



Love Chapel Volunteer Newsletter

Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches, INC— July, 2019



Note From The Executive Director

God loves everyone—we all can agree on that—right? How does God show His love to others, though? Does He have a magic button he pushes to help someone out, or send His angels down in life to help His Children out? I am not sure exactly all the ways God shows His love to others, but I am sure He calls us to show that love, which is exactly what Love Chapel is called to do. Join us in showing love to God’s children—those who are in need. We always need additional volunteers—God is calling you to serve Him by helping others.

Kelly Daugherty

June, 2019

<i>Number of Households Served – Food Pantry</i>	<i>1,079</i>
<i>Number of Individuals Served – Food Pantry</i>	<i>4,124</i>
<i>Total Number of Individuals Served – Brighter Days</i>	<i>95</i>
<i>Average Number Served at Brighter Days</i>	<i>35</i>
<i>Number of Individuals Receiving Financial Assistance</i>	<i>65</i>
<i>Dollars Committed to Financial Assistance</i>	<i>\$19,957</i>
<i>Dollars Committed to Direct Assistance</i>	<i>\$12,940</i>
<i>VIM Care</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Number of New Volunteers</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Number of Volunteers Serving During Month</i>	<i>214</i>
<i>Hot Meals Served on Tuesdays and Wednesdays</i>	<i>328</i>

Christ’s Love in Action

LOVE CHAPEL

Food Pantry

292 Center Street

Columbus, IN 47201

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Emergency Assistance

311 Center Street

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812.372.9421

BRIGHTER DAYS

Homeless Shelter

421 S Mapleton Street

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812.344.4512

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To volunteer, call 812.372.9421 or e-mail

Upcoming Volunteer Orientation Sessions

- 1) Thursday, August 1st—5:30 PM**
- 2) Monday, August 12th—12:30 PM**
- 3) Monday, August 26th—12:30 PM**
- 4) Held Every Month on First Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM and the Second and Fourth Mondays at 12:30 PM.**



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▶ Pantry Opportunities

Intake and Hosting—Help screen and welcome clients as they enter the pantry. Collect information and enter in computer while giving the clients a warm smile, making them feel welcome and valued.

Shopping Helper—Take clients through the pantry, assisting them in shopping for the number of individuals in their household. Key is a friendly approach allowing them to make choices while encouraging healthy opportunities.

Warehouse Crew—Accepting donations of food, weighing and recording donations and providing receipts. Unloading truck deliveries and re-stocking pantry shelves to assure plenty of food available for those shopping.

Drivers/Pick-Ups—Driving Love Chapel trucks or personal vehicles to pick up donations at various restaurants and stores, then delivering to pantry.

Brighter Days Dryer



Many thanks to everyone who helped make the purchase and installation of our dryer at Brighter Days possible. Thanks go out to First Presbyterian who provided funding for the dryer, Mission Columbus for installation of dryer, Lohmyer Plumbing for running the gas line, and Russell Twaddle for his help and support. To move the dryer in, the door frame had to be removed—thanks to Mike Brinker, Ed Niespodziani, and Russell Twaddle.

Opportunities at Brighter Days

Intake and Greeting – *Welcome clients who arrive at shelter, completing light registration duties, assuring snacks and beverages are stocked, and visiting with clients while waiting to be processed.*

Client Supervision – *Working with a staff member while clients are present, checking dorms, light cleaning, making lunches, etc.*

Laundry – *Completing laundry duties for shelter, washing, drying, and folding.*

Cleaning – *Completing cleaning duties for shelter, including common areas, dorms and bathrooms.*



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▶ 311 Center Street Opportunities

Intake and Phones—Help screen and welcome clients as they enter for needed help. Collect information while giving the clients a warm smile, making them feel welcome and valued.

Financial Interviewing—Completing in depth interviews with clients who are seeking assistance. Analyze and evaluate needs, follow assistance procedures, and help resolve needs in Christ-affirming ways.

Financial Services—Helping treasurer with various financial functions, assisting with payables, deposits, receipts, donation receipts, and filing.

Social Media Assisting—Working with staff to develop and maintain web-page, Facebook pages, and other social media outlets. Ideal individual will be savvy with social media and marketing functions available, paying attention to new emerging marketing opportunities.

Box Truck—Pantry



Take a look at our new (used) truck to use for food pickups from the area grocery stores. Thanks to a grant from the Cummins Foundation, Inc, we no longer have to rent a truck three times a week to complete our food pickups!

The pantry serves around 4,000 individuals each month and this truck will allow us to meet this need going forward!!

Other Opportunities

Lawn Care – Maintaining the exterior of all Love Chapel properties, mowing, weed-eating, light gardening, and trimming. Opportunities include the 311 Center, the Food Pantry, and the two transitional living units.

Property Maintenance – All aspects of maintaining facilities including light electrical, plumbing, preventative maintenance, filter changing, work order completion, and light bulb changing.

Computer Services – Helping staff and volunteers with training, troubleshooting, and expanding computer services.

Other Needs – If you have a skill, we likely could use your talents to serve our clients. We have a hot meal program, work with VIM Care, and are looking to start life-skills classes such as Financial Training, Nutrition Training, Bible Studies, and more.



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▶ On-going Projects

- Wheelchair Ramp Improvements*
- Carpet Replacement in Finance Office Area*
- LED Light Changeover*
- Exterior Lighting at Pantry*
- Lafayette Street Garage Roof Replacement*

Needed Maintenance Items

- Weed-eaters – 2-3 which work well*
- Blowers – 2-3 which work well*
- Hedge Trimmers*
- Power Washer – Electric*

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A story of extraordinary generosity on the part of Columbus! Last month, I posted of a shortage we were having with Peanut Butter—because of the demand, we go through peanut butter very quickly. The donations started arriving immediately and continued for several weeks. We ended up having more than 3,000 pounds of peanut butter donated—enough to last us for approximately four full months!!! Thank you so much!!!!

Calling all home gardeners— as your produce becomes ready, we want to let you know we welcome any excess produce at the Pantry. Fresh Produce is always a needed idea and when you can't stand to look at another tomato, or ear of corn, keep us in mind.