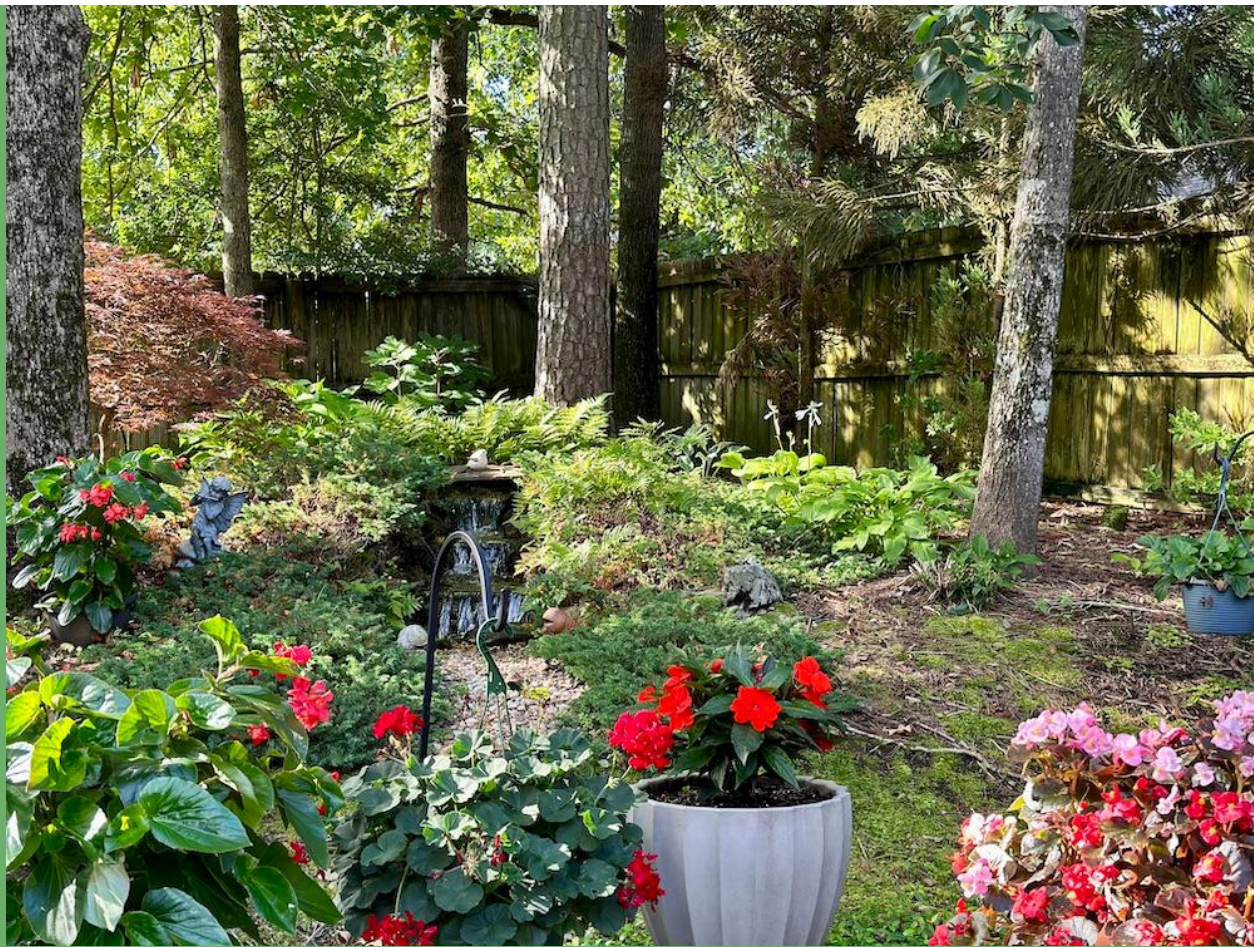


Stewpot September 2023 Newsletter



Summer is almost gone!!

Stewpot Serves Watermelon to Stewpot Diners



On Thursday, July 20, the Stewpot Diners were served their usual bag lunch, but also a special treat of watermelon.. The watermelon was purchased from money provided by an anonymous

donor.



