

Stewpot March 2023 Newsletter



Spring is on the Way!

Photo from Charlie Frith's back yard.

Fleet Feet Donates Four Large Boxes of Shoes to the Stewpot.

Fleet Feet, which is located in Pleasant Ridge Shopping Center, donates shoes to the Stewpot approximately every two months. When someone buys a new pair of shoes, they encourage the individual to leave their old shoes for the Stewpot. If an individual returns a pair of shoes for some reason, the shoes cannot be resold and they go into the Stewpot box. This means that some of the shoes are almost new.. If you go into Fleet Feet to buy a new pair of shoes. tell them

Stewpot thanks them.

Thanks Fleet Feet!



Hangers Cleaners Donates Coats to Stewpot

Each year for the last several years, Hangers Cleaners and KATV

Channel 7 have teamed up to collect "Coats for Kids" They asked you to help keep a kid warm this winter by donating your new or gently used coats to "Coats for Kids."

Hangers will clean, repair and give the coats to kids in need through the Watershed Project. Giving coats keeps a child warm, while it warms your heart. Hangers starts collecting coats in

November the day after Thanksgiving each year and collects them through the first week of January.

Hangers cares about you, your clothes and our community.

Hangers also receives a number of adult coats and these have been donated to the Stewpot for the last several years.

Charlie picked up a second load of coats from Hangers in mid February. The coats have been a definite hit with the diners during this cold weather,



Jason, Stewpot's Day Manager, Creates White Board for Keeping

us organized every day.

Jason has hung a white board in the Stewpot dining room. He fills in the calendar for the month and lists what is going to be served for each week. Jason has also organized all the supplies with names in the dining room and organized the pantry where most of the food is stored. He is looking for an App for his phone which will keep track of all the specific food items. He hopes to be able to scan the bar or QR code of items to record them in the App. He wants to be able check the App to see exactly what we have so he will know what and how many of a specific item to order.

Thanks Jason!

THIS MONTH								
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	N U Q r WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	8	9	10	1/	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
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Jason Creates Cup Dispenser

Stewpot serves a hot entrée 2-3 times weekly. Hot coffee is served daily, all in 12-ounce Styrofoam cups. Jason built two cup dispensers that pop out a single cup easily. This makes

quick work of filling the cups inside and certainly keeps the wind from blowing the drink cups outside.



Jehovah Jireh – Lord Who Provides

There are so many names for God in the Old Testament. From

Genesis 22, Jehovah Jireh – Lord Who Provides has surfaced many times this month at Stewpot.

Many of you know that the First PresbyterianChurch is old, including heating and air systems. For the second time in a year our system totally stopped working. Parts of the building still don't have heat or air.

We all had heating and air on our prayer lists for weeks. The first estimate was way too costly. And then the Lord Who Provides put someone with a heart for the Lord and serving the homeless directly into our path. Within a week we have a new motor in our system at a fraction of the first estimate. How grateful we are especially with summer right around the corner.

Jason CooksTurkey and Rice

Jason and Sherry cooked turkey and rice for the diners on Monday, February 10th. Jason cooked two 6 quart rice cookers and split the contents between three roasters. The volunteers cut two large turkey breasts

purchased from Sam's Club into small pieces, and Sherry sautéed them with onions, celery, carrots, potatoes and peas and added everything to the roasters. Cream of chicken and cream of mushroom soup were added to each roaster along with salt, pepper and garlic. I tasted it and it was delicious.



Prayers Answered

Since the pandemic began, Stewpot has been blessed with fancy Starbucks coffee from the Food Bank at an amazingly low cost. We watched the boxes dwindle and knew we couldn't afford to buy even regular coffee at today's prices. Finally, our source dried up. We were getting nervous because

our diners have really enjoyed their strong hot coffee.

Jason installed a white prayer board in the prep area with one word: COFFEE. This week our prayers were answered in a big way. We received a donation of nearly 100 pounds of premium Kicking Horse coffee. We are thankful for Fellowship North and a gentleman named Robert Gay who made this prayer a reality for Stewpot.

Right now, our prayer board reads PTL. Who knows what the next answered prayer will be?







Volunteers are always needed at the Stewpot. Volunteers typically help prepare sack lunches one day a month, i.e., a certain day of the month and usually work only once a month. There is nothing to preclude working more than once a month. Normal working times each day are from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Volunteers help make sandwiches and whatever else is being served that day. Something hot, such as soup, stew, or wraps are served once or twice a week. Also, the items must be placed in paper bags which Jason and Yolanda carry down to the serving area. For special occasions, a hot meal is prepared and served downstairs rather than sack lunches. For these occasions, the regular team prepares the

food and a special team serves the food to the diners. The teams have fun and interact with each other as they volunteer at the Stewpot.

Please consider volunteering

For more information or to volunteer, contact the Stewpot at:

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Clothes Closet

"I needed clothes and you clothed me."

Matthew 25:38

Clothes Closet Update

Westover Hills Holds Undie Sunday for the month of February Collecting
Underwear for the Stewpot



The Mission and Advocacy Committee from Westover
Hills promoted an Undie Sunday for the month of
February and asked the congregation to bring socks and
underwear for the Stewpot. For the ones that did not
want to shop for themselves, Charlie Frith and Eileen
Joyce collected donated money and went on a shopping
spree to Walmart for underwear.



Charlie and Eileen shop for Underwear for WHPC Undie Sunday

Make a Donation to Stewpot

Stewpot's financial support comes from donations from churches and individuals. With food costs rising and our numbers increasing each month, we really need your financial support.

Please help support the Stewpot. Make an online donation by clicking on Make a Donation below. When you click on Make a Donation, you will have the option of making an online donation with either PayPal or a credit card.

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