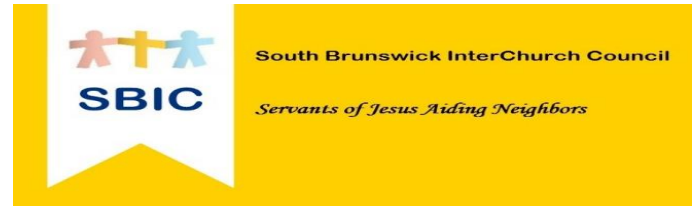


SBIC MESSENGER
South Brunswick Interchurch Council
Monthly Newsletter – August 2023



Providing Help and Hope Since 1981

The Lords Food Pantry is operated entirely by volunteers who help to make the Pantry run smoothly each week. Six churches have volunteers who pack the food during the week and then one church comes each Saturday morning to distribute the food to the clients. We would like to thank Camp UMC, New Beginnings Community Church, New Life-Calabash, St. Brendan’s Catholic Church, St. Luke Lutheran Church, and Shallotte Presbyterian Church and their volunteers.

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.

THE LORDS FOOD PANTRY STATS FOR	
July 2023	
Number of People Served (Includes TEFAP)	
Children	402
Adults	603
Seniors	502
Total	1,507

SoundHouse Purchase

The SBIC has made an offer to purchase the SoundHouse. The bank is working on the loan.

Proposed Shared Use of Building

Rev. Brad Ferguson and Elder Richard Smith from New Beginnings Community Church attended the Executive Committee Meeting and put forth a proposal for shared use of the SoundHouse building. The Executive Committee voted to send the proposal to the General Board for further discussion and the establishment of a review committee.

PORCH – The Lords Food Pantry received 3,225 pounds of food in July from the PORCH collection.

Grants – No grants received in July. Landfall Grants will be announced in October.

Healthy Opportunities Pilot Program (HOP)

We delivered 20 HOP boxes in July.

BSRI Parking Lot Closed –September 9 and 16, 2023 and May 18 and September 27, 2024.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

In July, we served 93 families, or 324 individuals (103 children, 132 adults, and 89 seniors).

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

We received 80 boxes in July. We distributed 72 boxes on July 15, and 8 on July 22.

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.

HOP Volunteers Recognized

The HOP Team at the SBIC received a very nice thank you note from the Wilmington Food Bank for their 2022-23 participation in HOP. Bonita LeGoullon, HOP Coordinator, thanked her delivery team from St. James the Fisherman at the Executive Committee Meeting. Pictured below (L-R) are Ruth Ann Campbell, RoseMary Stalter, Peter Biddle, and Bonita LeGoullon (SBIC HOP Coordinator). Not pictured from St. James are Susan Dickerson, Lenna Jane Gray, and Peter Tietjen. The program has been continued for another year.



The next General Board Meeting will be held on August 21 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 September 11 at 10:00 a.m. at The Lords Food Pantry, 3610 Express Drive, Shallotte. Masks are optional.

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www.thelordsfoodpantry.org**