**Dental Dental
Donates 575
Toothbrushes to
the Stewpot**

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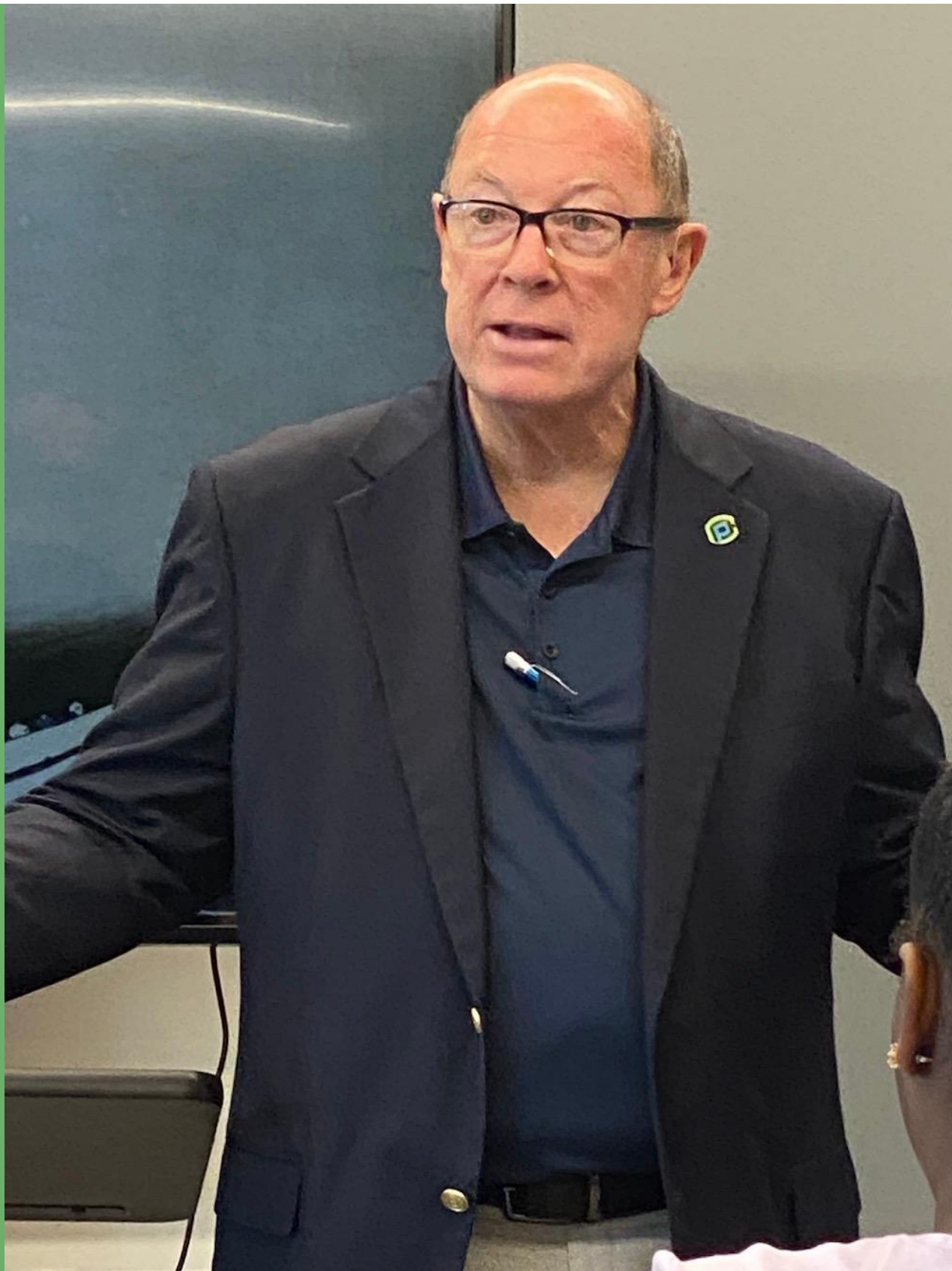


Stewpot Receives Grant from the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance

An award ceremony was held at the Fletcher Library on Friday, August 18th from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. for awarding the Grants.



