

Feeding all who enter.

Stewpot March 2021 Newsletter



Snow in Little Rock Results in Closure of the Stewpot for Five Days

Little Rock suffered from sub-freezing temperatures and 20 inches of snow resulting in the Stewpot being closed Monday thru Friday, February 15 -19, 2021. The Stewpot's inclement weather policy is to follow the pattern of the Little Rock School District.. If the Little Rock schools are closed because of inclement weather, the Stewpot is also closed.

Plating Change Program

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance has partnered with Doe's Eat Place, Lindsey's BBQ & Hospitality House and Trio's Restaurant on Plating Change, an initiative to fight food insecurity and support small businesses founded by entrepreneur and philanthropist, Marcus Lemonis. Mr. Lemonis is Chairman & CEO of Camping World & Good Sam Enterprise.



The Plating Change initiative is also supported by two generous partners: Ben E. Keith Company and Sysco Foods of Arkansas.

Stewpot was one of the organizations in central Arkansas chosen to receive this generous gift of free meals for the week of February 22-26.

Stewpot only had to provide drinks and silverware. One hundred fifty hot meals have shown up every day and have been graciously eaten by our diners. Ed Brown and his helpers have distributed the meals each day.

Other organizations involved in the Plating Change program

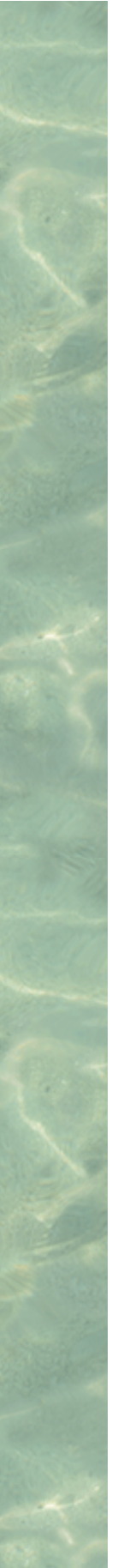
are Jericho Way, From His Throne Ministries, Philander Smith College, Canvas Community Church, Buffington Towers, Southwest Little Rock Community Center, St. Francis House and Phoenix House.

The meal delivered for Monday, February 22, included a roll, fried chicken leg and thigh, corn and green beans.

The meal delivered on Thursday, February included spaghetti with meat sauce and green beans.









Special Meal for Stewpot Diners

Friday, February 12, 2021 faithful stewpot volunteers prepared

not one but two lunches. Diners had their hot meal prepared, then an extra weekend pack was also put together.

Due to the approaching snowstorm, we felt our diners needed some extra nutrition for the next few days. Every item was shelf stable and easily opened without a can opener.

Thanks to Bombas, each bag also included a warm pair of socks. Of course, the Foodbank provided much of the food already packaged.

Special appreciation to our Friday crew and to Ed and his helpers for hauling down 250 sacks to distribute.



Free Covid Vaccine

Baptist Health Community Outreach program offered free vaccines to all Stewpot volunteers. We are waiting for additional information. **More information will be provided as it becomes available.**



LifeQuest of Arkansas

presents
**ARKANSAS FEEDING
 THE HUNGRY**



LifeQuest is a nonprofit organization housed in the Second Presbyterian Church on Cantrell Road and Pleasant Valley Drive. Its mission is to enhance life's journey during the middle and later years through life-long learning and meaningful volunteerism within the community. LifeQuest offers a series of classes each season – Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer - consisting of a variety of classes for eight weeks. During the Virus Pandemic, LifeQuest has been offering all of the classes through Zoom and Facebook. For more information about LifeQuest, visit their website: lifequestofarkansas.org.

One of LifeQuest of Arkansas's winter classes for 2021 included 8 sessions on Arkansas Feeding the Hungry. The series could be viewed by LifeQuest members via either Zoom or Facebook. The series included the following topics:

- Jan 19 - Kathy Webb, Exec Director, AR Hunger Relief Alliance
- Jan 26 - Sarah Riffle, Chief Development Officer, Arkansas Foodbank
- Feb 2 - Pastor William Holloway, LR Compassion Center
- **Feb 9 - Charles Frith, Vice chairman of the Stewpot Board**
- Feb 16 - Beverly Milford and Ruthanne Murphy, Matthew 25:35 Food Rescue

- Feb 23 - Linda King, St. Francis House
 - Mar 2 - Mandy Davis, Director, Jericho Way Resource Center
 - Mar 9 - Panel on Solutions for Homelessness and Assisting the Poor
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Stewpot Benefits from Trinity Presbyterian Mission Market Holiday Catalog

In the Advent Boxes, each Trinity Presbyterian Church family received a Mission Market Holiday Catalog. The items in this booklet provide members the opportunity to give gifts that provide blessings twice: not only to those who benefit directly from the gift, but also to those on the list that will be honored by your giving. The missions in this booklet were chosen because they provide basic needs in a direct and effective manner.

Thank you for generously supporting Stewpot this Christmas season. Your giving spirit shows God's love and makes a difference in the lives of many needy Arkansans. Stewpot received a check for nearly \$2000.

WHPC Will Hold Undie Sunday for the Month of March



An ever-present need of those who are homeless is new, clean underwear. That is the focus in March for Westover Hill's Mission and Advocacy project. Men's medium and large size tee shirts, boxers and briefs will be collected. Medium and large sizes in women's underpants and bras will also be collected. White socks for both men and women in medium and large sizes are in demand especially during the cold months. A basket for donations will be located in the alcove between the outside and inside doors to the church office. Since shopping in stores continues to present a possible exposure to the Covid-19 virus or related alternate viruses, checks in support of these mission projects can be mailed to the church office with a note on the memo line MAP (Mission and Advocacy Project). Donated money will be used to purchase underwear items. All underwear will be given to the Clothes Closet at the Stew Pot.

Clothes Closet Update

The Clothes Closet reopened January 5th to a different schedule in a different location. We were barely going when the ice/snow arrived. We had to close down almost two weeks. But we are ready to pick up where we left off.

We are doing well on most items, but are sorely low on men's shoes (especially sizes 10 and up). Also needed are men's jeans sizes 28-34. If you can look around your home and find any you could do without, please drop them off at the Clothes Closet! We will be very appreciative!!

Each Tuesday we are open for ladies while the men's day remain on Thursday, ut we have extended the hours from 12:00 - 1:30 PM.

Make a Donation to Stewpot

Most of Stewpot's financial support comes from donations from churches and individuals. 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 a credit card.

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