

Grace Center Inc.'s mission is: providing nutritious food and promoting social interaction with commitment and grace to our rural community.

The Grace Gazette

JULY 2014



Grace Center

701 W. Popcorn Rd.

Harrodsburg, Indiana

812-824-5595

OUR PANTRY HOURS

Thursdays
3:00pm-7:00pm
 (Located on the corner of Popcorn Rd and Harrodsburg Rd)
Serving Clear Creek, Indian Creek, and Polk Townships

To make a donation outside of our normal pantry hours, call 824-4851, 279-2854, or 345-7878

WISH LIST GOAL:

Canned Fruit,
 Pudding or Jello,
 Spaghetti Sauce,
 Fresh Produce, Eggs,
 Salad Dressing,
 Vegetable Oil or Spray,
 Crackers,
 Raman Noodles,
 Macaroni and Cheese

Kroger Gift Card Reload Update

Grace Center is \$117 away from Kroger writing us another check. Keep reloading those cards. Use your card to buy groceries and gas! What a great way to help Grace Center without spending any extra money!



How Grace Center helped the Community in May

360 Individuals served
 156 Households



Board Members:

Steve Fichtner, President
 Tina Baugh, Treasurer
 Connie Sowders, Secretary
 Jim Baugh, Incorporator/Member at Large
 Joanna Johnson, Member at Large

BOARD ATTENDS HHFB CONFERENCE

The Grace Center board recently attended the Hoosier Hills Food Bank Annual Meeting and Hunger Action Awards Reception held in the Tudor room at the IU Memorial Union. A large crowd was on hand to hear about the many accomplishments the HHFB achieved in 2013. As a member agency of the HHFB, those achievements reflect directly on Grace Center Food Pantry's ability to distribute food to the Southern Monroe area.

Once again the food bank distributed a record amount of food, almost 3.7 million pounds! Over 756,000 of those pounds distributed were fresh produce. The food bank also continues to provide USDA Commodities to partner agencies of which we are one of those participants.

In comparison, Grace Center distributed 35,697 pounds of food in 2013. Unfortunately, this is down substantially from 2012. Several reasons; we were open two times a week in 2012 but only once a week in 2013. We served fewer households being open just once a week. Food donations also decreased from the previous year.

Additionally, this spring we completed two monitoring visits, one for TEFAP (USDA Commodities) and one for the HHFB. We were successful in both visits and will keep striving to do our best.

Food distribution, fund raising, and compliance monitoring is a lot of work. We have a small group of dedicated volunteers, but we need more volunteers from the community to be involved so Grace Center can continue to be a great success helping our community. We need people who can arrange food drives, partner with area establishments, coordinate our volunteers, sit on the board, work in the pantry or to be available when needed to give someone a break. Please consider joining our team today. The pay is small (actually there is no pay) but the rewards are great.



SMITHVILLE Farmers' Market Now Open!



8AM TO NOON

SATURDAYS

The Smithville, Indiana Farmers' Market on Facebook, follow us!



Located between Redman Hall and the old Smithville School on S Strain Ridge Rd

FOOD SAFETY

Summer time and food safety, time to review some important information so you can stay safe. Here is a list of websites and phone numbers that can answer most all of your food safety questions.

AskFSIS - www.askfsis.custhelp.com. The Food Safety and Inspection Service, a branch of the USDA, has a database of answers to questions that people have asked in the past. You can also ask your own questions and receive answers.

AskKaren - www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/informational/askkaren.

Still Tasty - www.stilltasty.com. This website has a "Keep It or Toss It?" database that allows you to search by food or beverage to find tips on proper storage and a general idea of how long the product can be stored.

Food (except meat and poultry) - Phone: 1-888-SAFEFOOD (1-888-723-3366) Call weekdays between 10:00am and 4:00pm EST. Or go to www.foodsafety.gov/experts/other/index.html and click on "Submit Your Question."

Meat, Poultry, or Egg Products

Phone: 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) Call weekdays between 10:00am and 4:00pm EST.

Email: mpholine.fsis@usda.gov

Pet Food

Phone: Call the FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine at (240) 276-9300 and leave a message. Email: CVMHomeP@cvm.fda.gov.



HARRODSBURG COMMUNITY PICNIC

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 4:00-6:00

Harrodsburg Community Center

Bring your appetite and join your friends and neighbors. Sponsored by the Harrodsburg United Methodist Church. Call 812-824-7624 if you have questions.