Judge Barry Hyde, Pulaski County Judge presented the checks to the receptionist of the grants. **The Stewpot** received a grant for \$4,000 to purchase protein (meat, dry and canned beans, eggs, cheese and tofu) and a second grant for \$4,000 for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables.



Judge Barry Hyde



**Judge Barry Hyde presents a check to
Nancy Howell and Charlie Frith from
the Stewpot.**

Beat the Heat Bags

Trinity Presbyterian Church combined service and fun Sunday,

August 20 as they assembled Beat the Heat Bags for our diners and enjoyed an ice cream social in the fellowship hall. Sponsored by the Outreach Committee, a big crowd showed up to help.

The reusable nylon bags were filled with bottles of water, a reusable water bottle, wash cloth and big bar of soap, fruit snacks, lip chap and a couple more summertime snacks.

The bags were distributed to our diners on Monday, August 21, 2023. They were a big hit, coming just in time for ANOTHER scorching week.

Our numbers have not diminished this summer, so 140 folks got a welcome surprise.

Thank you, Trinity Presbyterian for coming up with an innovative event to involve many of the members in the Stewpot Mission.



Assembling the Bags



Nylon Bag



Contents of Bag



Contents of Bag

Community Medicaid Restoration Event

248,000 Arkansans have lost their Medicaid coverage since the re-determination requirement began following the end of the Public Health Emergency. According to DHS, "The top reasons

for closures include disenrollments based on beneficiaries failing to send back required eligibility information. Obviously the clients at The Stewpot face challenges trying to receive and send back the required information to validate eligibility. To assist them in those efforts, representatives from Delta Dental of AR, Blue Cross Blue Shield of AR, Ambetter, and a few local insurance agents met to serve Little Caesars pizza (donated by insurance carriers) and answer any questions that clients may have about their eligibility for \$0 coverage or re-enrolling in Medicaid. Approximately 160 clients were served on both days – one in late August and one in mid-September.







Stewpot may offer T-Shirts with Logo

Stewpot is considering offering T-Shirts with the Stewpot logo. If enough people are interested, we will get back to them. Shirts are black and are shown in the photo below. The cost is approximately \$30. If you are interested in one, email stewpotlr@gmail.com. If we have a minimum of 20 individuals interested, we will get back to individuals regarding payment and shirt size.



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. 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

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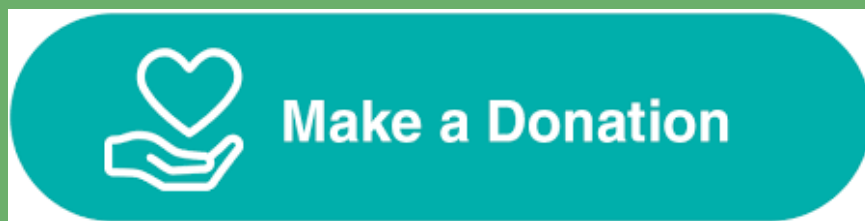
Clothes Closet

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

Matthew 25:38

Clothes Closet Update

Barbara has been heading up the Stewpot Clothes for many years. She is having some health issues and is taking a break. If you are interested in helping out at the Stewpot Clothes Closet (Tuesday is Women's Day and Thursday is Men's Day) please email stewpotlr@gmail.com



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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Special Donation to Help Buy Bus Passes



For the last two years, an anonymous individual donated \$10,000 dollars to buy bus passes for Stewpot patrons. A 10-ride bus pass costs \$11.50 and can be used for 10 rides. Stewpot patrons are constantly asking if we are going to have more bus passes. Our current budget is completely allocated for salaries and food and we do not have additional money to buy bus passes. If you would like to make a contribution toward bus passes, click on the Donation link above and make a donation. If you make a donation using a credit card or PayPal, you

can designate it to be used for bus passes. If you send a check to the Stewpot, write **Bus Passes** in the **Memo section**.

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