

OUR DAILY BREAD OF BRADENTON

Humble stewards of other people's generosity and grateful courier of a stranger's kindness

KITCHEN HOURS

6:30am - Noon

LOAVES & FISHES

Mon & Fri 9 - 11am

941-745-2992

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketsful of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matthew 14:18-21

What a fantastic partnership Our Daily Bread and Goodwill have formed. Since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, Goodwill has dropped off over 100,000 pounds of non-perishable food to our self-serve grocery store, Loaves and Fishes. This has made it possible to keep our shelves filled during the most difficult last year, enabling us to stay open, helping the most needy in our community. What an unbelievable miracle!

Feeding Tampa Bay (FTB) continues to make huge contributions to both our kitchen and store. They allow us to pick up from multiple grocery stores throughout the county which provides us with much of the meat, fruit and vegetables needed and used daily. I guess the best part about this

food is it allows us to produce meals that are extremely healthy. In addition, every Wednesday, FTB delivers pallets of foods both perishable and non-perishable. Yet another miracle!

Work is continuing on the property we purchased a year ago addressing our storage and parking issues. The work has included re-roofing the building, blacktopping the driveway, installing a set of double doors and so much more. Thanks to two very generous donations, the majority of the costs have been covered. Yet another miracle!

Our biggest dilemma at the moment is when to re-open our dining room for sit down service. Everything has been

"to-go" over the last year. The Board is shooting for a June 1st opening (or earlier) as long as it meets with the guidelines of Manatee County, Turning Points and of course the CDC.

We are hoping that our new air purification will make our volunteers feel more at ease. We sure have missed them all!!

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer.

God Bless,

MARK E. MCLAUGHLIN

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COACHES NOTES

Our new warehouses across the avenue is now in the final stages of completion. We are looking for a volunteer to manage this new space. Our plan is to have all bulk receipts of goods go into the warehouse and deliver them to the kitchen and pantry as needed. Currently our largest shipment comes in on Wednesday morning from Feeding Tampa Bay, all on pallets. Our team is looking for support in this area if you are interested in helping please call us at Our Daily Bread 941.745.2992 we look forward to hearing from you.

We are currently planning on going back to sit down service in our dining room on June 1st. The problem we are facing is with carry-out service we only needed 4 volunteers per day with sit down service we need 6-8 volunteers per day. We need HELP now. Please contact Penny at 941.745.2992 if interested she will put you on a schedule. We will still follow all guide-lines suggested by the CDC including masks and spaced seating. To put your mind at ease we have installed an air purification system for your safety and our clients. We need our volunteers! We have missed you all!

We recently had a long time volunteer who has retired, Bill Glim one of our last volunteer drivers. Bill has been coming in two days a week

LOAVES & FISHES NOTES

A year into this pandemic we are still open and serving the needy in our community with a powerful amazing team of volunteers. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our mission. Each of you are truly a blessing.

Just last month we received four car loads of donations from Spanish Main Yacht Club filled with assorted foods and hygiene products. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church had a food drive and delivered 500 pounds of canned goods. Redeemer Lutheran Church hosted a "Diaper Derby" and collected a pallet of diapers and two cases of baby wipes. We are feeling so blessed and appreciate all your continued support.

With summer quickly approaching and children completing the school year we are preparing for an increased demand in breakfast and lunch items such as peanut butter, jellies, cereals, canned soups, tuna fish, canned chicken, Mac and Cheese, Vienna sausages, ravioli and baby

supplying long before I became a volunteer. He was here at 7:00 am. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You may have missed him he was always on the road picking up our donations. Please join me in thanking Bill for his dedicated services, great wit and support. You are in our prayers enjoy retirement Bill.

At Loaves and Fishes the new flooring is in and it looks great we also replaced the old glass door refrigerator with a newer unit. Our shelves are full with a variety of food items so graciously donated from our partners at Goodwill. Britney and the volunteers are busy 6 days a week unloading the barrels. We are so grateful. The numbers of shoppers is down slightly but we are pleased that we are able to offer a nice variety to all our clients

Thank you for your Time and Talent
Thank you for your Financial Support
Thank you for your Prayers.

BOB EIKILL

supplies, all in high demand. All donations are so appreciated and our clients sincerely THANK YOU!

We are currently looking for a volunteer to do client check-outs on Mondays if you are interested or know of anyone please contact me for more information. Come join our Fun Loaves & Fishes team!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer but want to avoid the crowd we stock our shelves and sort donations Tuesday through Thursday. Please email me at britney@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org I look forward to hearing from you. I will be out of the office July 1st. - September 1st. 2021 but will be checking my email periodically. Happy Summer!

Stay healthy and blessed
BRITNEY

It is with heavy hearts we share the loss of a valuable team member Kirk Goethe. Kirk was loved by everyone and a very hard working wonderful caring man who was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was always happy and you felt his joy for life and others. He has been with Our Daily Bread of Bradenton for 14 years. Please join us in sending prayers to his family and loved ones. We love you Kirk ❤️

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that Our Daily Bread of Bradenton recently partnered with AmazonSmile charity? This platform makes it easier for donors to donate items to Our Daily Bread of Bradenton directly and or 5% back to the charity. Same Amazon you know, separate website. Same products, same price, same service - but to generate donations you must shop at... [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) instead.