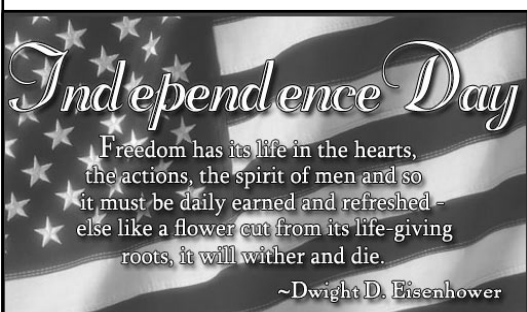
JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tue	July 1	• Grace Center Board Meeting at <i>Grace Center Pantry Building 6:00pm</i>
Thu	July 3	• Grace Center Food Pantry 3:00-7:00pm • Harrodsburg Lions Club, Harr. Comm. Build. 6:30pm
Sat	July 5	• Smithville Farmers Market 8am-Noon
Tue	July 8	• Euchre 12:30-2:30 at Harrodsburg Comm. Building Contact John or Martha Bastin for Euchre details
Thu	July 10	• Grace Center Food Pantry 3:00-7:00pm
Sat	July 12	• Smithville Farmers Market 8am-Noon
Sun	July 13	• Harrodsburg Community Picnic, details on front
Thu	July 17	• Grace Center Food Pantry 3:00-7:00pm
Sat	July 19	• Smithville Farmers Market 8am-Noon • Good Neighbor Hog Roast and Potluck, details below
Mon	July 21	• Ladies Craft Night, Smithville Com. Center, 6:30pm Call Patty at 824-2611 for more information
Tue	July 22	• Euchre 12:30-2:30 at Harrodsburg Comm. Building Contact John or Martha Bastin for Euchre details.
Wed	July 23	• Indian Creek Lions Club 7:00pm Contact Lloyd, 824-9771 for location
Thu	July 24	• Grace Center Food Pantry 3:00-7:00pm
Sat	July 26	• Smithville Farmers Market 8am-Noon
Thu	July 31	• Grace Center Food Pantry 3:00-7:00pm



JULY 4, 1776

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776. The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America... From 1776 to 2014, some 238 years span, we remember the sacrifices our forefathers were to bear for a radical announcement of separation from King George III. Farmers, doctors, businessmen, lawyers, judges and a lone clergyman all put their lives on the line to begin a difficult process to create a new nation of equal standing. 56 men signed the Declaration of Independence which declared candidly to the world why they wanted to "dissolve" their relationship with the King of Great Britain. And they also presented the numerous facts to prove to the world the justification for this declaration of separation. In essence a public declaration of independence. Take a moment this July 4th holiday to remember our forefathers for they were tremendous risk takers. They created a new nation based on Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. They absolutely deserve our remembrance.



website: www.gracecenterindiana.org

Two kinds of gratitude: The sudden kind we feel for what we take; the larger kind we feel for what we give.

~Edwin Arlington Robinson

Thank you to all our givers:

- ★ Walkers Chapel for 50 lbs. of food and a monetary donation.
- ★ Sherry Johnson for donating 64 lbs. of food and 7 lbs. of fresh eggs.
- ★ The Fichtner family for donating your time to shop, organize, plan, and for donating coffee and gallon bags this month.
- ★ Panera Bread for donating 368 lbs. of bread and bakery items.
- ★ Jayne Rollins for donating 15 lbs. of buns.
- ★ Harrodsburg United Methodist Church for a monetary donation and 20 lbs. of food.
- ★ Harrodsburg Assembly of God for a monthly monetary donation.
- ★ Indian Creek Lions Club for their monetary donation.
- ★ All our volunteers.
- ★ All our anonymous givers.
- ★ Thelma Kelly Jeffries (Clear Creek Township Trustee) for your support and donations.
- ★ Indian Creek Community Association for your support and donations.
- ★ Anyone we may have failed to mention, your giving matters!
- ★ Thank you each and everyone for all you do!

GOOD NEIGHBOR DINNER HOG ROAST AND POTLUCK



*SATURDAY,
JULY 19,
5:00 PM*

*Lions Club-Rockport Road
at Tarkington Lane*

Annual Indian Creek Celebration

50/50 Raffle, Pie Contest and
other Skill Contests

Meat and Drinks provided.

Please bring a Side Dish or Dessert, or a
Fruit Pie to compete in the contest!

Games, Live Music, and

Karaoke after Dinner

Email questions to the ICCA Secretary at
indian.creek.secretary@gmail.com

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