

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

# The Grace Gazette

## APRIL 2013



Grace Center

701 W. Popcorn Rd.

Harrodsburg, Indiana

812-824-5595

OUR PANTRY HOURS

**NEW 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**

### WISH LIST GOAL:

Canned or Dry Beans, Canned Peas or Mixed Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Jello, Soup of any kind, Pudding, Dish Soap, Bath Soap

### Kroger Gift Card Reload Update

Grace Center is \$1687 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!



## VOLUNTEER

It does the heart good!

### How Grace Center helped the Community in February

212 Adults served  
 54 Children helped  
 113 Families helped  
 270 Bags of food given

Total Bags of groceries given out in 2013

# 685

### Board Members:

Steve Fichtner, President  
 Tina Baugh, Treasurer  
 Connie Sowders, Secretary  
 Jim Baugh, Incorporator/Member at Large  
 Clarissa Hawk, Terry Brammer, and Terry Doane, Members at Large

## HARRODSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS TEAMING UP WITH ENERGIZING INDIANA

Residential Home Energy Assessments, from Energizing Indiana, are a smart approach to improve the comfort and efficiency of your home. An assessment can identify ways to raise your home's performance, lower energy consumption, and improve in-home air quality. The Harrodsburg United Methodist Church (HUMC) is helping homeowners achieve these goals by partnering with Energizing Indiana.

So what can a Home Energy Assessment do for you? Energy Advisors will assess the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems in your home to determine if they are operating efficiently. They may also inspect air duct sealing, insulation levels, and more to evaluate your home's energy consumption. The best part is the assessment is free. It's funded by your utility rates. In other words, you've already paid for it.

### Energy Assessments may include improvements such as:

- \*Up to nine (9) Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs
- \*Up to three (3) low flow faucet aerators
- \*Up to two (2) low flow showerheads
- \*Water heater insulation wrap for electric water heaters
- \*Hot water pipe wrap

### Which homes qualify?

- 1) Single Family Detached Home, Duplex, Triplex, Quad, or Mobile Home (Owner Occupied or rented)
- 2) Homes must be ten years old or older
- 3) Home must **not** have had a utility-sponsored assessment in the last three years
- 4) Electric service must be provided through Vectren, Duke Energy, IMPA, NIPSCO, Indianapolis Power & Light or Indiana Michigan Power

### Who do you contact?

Contact the Harrodsburg United Methodist Church (HUMC) at 812-824-3783 to sign up and begin the path to a more efficient and energy saving home.



## "The highest of distinctions is service to others." ~King George IV



### ARE YOU SOMEONE LIKE SARA?

Sara, a single mother, lives in a small town in Southern Indiana. For three years she has had the same job working forty hours each week. Her three year old daughter, Eve, goes to daycare everyday which costs close to \$100.00 per week. Sara pays her apartment rent and an electric bill each month. She also pays for a car at a high interest rate because she does not have much credit as she is in her early twenties. Recently, Sara applied for food stamps to help with her food needs but was told that she makes too much to qualify even though she earns just over \$10 per hour. By going to Grace Center's website ([www.gracecenterindiana.org](http://www.gracecenterindiana.org)) and looking at the income guidelines for a household of two, she discovered that she fell below the income guideline. Sara was thrilled to find out that she qualifies to receive food from the food pantry. Living in one of the three townships served by Grace Center (Clear Creek, Indian Creek or Polk), Sara comes to the pantry on Thursday evenings between 3-7pm to choose food to fill two grocery bags. Eve especially likes choosing the chicken noodle soup. The people at Grace Center will never understand how much they mean to her and Eve. Sara doesn't know who donates, shops or stocks shelves for Grace Center. She just knows that in time of need, she has somewhere to go for help. Thank you to everyone who continues to help people like Sara each week.

## HUMC COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE

Harrodsburg United Methodist Church is once again making it possible for you to have your own garden, even if you do not have a yard where you live. If you are interested in having a garden plot of your own, please pick up a form at the church or Grace Center. After you return your forms to the church or Grace Center, you will be contacted as to which plot will be yours once the plots are ready. Plots, which are 10'x10', should be tilled and ready for planting by mid-April.

### Rules for each garden plot will be as follows:

- Once assigned a plot, your garden must be regularly maintained.
- All pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, and other garden treatments are to be organic.
- We encourage every gardener to donate a portion of what they grow to a food pantry of their choice.
- Respect other gardener's plots and produce.