Did you know that Our Daily Bread of Bradenton now has a presence on Facebook? Please help us build our social media presence by doing the following:

1. Visit us on [Facebook@ourdailybreadbradenton](https://www.facebook.com/ourdailybreadbradenton)
2. Like the page
3. Under "Following" tab, choose "See First" (instead of default)
4. Invite your family, friends and associates too...

TURNING POINTS NOTES



Our Turning Points staff recently completed an incredible training with Ryan Dowd at www.homelesstraining.com. Ryan runs a large homeless shelter outside of Chicago, Illinois and also travels the country training employees on how to work with homeless individuals. We found the training enlightening and I want to share a couple highlights with you.

- 1) **Trauma changes the brain.** Trauma changes the prefrontal cortex and causes the amygdala to become hyperactive. Most, if not all, of those experiencing homelessness have experienced trauma. This causes their threat stimuli to be heightened, their ability to self-regulating emotion is lessened and increases impulsivity.
- 2) **Time is different.** When you have to worry about where you will sleep or get a meal tonight, you don't worry about anything that happens more than 24 hours from now. The long term becomes irrelevant in the face of surviving today.
- 3) **The best thing you can do to help is be nice.** Homeless individuals are treated very poorly by most people. The most important thing you can do is treat them with kindness and respect. Don't forget to make eye contact and a smile! Eye contact, a smile and a handshake actually lower aggression, lower impulsivity and increase empathy.

When we can move beyond the caricature of homeless people and understand that they are unique and individual, we can begin to better empathize and understand their needs. We will keep you posted with new tips from our trainings and encourage you to check out the website yourself www.homelesstraining.com.

Thank you,
KATHLEEN CRAMER

FAITH AND VALUES NOTES

When we do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of us that wants to stand out for it. We think that's true for all of us. We've given ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too.

But, we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree...

A Beautiful thought... ❤️

VOLUNTEER NOTES

Thank you, thank you to ALL who contributed to our "Diaper Derby". We collected \$755.00 and delivered 23 large boxes of diapers and 2 boxes of wipes to some very happy and appreciative people at Our Daily Bread. My heart is so full because of the loving and generosity of our Redeemer Family. Our next project is to collect wash cloths, hand and bath towels. Please bring new or gently used items to the church and put on the shelves for Our Daily Bread or write a check to Redeemer with "towels" in the left lower corner or put your contribution money in an envelope marked for "towels" and put it in the collection plate. Thank you again for taking care of God's less fortunate.

ELSIE NOLAN

PENNY'S PANTRY

First, I would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers that have helped get us get through this challenging pandemic. As you know we never closed and continued our daily hot meal. We are pleased to report that we are looking at June, 1st as a possible date for returning to a full service dining room. That being said we are looking for volunteers to help serve on...

The 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday
The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday
The 1st Saturday
The 1st and 4th Sunday of each month from 9:30am – 11:30am.

If you can help or know of anyone that would like to volunteer please come join our team. Contact me at 941-745-2992 or email me at penny@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org

Thanking you in advance,
PENNY

THIS WEEK FOR LUNCH

MONDAY **Chicken and Noodles**, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry

TUESDAY **BBQ Sandwiches**, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry

WEDNESDAY **Rice Gumbo**, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry

THURSDAY **Chick-Patties**, mixed green salad, fruit salad juice and pastry

FRIDAY **Mac & Cheese**, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry

SATURDAY **Chef's Choice**, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice and pastry

SUNDAY **BBQ Chicken**, mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice and pastry

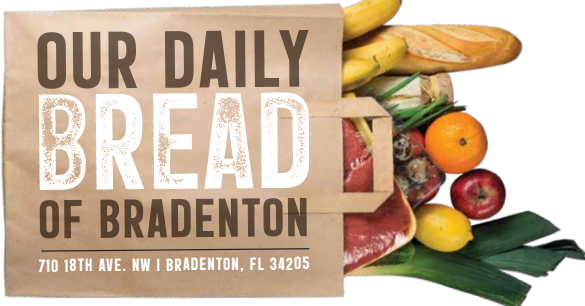
HOUSE NOTES

We never Call asking for Donations

We Do Not use Professional Fund Raisers

We only use your Address for mailing Thank You's and our Newsletter

We would like to establish an email data base for volunteer's information and setting up schedules. If you are interested in receiving our newsletter electronically (please be patient we are working on finalizing our list) and/or "what's happening" please email us at, [blessings@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org](mailto: blessings@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org)



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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We are grateful for each dollar of financial support we receive. We strive to be good stewards of your generosity. We have limited space in our newsletter to acknowledge the gifts we receive and so we do send thank you notes to each donor. Our base support is from churches, individuals, community groups, businesses, estates, trusts, schools, and county government

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