

## Woodstock Pantry ENews Brief

7 October 2023

We served only 163 people this week. People got their SNAP benefits, so that probably lowered our numbers. **We are almost out of bags!** We use 520 bags a week. **Please** – bring us your paper grocery bags and tell your friends to save them!

### HOLIDAY PLANNING

We are planning for the holidays. **Please contact me ASAP** about your availability to serve on the following days. Include the shifts you plan to work. Thanks so much!

Nov 24, Nov 25, Dec 22, Dec 23, Dec 29, Dec 30

### PANTRY BUILD

**Landscaping Project** - As part of our [Lowes Hometown Grant](#), Lowes employees (and our own Matt) landscaped the hill on Knight Street opposite the pantry. We filled 60 bags with debris and replanted the hill. Lowes is an incredible partner in the pantry build! When you shop there, tell them you are part of the Woodstock Pantry Signature Project and thank them for their grant!



#### Goodbye Ye Ole Container!

We sold the container which has served as our pantry for these last years. The new owner will pick it up on October 13.

**Relocating Food** - This weekend, we cleared out the entire container. Our food is stored in the Outreach Room and against the back wall of the sanctuary until that wonderful day when we can move into our new pantry! Thanks to everyone for the enormous effort to do this in addition to running the pantry! Let's all take special care to keep our food storage areas super clean and organized to thank All Saints parishioners for their continued support of this vital program!!



**New Freezer** - Thanks to donors, we purchased a new freezer for the pantry! It's in the Outreach Room. Distribution volunteers were so happy for the reduced running-around-the-church to get meat!

Now, we have a new fridge and a new freezer, both from generous community donors! They will look beautiful in our new pantry!

What an incredible community!!!

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### ORGANIZE AGAINST ROOT CAUSES OF HUNGER

We work hard every week to bring food to people who are hungry. And we are witnessing constant increases in demand as more and more people find themselves unable to afford to live.

Did you ever wonder what is causing this growing food insecurity crisis? And do you wonder what you can do to address the crisis?

Oregon Food Bank is starting this year's **Ending Hunger Power Nights**. You are invited to join them via Zoom in the monthly meetings to learn about breaking down unfair systems leading to hunger, and how we can act together toward our vision for an Oregon where no one knows hunger.

I attended these meetings last year and found them very informative! You can attend whichever meetings you want. The meetings start on Tuesday, October 17 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. PT by talking about the Farm Bill and how we can take action.

[Register here.](#)

**NARCAN SAVES LIVES** – We are developing the capacity to save lives with Narcan. We are now a formal partner with [Save Lives Oregon](#). They will provide us with Narcan and other harm reduction supplies as well as information and training. Additionally, our own Zoe secured a grant (thank you Zoe!) to pay for a group of us to get Narcan training from another new partner, [The Everly Project](#). Next, we will design a system to add this competency to our programs. More coming!!

### SIGN UP FOR OCTOBER SHIFTS

Remember to sign up for the weekend by Thursday so we can plan.

**Also, if you can't come, please take your name off the sign-up sheet and contact me right away!** Otherwise, people think the shift is full and don't sign up.

We ended up with a shortage this weekend, which put the rest of us in a bind. Thanks!

### [WP SIGN UP SHEET OCTOBER](#)

### DUJEA, INC. T-SHIRTS DONATED

One for every pantry volunteer! Be sure to get yours from the Outreach Room!

### CROSSTRAIN TO BE A WOODSTOCK HOT MEALS VOLUNTEER

Crosstrain as pantry and hot meals volunteer. It gives you options about how you want to contribute, and it gives us more flexibility to keep our programs running!

**Celebrate...**

**It Takes a Community, And We Are It!**

