

**Stewpot Newsletter  
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## Merry Christmas from the Stewpot





**Thanks to the Church of Rock Creek for decorating the Stewpot for Christmas.**

## **First Thursday Stewpot Team**

The First Thursday of each month Team is from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in North Little Rock. The I.C. Team serves the food cooked by the Clinton Foundation. There are around 8-10 members of the I.C. Team assisted sometimes by the church office staff. In addition to serving the food cooked by the Clinton Foundation, I.C. brings and serves bananas and apples generously donated by Parishioner Steve Kordsmeier from Indian Hills Kroger Store. The diners really enjoy the fresh fruit. I.C. usually feeds the diners with Marcos Pizza twice a year. Below are some photos of the pizza and fresh fruit.





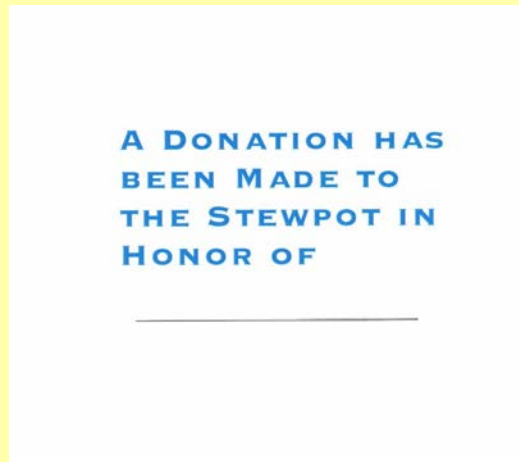


Pictured from left to right are: Abel Rodriguez, Bill Brown, Elaine Jones, Joe Molinaro, Ed Williams, Butch Hale, Chuck Jones, James Gann and Jenna Hale.

## **Westover Hills Presbyterian Church Hosts Alternative Christmas Market**



Westover Hills Presbyterian Church hosted an Alternative Christmas Market on Saturday and Sunday, November 14th and 15th. The Market, held every November, is focused on providing a place for non-profit organizations and mission groups a place to raise funds and awareness about their projects and to offer an alternative to traditional holiday gift buying. Charlie Frith, a member of Westover Hills and also a board member of the Stewpot represented two nonprofit organizations at the event - Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home and Family Services and Stewpot. Charlie asked for \$10.00 donations for the Stewpot Christmas Fund, which is used to buy gifts for the Stewpot Christmas bags. Cards and envelopes were provided to individuals making donations so the donation could be made in honor of an individual.



### **Students Donate Socks to Stewpot Diners**

On Monday, November 14th, a group of students from Central Arkansas Christian help serve food and also distributed socks (2 pair to each diner) Tamara Hodges, their 6th grade teacher had this to say. "They went back to school and told everybody what a great time they'd had and how good their lunch was!! The Sixth grade sponsored our schools Mustang Mission for the month of



October. We called it Socktober and challenged the 6-12th grades to donate socks. We collected just under 1300 pairs of socks and wanted to donate them to the people who needed them. So having the opportunity to visit the Stewpot to help serve lunch and hand out socks was like icing on the cake. They were thrilled to help with the sock drive, but especially to get to meet the people that could use the socks. Thank you for making that happen. I feel like our students will never forget it! You met 6 of our 54 sixth graders. Maybe next time we can bring a different six!!!"







## **Cookies and Socks for the Stewpot**

On Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, Nancy Passini, a member of Westover Hills Presbyterian Church, took her four granddaughters (Madison, Lauren, Isabella and Caylee) to Stewpot. Nancy and her four granddaughters had made over 200 cookies. They served the cookies to the Stewpot diners as they came through the line. They also brought some socks to distribute. They walked around the dining room giving each diner a pair of socks. The tables and dining room were decorated for Christmas!





## Stewpot Christmas Gift Bags

Kay Shurgar and her crew (Judy Barger, Mary Mulkey, Jerry Shurgar, Page Shurgar and son Gray Gibson and Rees Shell) got together at Stewpot on Saturday morning, December 12, to assemble the Christmas gift bags. Each bag contained the following: **blanket, poncho, hat, gloves, socks, hand warmer, large box of raisins, candy, crackers, and a water bottle.** Each bag cost slightly less than \$10.00.

**Thanks to Kay for all of her wise shopping!!!**











**All Finished - 150 Gift Bags**

**Stewpot Gift Bags**

The gift bags were presented to the diners on Monday, December 14. Ed gave out numbered tickets as the diners entered the dining room. Five diners at a time were allowed to go down the hallway, pick up a gift bag, a candy cane and a small cake baked by some nuns from a Catholic women's auxiliary. It was a happy time for all!







***Dear Friends of the Stewpot,***

*We thank you for your generous contribution to last year's Christmas Gift Program. We distributed over 200 gift packages containing blankets, knit caps, gloves, socks, rain ponchos, hand warmers and toiletries. In some cases this was the only Christmas gift they received. In every case it was both welcomed and needed.*

*We are continuing the tradition of the Stewpot gift program this year, and the cost will still be \$10.00 per gift package. The forecast is predicting a much wetter and colder than average winter this year. Staying dry and warm is difficult when you are without a home or stable living arrangement. Any additional monies will purchase emergency care items throughout the winter.*



*This year the number of diners, as well as our food costs, have increased. By year's end we will have served at least 42,000 meals at an average cost of \$2.00 per meal. If you would like to provide a lunch or two along with your Christmas gift, it will go a long way in helping the Stewpot manage the increase in food costs.*

*Please know how appreciative our diners are for your caring spirit. Their smiles and "God bless you" are heartfelt and sincere. We also, thank you for being a part of this ministry with us, and wish you a warm and happy holiday with the knowledge that you are making one possible for others as well.*

**Even though the gift bags have already been handed out, it is not too late to make a donation to help cover the costs.**

*Have a blessed holiday,*

*Sincerely,*

***Kay Shurgar***  
*Christmas Committee*

*Please send checks or money orders to:*  
*The Stewpot, First Presbyterian Church, 800 Scott Street,*  
*Little Rock, Ar 72201.*

*".....as you did it to the least of these, my brethren, you did it to me."*

*Matthew 25:40*

## **Does Your Team need Additional Workers**



If you are a Captain of a Stewpot Team and need additional workers for your team (either temporary or permanent), please contact Jan Van Ness (by telephone 680-3739 or email [jvanness8@gmail.com](mailto:jvanness8@gmail.com)).

## **Stewpot Video**

**To See a short video about the Stewpot,  
click on the photo below.**



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## Make a Donation to Stewpot



Your donations to The Stewpot have helped us feed the hungry for the past 40 years. Thanks to your support, we are able to supplement our allocations from Potluck, Rice Depot and other food banks with needed milk, canned and fresh food.

**Please send your donations to The Stewpot - Little Rock, 800 Scott Street, Little Rock, AR 72201.**

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