor of her 100th birthday!