

# Manna Messenger

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## Introducing...

### New Executive Director, Rev. M. Christopher Boyer

I'm delighted to have joined Feed My People in mid-March as the new Executive Director of the organization. I've enjoyed a long career in non-profit management (primarily in the arts, but with some social service experience as well) and was pastor of Good Shepherd Baptist Church in the Seattle area for the past 17 years. My wife and I are St. Louis natives (Kirkwood, me; Notre Dame, her) and are loving being back home after wandering the country for 38 years!

Feed My People is doing a wonderful job showing God's love for God's people – especially God's people in need – with an outstanding, caring staff, board, and volunteers. Thank you for all the ways in which YOU support Feed My People and our mission.

Blessings,

Rev. M. Christopher Boyer, Executive Director



Rev. M. Christopher Boyer

*Your beginnings will seem humble, so  
prosperous will your future be.*

Job 8:7



## Because of You... The Beginning of a New Dawn

Feed My People is looking forward to the new dawn that is about to occur in our facility. After months of renovation, the anticipated completion of our new "Client-Choice" Food Pantry and Help Center will open to the public in mid-May. While we have been able to continue to serve our clients throughout the renovation, the completion of this capital campaign will begin a new era of "Client-Choice". Giving our clients access to the food they would like to choose, not only empowers them, but it gives them the platform to have better nutrition.

This renovation will allow our clients the opportunity to "shop" for food as if they were in a grocery store. This method alleviates some of the pressure and stigmas that may be associated with using a food pantry. This campaign, in coordination with our Transformation Program, will enable our clients to heal holistically. We cannot wait to usher in this new dawn of client choice and holistic care via our site programs. Make sure you stay on the lookout for our open houses!

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## Feed My People

A Christian Interdenominational Help Center showing God's love and compassion for His people in need.

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### Executive Director

Rev. M. Christopher Boyer

### Editor

James Beverly III

## Programs

### Transformation Program

Our Transformation Program is a holistic, new service to help clients identify needs beyond food. It's a comprehensive referral service that assists clients with:

- Utility Assistance
- Rental Assistance
- Health & Wellness Assistance
- Emotional Distress
- Spiritual Distress

### Client Choice Program

Emergency and Long Term Food Assistance

- **Job Counseling**
  - Computer Lab
- **Thrift Stores**
  - Open to the Public
- **Healthy Family Program**
  - Nurse Consultant, Personal Care Items, Clothing Assistance,
  - Eldercare Assistance
- **Healthy Kids Program**
  - School Supplies, New Shoes
  - Birthday Room
- **Healthy Homes Program**
  - Heater, Blankets, Fans
  - Utility Assistance
- **Christmas Programs**
  - Adopt-A-Family, Giving Tree

# What's Going On In The Community?

## CBC Volunteers with FMP

Feed My People has truly been blessed with the number of volunteers we have had recently. A huge shout-out goes to the CBC volunteers that helped out at both of our locations this past March.

If you have any interest in volunteering at either of our locations, please reach out to Stephanie at [StephanieB@fmpstl.org](mailto:StephanieB@fmpstl.org). We cannot wait to serve alongside you!



CBC volunteers in High Ridge.

## Transforming Lives

Dealing with a life-threatening illness during a pandemic can be terrifying. A dear client is battling cancer and undergoing chemotherapy. She is afraid, exhausted, and left without the ability to work.

She was faced with the burden of choosing to pay for her medication or for her electricity bill. The Transformation Program was able to relieve that burden by preventing the disconnection of her electricity and connecting her with resources to lower the cost of her medications.

## Wohlwend Elementary

The Student Council at Wohlwend Elementary recently hosted a food & personal item drive. They dropped off the items at our South County location and we couldn't be anything but blessed to see the youth getting engaged in the community and helping our neighbors in need.



Wohlwend Elementary's Student Council



South County Interns: Maria, Alexander & Viviane.

## Our Spectacular Interns

This Spring semester, we have been blessed to receive three interns from St. Louis Community College. Maria, Alexander, and Viviane are all currently studying Human Services. These three individuals have been a vital instrument in our Marketing & Development department.

# Upcoming Events



## Twilight Walk/Run

Our 40th Anniversary is turning out to be a big one! We are hosting a multitude of fundraising and friend-raising events to celebrate 40 years of compassion!

