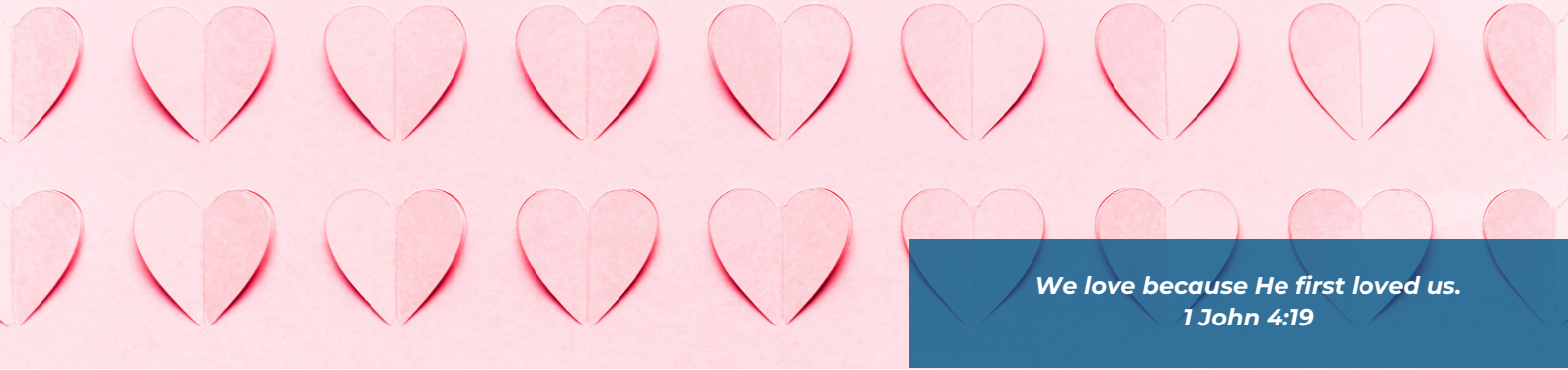




Greensburg Community  
Bread of Life  
Monthly Newsletter

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*We love because He first loved us.  
1 John 4:19*

## From the Executive Director

Hello Friends,

This is the love month. I hope you know how much you demonstrate love when you are involved with Greensburg Community Bread of Life. It is such encouragement to me when I see the generous giving of time and donations. It does my heart good.

In 2023, our 414 volunteers logged in 6,455 hours! Together, we served 28,972 hot meals and gave away 2,097 blessing boxes. Doesn't that make your heart happy?

A lot of times I reflect on the impact that a meal has on a person. I know our patrons are overwhelmed at times that someone cares for them. That someone is Jesus! His love for me and you is so deep and wide that I cannot even wrap my head around it. I know that you and I are forever grateful for that love and it motivates us to give from our hearts to others. Thank you. I know that together we can give someone a glimpse of the love that Jesus has for them through a free meal.

The heart of a donor and volunteer is a beautiful thing. I am truly honored to know you. If you don't know me please call and schedule a time to volunteer. Volunteering is good for your heart. It brings great pleasure to know you had such an important purpose for getting a meal into someone's hands that didn't know how they were going to eat that day.

***"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;  
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalms 9:1***

Blessings ahead,

*Melissa*

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# Helping Hands

## LOVE DOES.....

February is a time when LOVE fills the air, and that is especially the case when it comes to the Kitchen.

- Our volunteers share their love through their PASSION to serve our Greensburg community.
- Our volunteers share their love through their ongoing DEVOTION to help curb the battle of food insecurity each week as they devote countless hours to food rescue, meal preparation, dinner serving, and delivery!
- Our volunteers do all of this with an ongoing AFFECTION. They look outside themselves and see the needs of others and respond each week, each month, and each year.
- Our volunteers share their PASSION, DEVOTION, and AFFECTION in a potpourri of ways!



His Blessings,  
*Tina Sweeney*



Sister Servers  
Barb O'Dell, Cindy Geis, and Jeanne Loechle



The growing McCarthy Family David, Michael, Tori, and baby soon-to-be. Both have volunteered in food prep and food rescue.



Our noodle-making season started in August 2023 and January 31, 2024 marked the end! Thanks to this noodle team of Susan Reibsomer and her team from First Baptist Church and the other noodle teams we are grateful to you.



## On February 12, we at Greensburg Bread of Life celebrated our 22nd Anniversary!

During a recent board meeting, the Directors listed several of the organization's accomplishments within the last few years. And since it's a celebration, we wanted to share with you!

- Developed a strong partnership with Gleaners to support our mission.
- Purchased a utility van for food rescue.
- We were trained on SNAP and became a registration center.
- Partnered with Washington Township Trustee and DCCF to start and become the Host site for Grounds for Change for all local non-profits.
- Created a Spanish version of our volunteer application as well as our information card to serve our Hispanic neighbors.
- Hosted Lunch and Learns with various mentors in our community - educators, first responders, coaches, and pastors.
- Offered free haircuts with Tenille Sweet.
- Updated our security plans to include Tornado and Fire plans.



