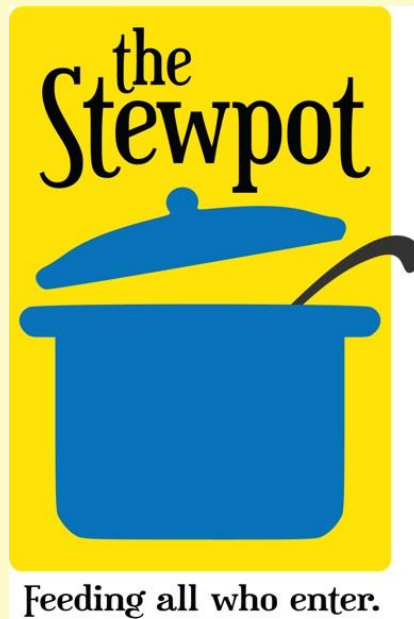


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# Stewpot Newsletter

May, 2018

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## Our Mission

The primary mission of the Stewpot is to Feed the Hungry - "Feed whoever walks through our doors". The Stewpot is open from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday of each week providing a hot meal to the homeless, jobless, elderly, physically or mentally disabled and displaced families in the Greater Little Rock area. The Little Rock Stewpot has served over 1.5 million meals in the last 45 years.



## New Stewpot Team

Baptist Health Physician Partners is a physician led organization with over 250 clinics and 1300 physicians across the state. Our goal is focused on improving the quality and lowering the cost of health care for all Arkansans. BHPP also participates in many health-related events within the community. The BHPP Team is always looking for opportunities to serve. The team immediately recognized the long-standing commitment that Stewpot has demonstrated over the years and wanted to connect with this amazing organization. We are grateful to Jan and Ed for allowing us to participate! This new team servers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every other month.

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## Stewpot 4th Wednesday Team

First United Methodist Church of Maumelle serves at Stewpot on the fourth Wednesday of each month. I'm not sure how long our church has been involved. I started working with Stewpot about 12 years ago when we served the four fifth Wednesdays. Not long afterwards, the organization that had been serving on the fourth Wednesday bowed out, and we were asked to replace them.

Our basic menu is always the same: hot dogs, baked beans, and chips. Our wonderful, faithful cooks, Charleen Akins and Marilyn Mansfield, also prepare two side dishes such as turnip greens and chicken noodle soup and serve up cups of pudding or fruit. I can't say enough about the two of them. If one of them can't serve, the other recruits someone to help. I can always depend on the cooking to be done.

I also have a faithful group of servers and never have a problem finding enough people who are willing to serve. On May 25<sup>th</sup> the group included, besides our cooks, Stuart Harris



May 2017 the group included, besides our cooks, Stuart Harris (he does the Community Bakery run and handles all the dishwashing), Mary Ellen Stockdale (she works the dessert table and has made cakes the past two months to supplement the Community Bakery sweets), Bliss Jackson, Fred and Denise Fleming, Rex Cherry, Dan Taylor, and myself. Others who frequently serve are Colin Stockdale, Gayle Page, Lane Phelps, Dave and Deon Green, Patty Russell, Ed Knouse, Angelia Hadden, Cathy Brown, Billy and Kay Smith, and Priscilla Cunningham.

My sweet husband, Ron Grossmann, also served faithfully until he passed away last year.

We all think serving at Stewpot is a worthwhile ministry and are happy to be able to help.

Linda Grossmann

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# 4th Thursday Stewpot Team

## Grace Presbyterian/FaithSpring Churches

**Back row:** Jeannie Foster, Ashley Nutter, Lisa Davis, David Foster, Anne Stroud, Johnny Reep.

**Front row:** Karen Thomson, Ellen Randall, Diane Burnett.

**Not pictured:** Kenny Clark, Beverley Graham, Mike Thomas, Mikki Specht, Betty Winter.

The smiling faces pictured above are members of the Fourth Thursday Stewpot volunteers from Grace Presbyterian and FaithSpring Churches. This group of dedicated men and women have come together to offer their time and efforts in serving a hot meal to Little Rock's homeless men, women and children. Coming from two separate faith communities, they share a common mission through the generosity of the Stewpot ministry of First Presbyterian Church providing a hot lunch every weekday to those in need.

Grace Presbyterian Church is a veteran Stewpot participant, going back into the nineteen nineties, and led by past team captains Diana Voldeng and Nancy Haynes. Within the past five years, they have been joined by FaithSpring Church. The partnership grew out of their joint sponsorship and participation in the Family Promise program. Current co-captains are Ashley Nutter (Faithspring) and Ellen Randall (Grace Presbyterian).

Together, these volunteers enjoy the fellowship of their relationships and the satisfaction of participating in an important mission in the effort to serve the needy in downtown Little Rock.

Ellen Randall

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## Thank You From an Old Stewpot Patron

Hello,

I just wanted to thank the Stewpot for all that they do for the people in their area. I was in Little Rock a few years ago. I went to the Stewpot kitchen there right in downtown on a regular basis. I was hungry and needed a meal and I was so glad that there were people who cared enough to donate food and their time to feed people like me that were in need.

Thanks,  
Eric



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## CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS AWARDED TO HUNGER RELIEF AGENCIES ACROSS ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK, AR (March 13, 2018) –The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance has just finished awarding more than \$188,000 in capacity building grants to hunger relief agencies around the state. The grants will help food banks, pantries, shelter, soup kitchens and other agencies increase their ability to serve the food insecure in their communities. Funds for the grants are provided through the State Food Purchase Program of the Arkansas Legislature.

Capacity building grants may be used to purchase appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, and stoves as well shelving, trailers, computers other equipment that will help feed more food insecure people. Grant dollars may not be used for salaries or personnel.

The Little Rock Stewpot received a grant from the Arkansas Hunger Alliance to buy a new stainless-steel refrigerator. Thanks, Arkansas Hunger Alliance. Ed is shown below with the new refrigerator



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## **Stewpot Kitchen Gets a New Look**

Thanks to Werner Schwarz from Trinity Presbyterian Church, the Stewpot Kitchen has new stainless steel counter tops and a new hand sink. Please be sure to thank Werner.





# Clothes Closet

*"I needed clothes and  
"*



*you clothed me."*

Matthew 25:38

## **Clothes Closet Update**

Charlie Frith picked up shoes from Fleet Feet Easy Runner Sports Store in Pleasant Ridge Shopping Center, and Ray Koone picked up shoes from the Go Running Shoe Store in the Heights and delivered them to the Stewpot. The shoe shelves in the Clothes Closet are full, at least until the next Thursday rolls around. Barbara and Carl are shown in the photo below with the full shelves.



# **PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

Team Captains: Please check with your team members to be sure that they are receiving the Stewpot Newsletter. If they are not, please tell them to email me and let me know. Thanks.  
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## **Stewpot Video**

To See a short video about the Stewpot,  
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## **Stewpot Holidays**

**New Year's Day  
Martin Luther King Day**

**Good Friday  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day (4th of July)  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving  
Friday after Thanksgiving  
Friday after Thanksgiving  
Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day**

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