

Stewpot November 2022 Newsletter



Happy Thanksgiving from the Stewpot



Spotlight
on...

Campbell McLaurin

Campbell lives in Little Rock
with his wife, Mary Claire,

and their two daughters, Annalise (10) and Emmaline
(8). Campbell is an attorney who currently serves as the

Interim Commissioner of the Arkansas Securities Department, where he has worked since 2011. He has been a longtime supporter of Stewpot and its mission of “Feeding All Who Enter.” For over 5 years, he was the captain and cook of the “Fifth Friday” team comprised of members of Second Presbyterian Church. He also served for many years as the liaison to Stewpot for the Outreach Ministry at Second Presbyterian. Campbell is the newest board member of the Little Rock Stewpot. Campbell has agreed to serve as the interim treasurer of Stewpot beginning January 1, 2023 and will assume the full time position in April, 2023. Campbell is shown below with his wife and two daughters



Cathy Spivey Baking Up Treats



Cathy loves to bake, and to try new

desserts. Contributing sweets for Stewpot has been a win-win for her. She gets to experiment with new recipes, contribute in a small way to a worthwhile organization, and is able to do it on her own schedule. Because she loves anything sweet, she feels that a touch of something homemade is a bright spot in a sack lunch.

Her Sabbath Christ Care group from Pulaski Heights United Methodist started serving at Stewpot about 8 - 10 years ago. When her group began, the 5th Tuesdays of the month weren't consistently covered, so they agreed to do them. The group stopped serving when Covid hit. She admires those who worked to keep it going and develop innovative ways to keep everyone safe. Cathy and her husband were pretty much locked down until Covid vaccinations were available, but she missed her team camaraderie and the service opportunity which Stewpot offered.

She enjoyed the Halloween hamburger cookout day! It was beautiful weather to be serving outside and greet the diners face to face.

Stewpot thanks Cathy for her continuing service, making lunches special every month.



Halloween Cookout



Stewpot served a special Halloween cookout on Monday, October 31st. Jason **and** Sherry grilled over 250 hamburgers after Jason precooked them in his oven at home, All of the servers wore costumes including Charlie Frith and Michael Dean Shelton who photographed the event. Along with the hamburgers, the diners were served baked beans, dill pickles, chips, dessert and drinks.

To see a short video, click on the link below.

[Halloween Cookout Video](#)



**Jason cooks some good
hamburgers!**



**Willie Nelson (aka Charlie Frith)
helped serve.**



The Servers in Costume



Serving the Diners



Some of our Diners



No one goes Hungry at the Stewpot

Bus Passes for the Stewpot Diners

A new dimension to Stewpot's mission has been made possible for a second time thanks to an extremely generous donor who wants to remain anonymous. More than just writing a check, thoughtful questions led to a decision of an actual

item needy people could really use, especially during winter months.

The Stewpot has never been able to afford bus passes for our diners even though they are asked for all year- round. In fact, bus passes are the number one item requested. After a trip to the Little Rock Metro system, we decided to provide 10-trip passes toward the end of each month until our funds are depleted. These passes are not time sensitive so they can be used multiple times for rides to and from chosen destinations.

If anyone else would like to contribute specifically to bus passes, please let us know by a notation on your check or online donation.



ABOUT MICHAEL DEAN SHELTON

A (Very Proud) Southerner,
Humanitarian, Razorback Football
Fan, Lover of Cupcakes and



Starbucks. Photography has allowed me to express the beauty of world around me and to champion the place and the causes that I love.

Michael has developed a legacy for Stewpot. His website offers a series of some of his most spectacular photographs as wall art on different media. In addition to wall art, the website also offers stationery, apparel and much more. 100% of all of the money raised from the images within this collection will go directly to the Stewpot to help them to continue to be of service to those in need.

To visit his website and to purchase items, click on the link below.

[Michael's Website](#)

Volunteers Needed!



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. Normally 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.

Volunteers are also needed in the Clothes Closet. Volunteers distribute women's clothing on Tuesdays from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. and men's clothing on Thursdays from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Barbara likes for women to distribute women's clothing and men to distribute men's clothing.

Please consider volunteering

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

stewpotlr@gmail.com

Clothes Closet

*"I needed clothes and
you clothed me."*

Matthew 25:38

Clothes Closet Update

Fall has arrived, and for a brief time, we even had a taste of winter. We have seen an uptick in clients....new faces every week. Unfortunately, our

two sources of blankets have dried up, and we find ourselves without blankets to provide to our neighbors who need them badly. We would like to send out an urgent plea for blankets. I am sure most folks have extra blankets stored away....I did. Please check your closets, and perhaps you'll find one or two you could part with. It is supposed to be a cold winter!!! Thanks in advance for your kindness!

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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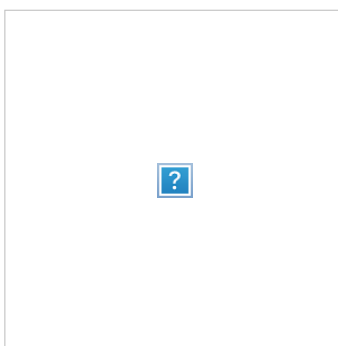
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