

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

The Grace Gazette

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Grace Center

701 W. Popcorn Rd.

Harrodsburg, Indiana

812-824-5595

NEW PANTRY HOURS

Pantry Hours:
Tuesdays
10:00 am-12:00 pm
Thursdays
5:00pm-7:00pm
 (Located in back of Community Hardware)
Serving Clear Creek, Indian Creek, and Polk Townships

WISH LIST GOAL:

Canned Pineapple,
 Spaghetti Sauce,
 Tuna,
 Ketchup,
 Crackers!

CAN YOU HELP?

Kroger Gift Card Reload Update

We met our goal again!

Kroger sent Grace Center a check for **\$199.92!** Keep reloading those cards. Use your card to buy **groceries and gas!** A great way to help Grace Center without spending any extra money!



How Grace Center helped the Community in February

- 230 Adults served
- 102 Children helped
- 123 Families helped
- 249 Bags of Food given
- 5 New Families Helped

Who can come to the Community Dinners?

EVERYONE

Board Members:

Tina Baugh, President
 Debbie Woodward, Vice President
 Steve Fichtner, Treasurer
 Linda Brammer, Secretary
 Jim Baugh, Incorporator/Member at Large
 Clarissa Hawk, Mem. at Large



A PARTNER IN YOU

Grace Center has many partners. The faces of these partners look a lot like you. People you interact with everyday are, or will become some of our most dedicated volunteers and donors. The people you come in contact with in your churches, schools, places of business, organizations and clubs are looking for a way to help. You are needed.

Grace Center is asking if you and your group will consider organizing a food drive. With the growing number of families Grace Center serves and the cost of food climbing, the demand to keep food on the shelves is increasing.

Ways You Can Help:

- Ask your congregation if you can put a box in the coatroom where food donations could be placed. At the end of each month have a member transport them to the food pantry.
- At your next club event ask each person to bring a canned food item as an entry fee.
- Hold a contest with your organization, whoever brings the most food donations, wins a prize.
- Organize a pajama day at your school where each student needs to bring \$.25 to participate, all proceeds go to Grace Center.
- Ask your women's group, church group or Girl Scout troop to be involved in a food drive.
- Consider asking the boss at work if you could have a 'casual Friday' where each employee brings a food item in order to participate.
- Get creative and plan a 'themed food drive' such as a luau or an Italian theme.



Will you consider being part of the solution?

- EASY MEATLOAF**
- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
 - 1 egg
 - 1 onion, chopped
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 cup dried bread crumbs
 - salt and pepper to taste
 - 1/3 cup ketchup
 - 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 2 tablespoons prepared mustard

Combine the beef, egg, onion, milk, salt, pepper and bread crumbs. Place in a lightly greased 5x9 inch loaf pan, OR form into a loaf and place in a lightly greased 9x13 inch baking dish. In a separate small bowl, combine the brown sugar, mustard and ketchup. Mix well and pour over the meatloaf. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.



COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

Harrodsburg United Methodist Church will be hosting their 'Community Garden Project' again this year. Weather permitting, garden plots located on the grounds of the HUMC building will be tilled by April 1. The plots will be marked off and assigned, each person will be contacted when their plot is ready. Once you are assigned a plot, HUMC asks that you tend your garden regularly, use organic products (such as fertilizer), and consider donating a portion of your bounty to a food pantry like Grace Center. They also ask that you respect the other gardens, and if you borrow tools or equipment donated for use by HUMC, that they be returned to their proper place after use. Enrollment forms are available at HUMC, Grace Center Food Pantry and Community Hardware, Inc.



FRUGAL LIVING

Spring is here! This gives us even more reasons to enjoy frugal living. Try these simple tips to save money and energy:

1. Opt for the cold-water wash cycle and save about \$60 a year.
2. Put up a clothesline and dry your clothes, sheets, and towels the old-fashioned way. (Sunlight is free and makes whites whiter naturally!)
3. Try switching to baking soda, white vinegar, and hot water for surface cleaning in your home, no more toxic and expensive chemicals.
4. Store food in reusable containers instead of single-use throw away containers. It's cheaper in the long run and saves resources.

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Community Center Activity Calendar

www.gracecenterindiana.org

APRIL

email: gracecenterinc@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Remember, all events are held at the Community Center unless otherwise noted.			1	2
3		5 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Grace Center Board Meeting at Community Hardware 6:00pm	6	7 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm Harrodsburg Lions Club 6:30pm	8	9
10	11	12 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm Euchre 12:30-2:30	13	14 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm	15	16
17	18 Ladies Craft Night Smithville Com. Center, 6:30 Contact Patty, 824-2611	19 Food Pantry 10:00am-12:00pm	20	21 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm	22	23
24	25	26 Food Pantry 10am-12noon Euchre 12:30-2:30pm Community Dinner 5:30-7:00pm	27 Indian Creek Lions Club 7pm Contact Lloyd at 824-9771 for location	28 Food Pantry 5:00pm-7:00pm Valley Mission Church of the Nazarene Free Lunch Noon-1pm	29	30

April is National Volunteer Month
consider volunteering at Grace Center Food Pantry or your local food pantry



.....Frugal Living Continued

5. Shop vintage and thrift stores to give needed items a second chance.
6. Plug home electronics into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use (TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power).
7. Heating and cooling accounts for 50% of the typical household's energy costs, changing your thermostat's temperature even 1 or 2 degrees can make a big difference in your monthly bill.
8. If your house is going to be empty for an extended length of time, turn your water heater off. After all, why should you spend money heating water that no one will use?
9. Fix that leaky faucet. It's only a drip, right? Wrong. One drip per second can add up to 200 gallons per month. So fixing that leaky faucet is definitely worth it, especially if it's hot water.
10. In the summer, don't add to the heat in your home by using your oven. Cook outdoors on the grill or use smaller appliances like a toaster oven or microwave.

COMMUNITY COMPUTER

Harrodsburg United Methodist Church donated a computer to Grace Center, Inc for the public to use. The computer is set up in the back room of Community Hardware and is available for use during business hours. Community Hardware is open Monday-Friday 8am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 5pm. The computer has internet access and is hooked up to a printer. If you have any questions please call Grace Center, Inc. at 824-5595. Anyone under the age of 18 will be required to have a parents signature on file.

GRACE CENTER SENDS SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- Yogi Bear Campground for donating pots and pans and for committing to have a food drive.
- Harrodsburg Assembly of God for a monthly monetary donation. Your gift goes a long way toward items we need to purchase every month for the food pantry.
- Riley Chaney for bringing bread and bakery items every week from Kroger. Thank you for your dedication, it is greatly appreciated.
- Harrodsburg United Methodist Church for donating 81.5 lbs. of food and for responding to the many needs of the food pantry.
- Southern Hills Church of Christ for donating 106 lbs. of food, way to 'come on board'!
- All of the anonymous donors for a total of 108 lbs. of food. You are invaluable.
- All of the anonymous monetary donors. At \$.14 a pound, food can be purchased at the Hoosier Hills food bank with these donations.
- Sherri Richardson for donating 89 lbs. of food.
- The Umphress family for donating 11 lbs. of food.
- The Daryl Anderson family for donating 56 lbs. of food.
- Jerry Baugh and Family for donating 20 lbs. of food.
- Kroger for donating 50 canvas bags to be used by patrons of Grace Center.
- Aldi Grocery Store for donating 147 lbs. of bread.

*If you have a full fridge, clothes on your back,
a roof over your head, and a place to sleep
you are wealthier than
75% of the world's population.*

ADDRESS LABEL

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Return Service Requested

STAMP