



THE CHRISTIAN ALERT
January 11, 2021

From Rev. Cynthia –

This week is the week of each month that our Champion Christian Church Feeding Ministry is in full swing. Of course work goes on behind the scenes every week, however this is the week the food distribution is made to clients. In this space today I am sharing with you pieces of an article I wrote that appeared in the Champion Times last month. Hopefully the words below will be a reminder of how important Champion Christian's Food Ministry is to our area residents. Keep reading to find out more!

'The answers to the question were varied but the conclusion reached was the same. When a group of children was asked by this author "What would you do if you knew someone who hadn't eaten for two days because they didn't have any food and they didn't have any money to buy food?" some of the answers went like this:

"I would give them a whole meal."

"I would take them to dinner."

"I would tell them let's go to the grocery store and buy some food."

"I would go get them some food."

"They may not have a job so I would see if I could get them a job interview."

Take note that not one child said, "I would do nothing." Instead, with concern for this hypothetical dilemma evident on their faces and seen in their eyes, each child questioned answered with clarity and vision that they would do something, take some action.

As this year draws to a close one cannot doubt that the events of 2020 have made this question asked to the children anything but hypothetical. Hunger and food insecurity are very real in our communities. The statistics are staggering. According to the Mahoning Valley Second Harvest Food Bank website 1 in 6 Valley residents faces hunger issues; 1 in 4

Valley children lives day to day unsure of the next meal.

Enter Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley. A food warehouse working across the three county area (Trumbull, Mahoning, and Columbiana) with a wide variety of traveling pantries and distributing agencies (Champion Christian Church is one example), its website states: "We believe that no one should go hungry, and we are dedicated to building a community that makes food accessible to all people." In fact for every \$1 donated, \$11 worth of food is distributed. This year Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley is on track to distribute about fifteen million pounds of food, according to Food Bank staff. Yes, that is the number fifteen plus six zeros! 15,000,000 pounds of food distributed in the tri-county area! The need for food assistance, globally and locally, has skyrocketed in this pandemic year...The challenge to combat hunger is real, and this challenge is being met by individuals and communities working together to eradicate food insecurity.

...With each donation this Valley moves one step closer to solving the "what to do" about hunger and food insecurity question. And wouldn't that be great! To find out food pantry locations supported by Mahoning Valley Second Harvest one can call 211 or check the Food Bank website.'

The need to combat hunger continues in 2021! If you would like to donate specifically to the Feeding Ministry program here at Champion Christian Church just note "Food Ministry" on your church donation. Just another way we are a congregation in mission in the world! Pretty exciting!

10:30 am WORSHIP Online – January 17, 2021

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Sermon: “A Lesson in Listening”

Rev. Cynthia Klingemier

CHURCH FAMILY

Our prayers and sympathy to the Emerson family upon the passing of Pat Emerson this past week.

We extend our sympathy to the Emerine family upon the passing of Ardie Emerine. Please keep Jan, Laurie-Jo, Doug, Brad and all their families in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for those recovering in their health and our homebound.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, and phone calls during Bill’s illness and passing. It is so comforting to have the love and support of our church family during this difficult time. Bill loved Champion Christian Church.

With Love, Pat Mollenauer and family

FEEDING MINISTRY

The feeding ministry is in need of plastic grocery bags. If you have any stocked up at home, you can drop them off at the church during regular office hours.

We do NOT need any more Egg cartons!

ANGEL TREE THANK YOU!

The Angel Tree was a success again this year with the help of members of our church. I would like to thank everyone that took the time to participate. We provided 36 gifts to 12 children. I would also like to thank Sue Criddle and Jean Smith for their help.

Thank you,
Vicki Gargas

“THE BIG WAVE”

Information has been mailed and sent to email about our upcoming “BIG WAVE” Drive-Thru event. Help spread the word! We hope everyone can plan to drive-thru and give us a wave.

Here is what you need to know...



Join us

Friday afternoon, January 15, 2021

Anytime between 4 pm and 6 pm

For the first Champion Christian Church

“BIG WAVE” drive-thru!!

Drive in the east entrance and make your way toward the church portico, stopping as directed to wave from your car and have your photo taken (with your permission of course) by Casey L., our church photographer for the event. (And then later Casey, wearing her tech guru hat, will create a video of all the “waves” to share with the Champion Christian Church family. Won’t that be fun to watch??!!)

You will stay in your vehicle and be handed a paper bag decorated by our wonderful Wonder Zone kids that contains some goodies such as individual communion cups, offering envelopes, a fun “survival” kit, and maybe a surprise or two. Something special for kids or pets in the vehicle also.

And then you just drive away. Simple as that.

Join the “Big Wave” at Champion Christian Church!

It will be fun!!