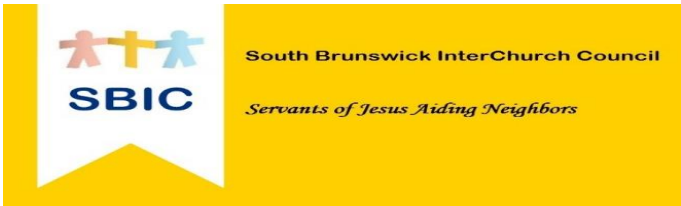


SBIC MESSENGER

South Brunswick Interchurch Council Monthly Newsletter – May 2022



<i>Critical SBIC Open Board Positions</i>
Publicity Chairperson – Serve as the public voice of the SBIC.
Fundraising Chairperson – Assist Event Chairs and Grant Coordinators, as appropriate.

Providing Help and Hope Since 1981

Tentatively Scheduled Upcoming Events:

- **Sunset at Sunset (Sunset Beach Park) (10/1)** – Coordinator needed.
- **CROP Hunger Walk (11/6)** – Mary Ann Watson, Coordinator.
- **Putt-Putt (Tentative 10/22)** – Jim and Peggy Antunes, Coordinators.
- **Chick-fil-A Fundraiser (Date TBD)** – Mike and Deb Claxton, Coordinators.
- **Education Nights (Quarterly) (Dates TBD)** – Coordinator needed.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

On April 30, we served 80 families, or 277 individuals (72 children, 124 adults, and 81 seniors).

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

We received 70 boxes; 53 distributed on April 9; 13 on April 16, and 4 on April 23. All boxes were distributed.

Brunswick Wellness Coalition Steps Up

We are periodically receiving Brunswick Wellness Coalition food boxes (similar to Senior boxes) and are receiving produce at the Food Bank through this program.

Shallotte USPS Mail Carriers Pick Up Food

THE LORDS FOOD PANTRY STATS FOR	
April 2022	
Number of People Served (Includes TEFAP)	
Children	352
Adults	620
Seniors	433
Total	1,405



PORCH – The Lords Food Pantry received 1,480 pounds of food in May from the PORCH collection.

GRANTS – An \$8,500 grant was received from The Catherine Kennedy Foundation and a \$2,500 grant from BEMC in April.

The Lords Food Pantry Has a New Location

Effective June 4, 2022, The Lords Food Pantry will be located at 3610 Express Drive, Shallotte (formerly The SoundHouse, next to Brunswick Senior Resources). The hours of the pantry will remain Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to noon. This new location will also be used for PORCH collection and sorting on the second full week of each month.

Health Opportunities Pilot

The SBIC voted at its May 16 meeting to participate in a new pilot program being tested by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the nation’s first comprehensive program to test and evaluate the impact of providing non-medical intervention related to food, housing, transportation, and interpersonal safety to high-need Medicaid enrollees. Through this pilot, referred clients will receive a large, consistent, and healthy supply of food every week. These nutritious boxes will give individuals and families the ability to focus on improving their quality of life in countless ways.

Several members of the SBIC met on May 16 to sort food that was picked up by Shallotte USPS mail carriers on Saturday, May 14th.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on June 13 at 10:00 a.m. at The Lords Food Pantry, 3610 Express Drive, Shallotte. Masks are optional.

The next General Board Meeting will be held on June 20 at 10:00 a.m. at The Lords Food Pantry, 3610 Express Drive, Shallotte. Masks are optional.

Check us out at our website www.thelordsfoodpantry.org