

FISH

The President's Message:

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<http://williamsburgfish.weebly.com/services.html>

Greetings,

As the dog days of summer continue, FISH finds itself in an unusual position. We are taking on a larger role in the community, but find ourselves short of volunteers. Joe Benedetti and his committee continue to look at ways of expanding our footprint, but in order to do this we will need to bring more volunteers on board. Some weekday crews are operating short-handed, but thanks to David Reed's sub finder, subs can be found.

This is not a problem experienced by our organization alone. All clubs, civic groups, volunteer organizations are having a difficult time with declining membership. How can we solve this? Speak to friends, church members, club members and tell them what a great organization FISH is. Offer to bring them in when you work to give them a sense of what we do. Close personal contact will bring in more volunteers than mass announcements.

FISH has been blessed with the resources to continue to expand our impact on the community and those in need. With more volunteers this will be possible.

Lastly, let me thank those who constantly answer the call when a sub is needed. Your efforts are appreciated.

Blessings.

Gene Bruss, President

The Pantry Report:

During the month of June, there were 341 requests for 818 recipients for a total of 14,724 meals. Persons fed was up 5% from June 2016. In July there were 324 requests for 811 recipients for a total of 14,598 meals. Persons fed was unchanged from July, 2016.

From the Clothing Coordinator

Three casual or work pants for men is any combination shorts and long pants totaling three. It is not three of each.

Facebook

The name for FISH's facebook page is Williamsburg FISH Inc. Volunteers and donors who use facebook are encouraged to "Like" our page.



**Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg
food drive for FISH**



Welcome and Farewell

Welcome to Angela Splan,
and Jan Gibeling
Farewell to Crystal Diggs
and Paula Hoffman.

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church member, Jim Winthrop, presents WPC's 2017 benevolence check to Ray Scharfenberger, FISH Vice President ,



The Messmer Community Service Center will be closed as follows:

Monday January 16th for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday February 20th for President's Day

Monday May 29th for Memorial Day

Tuesday July 4th for Independence Day

Monday September 4th for Labor Day

Monday October 9th for Columbus Day

Friday November 10th for Veterans Day

Thursday November 23rd & Friday November 24th for Thanksgiving

Monday December 25th for Christmas Day

Monday January 1st, 2018 for New Year Day

The Messmer Community Service Center will be closed due to Inclement Weather whenever Williamsburg/James City Public Schools are closed.

When there is a 1 hour or 2 hour delay in Williamsburg/James City Public Schools opening, the Messmer Community Service Center will open at its regular time.

Important Phone Numbers:

FISH Building: 757-220-9379

**Volunteers – Martha Buell:
757-345-2646**

**Weather Related Closings:
757-220-4249**

FISH FACTS

FISH representatives recently visited local police and fire departments in an effort to ensure first responders know where those in need can receive food, hygiene products, clothing and housewares

Donations

FISH is thankful for donations of money, food, clothing, and small housewares. The following are the food items that FISH recommends for donations:

- Spaghetti
- Canned Meat, Chicken and Tuna
- Cereals
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- Saltine Crackers
- Applesauce and Canned Fruits
- Powdered Milk
- Beans (Great Northern and Baked)
- Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Grape Jelly
- Canned Soups
- Canned Vegetables

FISH Foodbank Shoppers continue to reduce our expenses for food. We currently need four additional shoppers. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Martha Buell at 757-345-2646.

FISH continues to support fresh food distribution at United Way's Community Resource Center the third Thursday each month.



The Closet Report: In June, 1,072 outfits were provided to 209 adults and 139 children. Housewares were provided to 55 households in June. In June the total number of requests was up 7% from June, 2016. In July 841 outfits were provided to 154 adults and 139 children. Housewares were provided to 53 households in July. The total number of requests in July was up 1% from July 2016.