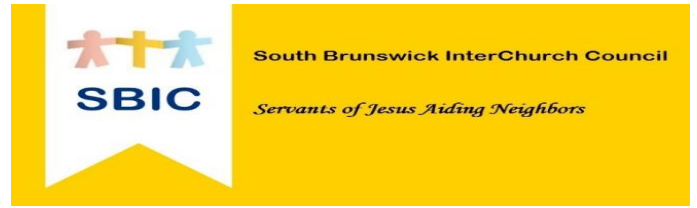


SBIC MESSENGER
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OPEN HOUSE – The Open House at The Lords Food Pantry was held on February 26th with more than 80 attendees. Mike Claxton, SBIC President, reported many statistics to the crowd. Attendees were given personal tours of the facility or could take their own self-guided tours. Mayor Eccard gave a heartfelt speech thanking the SBIC for the Pantry. Refreshments were served. Several donations were received, and 20 individuals signed up as potential volunteers. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a special day, especially Peggy Antunes.

THE LORDS FOOD PANTRY STATS FOR	
February 2023	
Number of People Served (Includes TEFAP)	
Children	295
Adults	428
Seniors	347
Total	1,070

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2023:

- Mini-Golf Tournament (Apr. 29), Jim and Peggy Antunes, Coordinators.
- Pancake Breakfast (Tentatively May), Janet and Eric Dunkelberger, Coordinators.
- Sunset @ Sunset (Oct. 7), Coordinator needed.
- CROP Hunger Walk (Nov. 5), Coordinator needed.
- Chick-fil-A Fundraiser (Date TBD), Joan Bradshaw and Mary Russell, Coordinators.

PROPOSAL FOR SHARING SPACE

Sheila Roberts spoke to us at our March 13 Executive Board Meeting about the New Hope Clinic and the services it provides to the community, i.e., information on free healthcare and nutrition for the uninsured, low-income residents of Brunswick County. They are interested in using our space to offer their services one day a week. The Executive Board voted to present the proposal to the General Board Meeting next week for approval. Details will need to be worked out if approved.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

In February, we served 81 families, or 241 individuals (55 children, 98 adults, and 88 seniors).

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

We received 70 boxes in February. We distributed 59 boxes on February 11, and 11 on February 18.

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.

Healthy Opportunities Pilot Program (HOP)

We delivered 14 HOP boxes in February.

PORCH – The Lords Food Pantry received 4,135 pounds of food in February from the PORCH collection.

Grants – We received \$2,000 from the Food Bank in February.

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

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

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www.thelordsfoodpantry.org**