Feed My People's next event will be our Twilight Walk/Run! Come and join us at Tower Grove Park on July 9 from 5 pm to 8 pm! This is an event for everyone and we cannot wait to see all of your friendly faces! Tickets are on sale at [www.feed-my-people.org/events](http://www.feed-my-people.org/events).

We are beyond excited to spend some time this year with everyone while celebrating this milestone year. If you are interested in sponsoring this event, or if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to James at [JamesB@fmpstl.org](mailto:JamesB@fmpstl.org).

To learn more, or to make a gift, visit [www.feed-my-people.org/give](http://www.feed-my-people.org/give) or Scan this QR Code!



## The Need For Food

We are always looking for donations of the following items:



- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal
- Soup
- Powdered Milk
- Tuna
- Mac & Cheese



Please reach out to FMP at [info@fmpstl.org](mailto:info@fmpstl.org) to see how you can host a food drive on behalf of Feed My People.

**Do You Want To Get Your Manna Messenger By Email?**

Sign up on the Feed My People website:

[www.feed-my-people.org](http://www.feed-my-people.org) or  
Email Us: [info@fmpstl.org](mailto:info@fmpstl.org)

*We will never sell or share your information with outside parties or businesses*

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

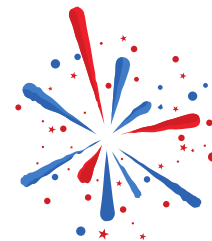
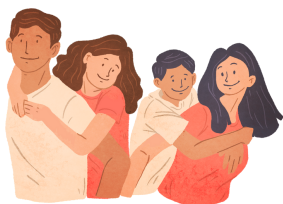
Matthew 5:16

# Thrifty Hanger Report

## Mothers' & Fathers' Day

Both Mothers' Day & Fathers' Day are quickly approaching! Make sure you stop by the Thrifty Hanger to pick up a gift for your loved one.

Make sure that you check out the rest of the amazing finds that you could find at the Thrifty Hanger. Our South County location has an abundance of retro & purple tag items that will surely be a thoughtful gift for a loved one.



## Blast Off Into Savings!

In celebration of the Fourth of July, we are hosting our annual "Blast Off Into Savings" drawing! When you shop in the Thrifty Hanger from June 18 to July 1, make sure you enter the drawing to win \$5 in savings at our Thrifty Hanger Store.

You never know what you may find at the Thrifty Hanger. Regardless of what you do find, enter the drawing to have a chance to "Blast Off Into Savings"!

## Memorials

### Brad Carson

Joan Carson

### Casper Miller

Fred & Mary Aufderheide

John & Faith Flynn

Melissa Khun

Vicki McKinney

DM Schaab

Mary Ann Shaw

The Blue Chip Consortium

### Clarence Beeson

Jim & Shirley Arbet

### Fred & Cecelia Lutton

Maurita Lutton

### Fred Elliott

Dave Brendel

### Gerald Ripplinger

Susan Shostrand

### Henry & Rose VonRohr

Joyce Gray

### Jane Horas

Robert Horas

### Janice Kroeger

Andreas & Deborah Aumer

### Katherine Maass

Ruth Lesser

### Ken & Keith Ellis

Marilyn Ellis

### Nancy Fuhro

Daniel & Peggy Buechler

### Norma, Leo & James Kessler

Joan Mensio

### Paul & Dorothy Welker

Cletus & Rebecca Schnurbusch

### Richard Schrama

Peggy Schrama

### Rich Miller

James Ward

### Sara Schnurbusch

Cletus & Rebecca Schnurbusch

### Shirley Berliner

Ruby Schweppe

### Shirley Rohde

Dolores Chiecsek

### Sue Kimmich

Daniel & Peggy Buechler

Ruth Kimmich

### Susan Berra

Don Berra

### Thomas Uhlmanslek

Robert Carr

### Wanda Ponzar

Dennis & Ruth Mall

### William Sartorius

Joseph & Bernice Lonigro

## Tributes

### Bill Hillerandt

H. M & Mary Lee Balota

### Carolyn Knopfe

Bruce Bange

### Lanette Madison

Denise Gibson

### Jan Orlando

Carol Lynn Wuerffel

Danny & Janice Pogue

### Joseph Schuster

Michael Schuster

### Larry Hood

Patrick Lind

### Linda Meyer

Dick & Leslie Renz

### Mary Miles

Shirley Wadleigh

### Peggy Krewson Hrnicek

Peggy Hrnicek

\*As of 03/31/22

## Memorial/Tribute Program

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