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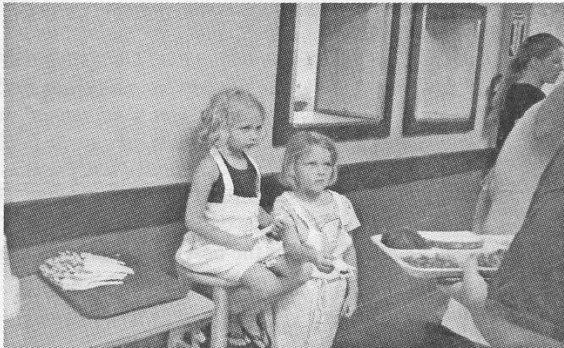


The Kitchen Chatter

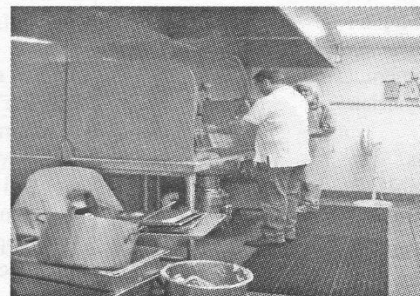
From the Open Door Food Kitchen

Help Continue the Mission

2012 is just around the corner. The “old faithful” have been put on the calendar to fill their serving slots and now the task begins to fill all the vacancies. This is a formidable job. This past year we’ve lost 4 regular monthly churches and only gained one. That alone creates 30 days without help. Right now the calendar has 79 open days. If those groups that served once or more as “fill-ins” would do it again, that would bring it down to 21 days. Without help from the community, the options are to raise more money to pay for the meals at \$200 each or shut the doors on those days where there is a vacancy. This sounds cold but the facts are that just keeping the doors open for the ODFDK costs \$100,000 + a year and adding another \$14,000 for food would be beyond our ability to operate. We’ve been feeding the hungry for 28 years and the need is growing.



There is no age limit for lending a hand. The ODFK is fortunate to have so many willing volunteers. There is a job for everyone. Some are easier than others but all are necessary. The dishwashing room is manned by Steve, but he welcomes help, especially when the crowd is large and the meal is sticky. The dishwashing machine makes things easier but there is no substitute for elbow grease especially with pots and pans.



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President's Message

Early Holiday greetings to all

The Open Door Food Kitchen Board Members wish to express our gratitude for your gifts of time talent and treasure that you have donated to the Open Door Food Kitchen during 2011.

The Open Door Food Kitchen operation has seen an increase of 40% during the last two months and we anticipate this to continue. This summer the kitchen provided meals for about 160 and we are now serving 200+ meals. This increase is due to the present economic situation which all service organizations are experiencing. The increase of patrons brings added expenses and challenges for Judi and her staff.

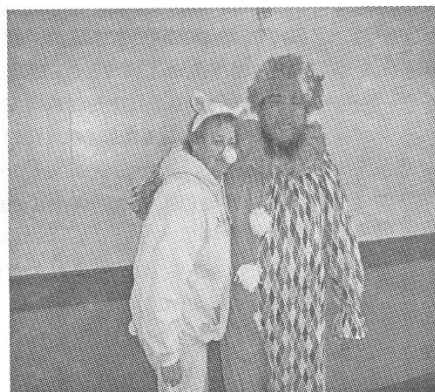
As the holidays approach and we count all our blessings, we hope that you will share some of yours with a donation to the Open Door Food Kitchen.

Bernard Verssue



Parties are a fun part of the food kitchen's outreach. We will be having a Christmas Party on the 7th of December. Santa will be here but right now we have not had a call back from the North Pole confirming his arrival. If there are available applicants that would like to help, please call the office at 364-1085.

The Halloween party was on Saturday before the 31st. We wanted the kids to participate and they came in all sizes. Some were pretty scary and as you can see, others were just funny. There were candy bags for all the children and prizes for the best costumes. No, the employees were not eligible to win!





Dear Friends of the Food Kitchen;

Hasn't fall been wonderful? The Indian summer days are nearly over and it's time to prepare for a long, cold winter. I had planned to enjoy fall in the Ozarks at my cabin, but a broken ankle got in the way. Now it's healed and I hop around with a "not-so-attractive" black boot on my right foot. Driving is a good trick so if you see me coming—best watch out!

During the past quarter we have had some new folks come to serve. Albaugh Inc., came in September. St. James School, KCP&L, Frederick Inn and Saxton Chalet Health Care came in Oct., also Wire Rope served in November for the first time. It really is a huge help to have new faces and agencies step up and fill an opening. We are good until the end of the year, but after the start of 2012, that's another story.

The holidays are imminent and we're excited about all the festive plans. A very generous man has given us 24 turkeys for our celebrations so we're in great shape. A sweet lady stopped by to offer to bake pies. There have also been families volunteering to help serve and prepare the meal. Boning 14 turkeys is a huge job but many hands make short work of it.

The Jewish Community has again graciously stepped up to take Christmas dinner on the 25th so the Christian churches can be with their families. The celebration of Hanukkah is still ongoing for the Jewish faithful but they are willing to do this for us anyway.

We want to have gift bags for everyone at the Christmas Party that will be Dec. 17th. We need donations of new socks, gloves, hats and scarves. Also we can always use toiletries like the kind you get in hotels. Did you know that food stamps can't be used to buy hygiene items? How dumb—if the plan is to make people healthy, then being clean should be a priority! Sorry, this isn't supposed to be an editorial. Anyway, if you travel or know someone that does, please save the soaps, shampoo, lotions etc. for our friends that are in need.

I am working on the 2012 calendar now and the only thing I can say is **help!!**

Hope your holidays are filled with happy memories of family, fun and friendship. Be careful out there—it is a big slippery world and we want everyone to be safe.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support this past year. We can't to it with out all of you

Blessings,

Judi

In Honor of

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hass' marriage
 Cliff & Libby Kerns
 Jerry & Patricia Murphy's 50th Anniversary
 Debby Williams
 Carl Pierpoint 87th B-day

In Memory of

The Consodine Family
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