

*The July-August
2019 Edition*



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings!

Hope your summer is going well. FISH continues to operate at a very high level. We have received three very large food donations over the last month. It appears that some of our big donors have realized that we need food in the summer as well as during the holidays. This is something you can emphasize to your civic groups and churches when you speak to them of our needs. Thanks John Ellis for organizing volunteers to help with this.

FISH is helping with the summer feeding program again this year. We are providing the non-perishable foods that will be used to provide meals to approximately 100 children each day. Thanks Holly Trotter and Mike Motes for taking care of this. Joe Benedetti will also be working with Head Start to provide food for some of those youngsters throughout this summer. Joe's committee is looking for other ways to expand our footprint in the community.

The Thursday food distribution under Jill Holroyd is operating at maximum efficiency. Last month, 100 families were served! We are constantly looking for ways to use our bounty to provide for those in need. We are blessed and want to be good stewards and providers.

Gene Bruss
President

THE PANTRY REPORT

During the month of April, 308 food requests were made, and 793 people were fed--an increase of 4% from April 2018. Enough food was provided for 14,274 meals.

In May, there were 328 food requests made for 829 people--a 9% decrease from May 2018. 14,922 meals were provided.

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FISH INC".

OUR VOLUNTEERS

We'd like to welcome new volunteer Tom Vestergaard and welcome back returning volunteers Eileen Reilly and Nancy Ryan!

We thank our resigning volunteer Nancy Patron.

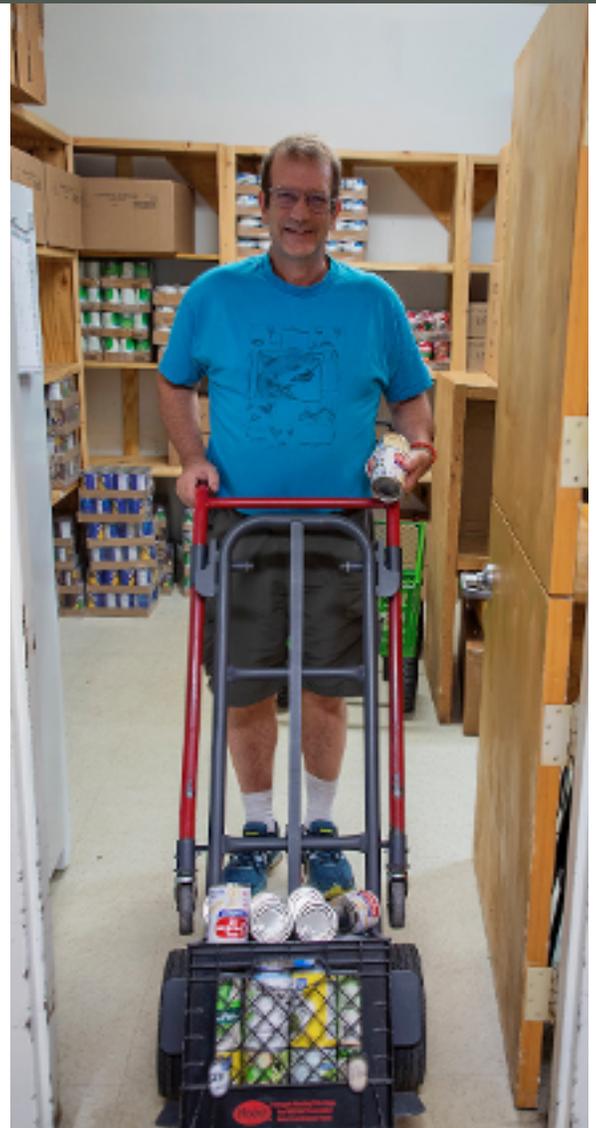


For four years, volunteers Martha and Bill Dean have organized a food/clothing drive in their Monticello Woods neighborhood to benefit FISH. We are grateful for the cash that was donated as well!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

JEFF PLOURDE

Jeff Plourde has been volunteering with us since 2014. Every Monday morning, you will find him stocking the shelves in the pantry. A graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, his hobbies include fishing, biking, and blacksmithing. He is still deeply in love with his wife of 32 years, Kristy, and they have two sons. Jeff also volunteers with St. Bede's and Restore.



THE CLOSET REPORT

In April, 174 people were clothed (106 adults and 68 children) for a total of 451 outfits. This was a 24% decrease from 2018. In April, a total of 43 households got housewares.

In May, 334 people (192 adults and 142 children) were clothed with 1,049 outfits. This was a 7% decrease from last year. Also in May, 51 households got housewares.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Contact Martha
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HOLIDAY CLOSURES

We will be closed for
the following holidays:

4th of July

Labor Day



**SORTING AND SHELVING
150 BAGS OF GROCERIES
FROM BRUTON PARISH.**

**GENE BRUSS (LEFT) RECEIVES
A \$5000 DONATION FROM JIM
WINTHROP (RIGHT) OF THE
WILLIAMSBURG
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

