

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER



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A word from Madelyn Sutton
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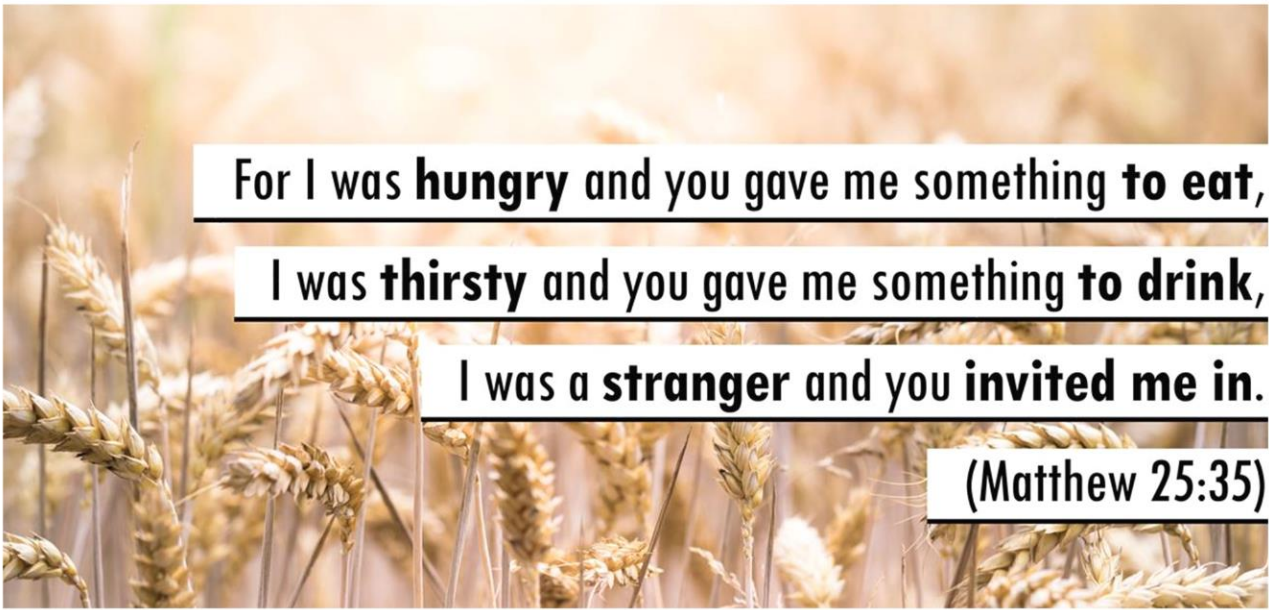
Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread

This is such a basic need that Jesus taught us to pray for in the “Lord’s Prayer”. First, we are acknowledging that God is our sustainer and provider. We must trust God daily to provide what He knows we need. Today more than ever our families, seniors and homeless are facing extreme needs when it comes to daily food. There are a lot of factors that enter into their unique situations. Some are working, but inflation is eating away their money, especially for food, rents and transportation (like everyone else is witnessing today). Some are on fixed incomes or have no income. This leads them to come to the Christian Caring Center to supplement their food needs. Our roles are increasing again. Children are about to be let out of school where many receive free breakfast and lunches. The Food Bank of South Jersey supplies us with free government foods in a large variety, but minimal amounts of 1-3 cases of each item. (Continued)

Because of supply chain issues, we cannot purchase in larger quantities. When you read your circulars, I'm sure you see limit 1 per household. We can go to Aldi and purchase cases of some items but like 4-7 cases each at retail prices. Our food rescue retailers have dramatically cut down on donations of day old produce, bakery, etc. We have seniors fighting in the parking lot over vegetables and fruits. It is so heart breaking and we can only see news reports that it's getting worse. But we know firsthand that "God will supply all our needs according to His riches in Glory" Philippians 4:19. Your continued support is vital right now as our numbers are growing. If your church, civic group, scout troop, coupon group, Bible study, etc. would like to conduct a food or hygiene drive please let us know. We have 3 food programs: Drive through food pantry, Community Lunch and Street/Motel Outreach. Also a program we partnered with last year Virtua Mobile Grocery Store. It came to Sunbury Village every Tuesday at 2-3:30 pm and had great food at Aldi prices or lower! Last year we saw 226 visitors consisting of 75 new customers and 151 returning customers. They accept cash-28%, Credit 19% and Food Stamps 53%. It's a great time now to plan to attend one of our upcoming fundraising events and maybe even get involved. There plenty of things to do that are really fun! It's truly a blessing to the community and is open to the public, not just Sunbury Village residents. The transformed NJ transit bus is parked at 181 Norcross La., Pemberton. If you are in the area, please stop by-you'll be blessed! These times are tough on everyone, but we made it through the last 2 ½ years and we will go through this storm too-together. These are times that the church rises to be a blessing! Thank you so much for all your CONTINUED support, for sharing your prayers, time, financial gifts to spread this wonderful Gospel to the people we serve at the Christian Caring Center.

