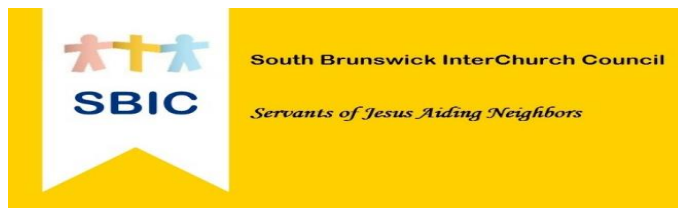


SBIC MESSENGER
South Brunswick Interchurch Council
Monthly Newsletter – November 2023



Providing Help and Hope Since 1981

THE LORDS FOOD PANTRY STATS FOR	
October 2023	
Number of People Served (Includes TEFAP)	
Children	440
Adults	602
Seniors	461
Total	1,503

SoundHouse Purchase

An appraisal has been completed. The realtor came to the November Executive Committee Meeting and explained the appraisal and our options. A counteroffer will be submitted to the seller. The SBIC is working on a plan for a Capital Campaign.

Proposed Shared Use of Building by New Beginnings

The SBIC is waiting for another meeting with New Beginnings in January.

PORCH – The Lords Food Pantry received 4,103 lbs. of food in October from the PORCH collection.

Grants – No grants received in October. The SBIC has been awarded a \$2,000 Landfall Grant and will receive it in November. The SBIC applied for an Ocean Ridge grant for \$3,997 for Christmas boxes.

Healthy Opportunities Pilot Program (HOP)

We delivered 37 HOP boxes in October.

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

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

In October, we served 115 families, or 369 individuals (109 children, 150 adults, and 110 seniors).

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

We received 80 boxes in October. We distributed 56 boxes on October 14, and 24 on October 21.

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. The October collection was in Ocean Isle Beach.

CROP Hunger Walk

It was a beautiful day for the Walk. There were 66 walkers. We collected \$3,500 in sponsorships and over \$15,000 thus far from donations. Deb Claxton, the Walk Coordinator, wishes to thank everyone for their participation and donations.

Holiday Meals

The SBIC packed 175 Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes on Friday, November 17 and distributed them on Saturday, November 18. Below are the St. James Episcopal Church volunteers who helped with the packing (L-R) Dan McDonald, Ruth Ann Campbell, Barbara, Gary, and Jon Freeman. Thanks to everyone who donated food and/or money, and thanks to everyone who helped pack and distribute.



The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on December 11 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 December 18 at 10:00 a.m. at The Lords Food Pantry, 3610 Express Drive, Shallotte. Masks are optional.

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