- All staff were trained in CPR and First Aid
- Launched the new and improved Greensburg Bread Of Life website.
- Started hosting and providing breakfast for Greensburg Optimist Club weekly meeting.
- Opened Garments of Grace in October of 2022 and have since received 10,389 pounds of donated clothes and have served 333 clients.
- We were a site for free flu shots.
- Hundreds have attended RISE classes and Bible Studies.
- Decatur County United Fund utilized BOL for the Strawberry Festival and LOVED it!



## Welcome, Michele Frost!

Greensburg Bread of Life welcomes Michele Frost to the team! Michele recently joined BOL as an Administrative Assistant. We asked Michele to tell us a bit about herself.

**What motivated you to join our team?** I had not worked in 5 years due to an accident. Finally, I was healed up and decided to get back into the workforce. The Bread of Life Administrative Assistant was the first job I applied for on Indeed. I waited a week and decided to reach out again and check on the job. I'm very happy that I did because Melissa reached out to me immediately.

**What unique skills or experiences do you bring to your new role?** I've worked closely with the public in all my jobs. I enjoy the interaction with people. Office work has been a part of my life since I entered the workforce at age 18 working for our Military Health Insurance Company.

**Share a bit about your background and how it led you to this position.** In 2017, I graduated from IVY Tech as a Human Resource Manager but due to my accident, I could not fulfill my dream in that line of work. Luckily, I retained my knowledge of office duties, so I decided to explore my options as an Administrative Assistant. God gave me a very creative mind which has allowed me to have a small home-based cake business for the last 12 years and with this job, I can still use my creative skills.

**What excites you most about being a part of the BOL team?** The fellowship with not only the employees but also the volunteers and patrons. Each day I look forward to coming to work and being with a loving supportive caring staff. I'm amazed every day at the outreach that The Bread of Life offers to those in need.

# 17TH ANNUAL TURKEY NOODLE DRIVE-THRU DINNER



## Thursday, March 7, 2024

Mark your calendars for our 17th Annual Turkey Noodle Drive-Thru Dinner set for Thursday, March 7th from 4pm - 7pm. Meal includes turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, yeast roll, and a slice of homemade apple pie.

This is our second-largest fundraiser for the kitchen. Last year we served a total of 2297 meals. This year our goal is to serve 2500 meals with lunch and dinner combined. The drive-thru dinner is from 4pm-7pm at our location, 720 Randall Street.

Delivery Options:

**Lunch 11:30 AM – 1 PM DELIVERY ONLY!** Business lunch delivery for orders of 12 or more. Meals are delivered to the same address. Call Tina at 812-662-4887 to schedule.

**Dinner Delivery from 6pm - 7pm** Available for orders of 20 or more. Delivered to the same address. Call Tina at 812-662-4887 to schedule.

Want to buy tickets or learn how to become a sponsor?  
Visit [GreensburgBreadofLife.com](https://GreensburgBreadofLife.com).



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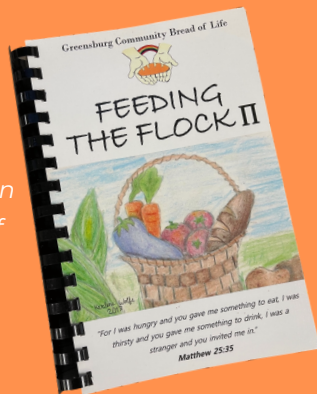
## Recipe of the Month

### Frito-Taco Bowls

from Betty Lemmons

- 1 lb ground beef
  - 1/2 cup chopped onion or 1 Tablespoon minced onion
  - 1 8oz can tomato sauce
  - 1 tsp chili powder
  - 3/4 tsp salt
  - 1/2 tsp garlic powder
  - Frito corn chips
- Optional Toppings:
- Shredded Cheese
  - Diced Tomatoes
  - Diced Onions
  - Shredded Lettuce
  - Sour Cream
  - Taco Sauce

Brown ground beef in a skillet; stirring until crumbly. Drain fat. Stir in tomato sauce, 1/2 can of water, onion, chili powder, salt, and garlic powder. Simmer covered for 10 minutes; stirring occasionally. Add more water or tomato sauce, if too dry. Put a layer of Fritos in individual bowls; cover with meat sauce and choice of toppings.



This recipe and others can be found in the Greensburg Community Bread of Life Feeding the Flock II Cookbook. Now on sale for only \$5. To purchase, contact Bread of Life at 812-663-1055.

## January Stats

-  25,462 pounds of food donated & rescued
-  2,375 meals served
-  174 households used BOL services
-  150 blessing boxes distributed
-  717.5 volunteer hours donated

## Kitchen Needs

From time to time, the kitchen is in need of specific items. Please see the list below. If you can help, we are accepting the following donations:

- Butter
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- White Vinegar
- Any size of green beans
- STAPLES gift cards

## Bible Study

Upcoming Bible Study Leaders:

February - Kym Bausback  
 March - Terry Bearden

Join us for a Bible Study on Thursday afternoons! We gather for faith-based topics on Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm - 4:15pm in our conference room. All are welcome.

