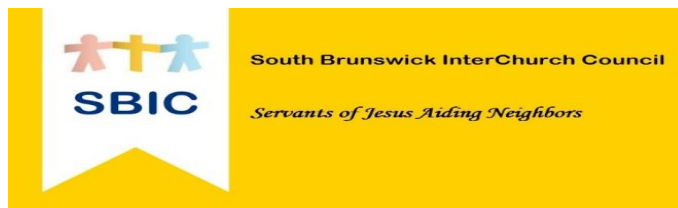


SBIC MESSENGER
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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2023:

- Pancake Breakfast (Fall Date TBD), Janet and Eric Dunkelberger, Coordinators.
- CROP Hunger Walk (Nov. 5), Deb Claxton, Coordinator. Churches need to send Deb names of their recruiters as soon as possible. Letters have been sent to churches. A recruiters' meeting will be held after supplies are received. Letters are currently being delivered to potential sponsors.

THE LORDS FOOD PANTRY STATS FOR	
August 2023	
Number of People Served (Includes TEFAP)	
Children	384
Adults	493
Seniors	404
Total	1,281

SoundHouse Purchase

The SBIC has made an offer to purchase the SoundHouse. The bank is working on the loan. The SBIC is working on a plan for a Capital Campaign.

Proposed Shared Use of Building by New Beginnings

The Ad Hoc group met on September 5 and developed questions, concerns, and recommendations and sent them back to New Beginnings. The SBIC is waiting for another meeting with New Beginnings.

PORCH – The Lords Food Pantry received 3,342 pounds of food in August from the PORCH collection.

Grants – No grants received in August. Landfall Grants will be announced in October. The SBIC applied for an Ocean Ridge grant for \$3,997 for Christmas boxes.

Healthy Opportunities Pilot Program (HOP)

We delivered 34 HOP boxes in August.

BSRI Parking Lot Closed –May 18 and September 27, 2024.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

In August, we served 90 families, or 288 individuals (77 children, 109 adults, and 102 seniors).

Check us out at our website:
www.thelordsfoodpantry.org

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Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

We received 80 boxes in August. We distributed 58 boxes on August 12, and 22 on August 19.

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.

Miles for Meals

Coastal Race Productions is partnering with the SBIC to collect food as Miles for Meals. The SBIC will have a booth the day before race day and runners will bring food when they pick up their race packet. This will be monthly from October 2023 through April 2024 and then begin again in October 2024.

Volunteers Help Stock Shelves

Peggy Antunes (SBIC Treasurer), Mike Claxton (SBIC President, and Jim Antunes (SBIC Vice President) are helping to stock The Lords Food Pantry. Thank you.



The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on October 9 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 October 16 at 10:00 a.m. at The Lords Food Pantry, 3610 Express Drive, Shallotte. Masks are optional.