Abiding in Him,

Madelyn Sutton
Executive Director



For I was **hungry** and you gave me something **to eat**,

I was **thirsty** and you gave me something **to drink**,

I was a **stranger** and you **invited me in**.

(Matthew 25:35)

The Christian Caring Center's **IMPACT** on our community!



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EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The **Lord** through through the Christian Caring Center helped 206 households or 373 Adults and 132 Children for a total of 505 individuals with meals in the month of May, 2022- PTL!!!

COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center served 697 hot cooked lunches and continental breakfasts in the month of May, 2022. We also go out to streets/woods on Wednesday. and Friday to deliver 50 lunches and outreach to the homeless, alcoholic, addicted men, women and sometimes teens as well as 2 area motels. Unfortunately, we learned by the police that our friend Mike was found in the woods passed away due to an overdose. This is a real reality for us on Outreach. Please continue to pray for the people still out there homeless and struggling as well as the staff and volunteers.



EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter: We have 2 men in the shelter right now. Steve and Carl are looking for housing.

Holman House: We have 2 men in the shelter right now. Brandon the Resident Mgr- Devynn had an opportunity to apply for supportive housing-keep praying for him. Eric just started a new job!



We are still accepting donations for our annual "Sleep Out fundraiser" held on May 20, 2022. We had families on the waiting list, and we now are serving 4 families. We are looking for neighboring teams. You might have a Bible study, your church or you might want to join a team of others. We will provide all the training you need, and you will have so much fun while changing the lives of children and parents. If you are interested, please drop us an email at christiancaringcenter@yahoo.com.

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT AND GRANTS:

The Christian Caring Center serves as a volunteer service unit for the Salvation Army. Assisted two families in motel placement plus family utility bill and healthcare assistance. SSH assisted families with utility bills, 1 family with motel lodging and 1 with back rent. SSH/TANF assisted with 1 back rent

Ask God... How can I help?



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OPENING HOURS:

We are now open Monday-Friday from 10 am-3 pm. Only 2 people are allowed in the Outreach Center at a time and for case management, we prefer an appointment. Lunch will be served at 12 noon and we go out on Street Outreach every Wednesday and Friday 12:30 pm-1:30 pm. The drive through food pantry is in operation all 3 days from 10 am-2:30 pm.

The Village Thrift Shop, 87 Hanover Street, Pemberton is now open Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 3 pm. They are accepting Fall and warmer clothing, jackets, coats, blankets, etc. Donations are accepted on Mon. Wed., Fri., 10-2pm only. They supply the Outreach Center in Browns Mills clothing as needed there. Praise the Lord!

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SAVE THE DATES:

CORN HOLE FUNDRAISER by the Knights of Columbus, Medford on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at the St. Mary of the Lakes School, Rt. 70, Medford. We have limited teams and we are signing up beginning in June we also are looking for sponsors. More information to come in June.

TASTE OF BURLINGTON COUNTY will be held in late September at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. We are looking for your favorite restaurant to let everyone taste their favorite dish or beverage and volunteers.

5 MOST WANTED LIST

1. Village Thrift Shop
2. Board Trustee (monthly zoom meetings)
3. Fundraising Committee (making baskets for auction, mailings, decorating, etc.)
4. Volunteers to work with homeless clients locating housing and jobs
5. Bridge of Hope Neighboring team members

As we are now open 5 days per week, we desperately need volunteers. We only have 7 regular staff to run 12 programs. We have opportunities to fit your schedule: weekly, monthly, project oriented like Holiday baskets, food pickups, food or basket shopping, events such as our Corn Hole or Sleep Out fundraisers, etc.



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