Tue Apr. 2	• Grace Center Board Meeting at <i>Grace Center Pantry Building 6:00pm</i>
Thu Apr. 4	• Grace Center Food Pantry 3:00-7:00pm • Harrodsburg Lions Club 6:30pm
Sun Apr. 7	• Indian Creek Firefighter's Auxiliary Fundraising Breakfast 8am-Noon at the fire station
Tue Apr. 9	• Euchre 12:30-2:30 at Harrodsburg Comm. Building Contact John or Martha Bastin for Euchre details.
Thu Apr. 11	• Grace Center Food Pantry 3:00-7:00pm
Mon Apr. 15	• Ladies Craft Night, Smithville Com. Center, 6:30pm Call Patty at 824-2611 for more information
Thu Apr. 18	• Grace Center Food Pantry 3:00-7:00pm
Tue Apr. 23	• Euchre 12:30-2:30 at Harrodsburg Comm. Building Contact John or Martha Bastin for Euchre details.
Wed Apr. 24	• Indian Creek Lions Club 7:00pm Contact Lloyd, 824-9771 for location
Thu Apr. 25	• Grace Center Food Pantry 3:00-7:00pm

A special thanks goes to all who have donated to Grace Center this month. Food items brought in on Thursdays from 2-7pm bring much needed variety and choice for our patrons. Monetary donations allow volunteers to purchase food at the Hoosier Hills food bank for 16¢ per pound. Thank you so much for all you do to help your neighbors in need. Your gifts, both food and monetary, mean more than you will probably ever know.

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO:**

- ☛ Isaac Garst for donating 23 lbs. of food items.
- ☛ Harrodsburg Assembly of God for a monthly monetary donation.
- ☛ Harrodsburg United Methodist Church for 13 lbs. of food items.
- ☛ Lakeview School for donating birthday bags so the patrons can enjoy their family birthdays with 'all the fixins'.
- ☛ Darrell Anderson for giving 46 lbs. of peanut butter, ravioli and beefaroni.
- ☛ Sherwood Oaks Homeschool Co-Op for donating 43 lbs. of food items.
- ☛ Mary Jo and Bill Dudley for donating 6 dozen eggs.
- ☛ Harrodsburg United Methodist Church youth group for donating 6 dozen eggs.
- ☛ Southern Hills Church of Christ for donating 38 lbs. of food items.

It's early, but mark your calendar so you don't miss the fun!

**Harrodsburg Heritage Days Festival**  
**May 17-18**

[www.harrodsburgheritagefestival.org](http://www.harrodsburgheritagefestival.org)

**WE NEED YOU!!**

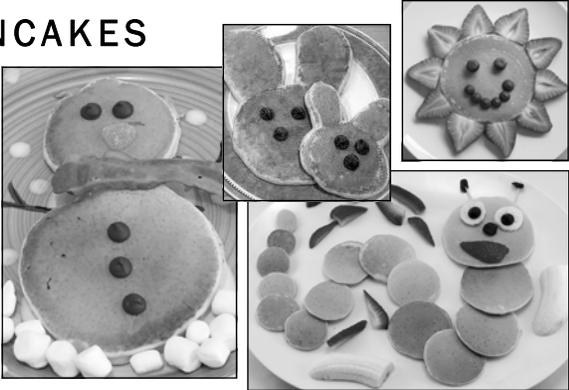
Could you plan a food drive for Grace Center? Grace Center relies heavily on outside clubs, organizations and churches to conduct food drives. Would you be willing to ask your organization to add a paragraph about an upcoming food drive? All you need to do is plan the date and add it to your regular newsletter or bulletin. After the food has been collected, bring it to the food pantry on Thursday's from 2-7pm or give us a call at 824-5595 and we will send someone to pick it up! Consider what you can do to make a difference in your community today!



**HOMEMADE PANCAKES**

**Ingredients**

- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk



Before mixing ingredients, place griddle or skillet on stove on medium so it can be hot when you are ready. Combine dry ingredients. In a smaller bowl combine wet ingredients and add to dry mixture. Mix until blended but still slightly lumpy. Onto lightly greased griddle or skillet, pour 1/4 to 1/2 cup of batter depending on the size you want them to be. Top of pancake will start to bubble, then it should be ready to flip, but you might want to take a peek. If it is ready, flip and cook other side until golden brown. Ideas: made different sizes and shapes, then make faces out of them like a bear, rabbit, worm, or even a snowman. Use berries, fruit, or chocolate chips, for eyes, nose and mouth. Get the kids involved in making the breakfast creations. Top with syrup and enjoy.

**APRIL SHOWERS SONG**

(to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")

Pitter patter rain drops (*wiggle fingers imitating rain*)  
 Falling from the sky (*wiggle fingers downward*)  
 Here's my umbrella (*action of opening an umbrella*)  
 Hold it high! (*hands over head*)  
 When the rain is over (*bring hands down slowly*)  
 and the sun begins to glow (*make sun with arms*)  
 Little flowers start to bud (*kneel down*)  
 then grow, grow, grow!!! (*slowly stand up*)

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