



TEFAP Program

Our TEFAP Program under the direction of Genevieve Hood continues to be a much needed resource for families in our community. A great way to nurture and minister to the needy.

This last weekend, they served 25 families.

To the end of July, we had served 147 families with 387 people with 12,700 lbs. of food. That's a lot of boxes!!

She has an amazing group that helps her continually with the program.

- Bill & Sheryl Brotton
- Larry & Tammy Darter
- Ron & Terie Shurst
- Mike Anderson
- Dee Moran
- And many others

Thanks to all who generously donate to the program. We currently have in our fund \$7,350 which helps greatly to buy commodity from the Food Bank.



Pastor Notes:

As I reflect over my summer what comes to my mind is what summer? There were many times I was reflecting on what I was missing out on and asking questions like really God this is your plan for me to go to school and say no to other events that bring me joy. Now I am not saying school and learning isn't joyful because it was but at the same time, I felt like I was missing out. There were many times I said no to my own family. There were events at the church I wanted to be part of or begin but my focus needed to be on school. Once again, I found myself asking is this really your plan for me God.

I enrolled in four courses at St Paul School of Theology in Leawood, Kansas a suburb of Kansas City and began writing papers in May and that was just the beginning. People and even professors were asking if I was insane. I would answer them back by saying I am thrilled to learn about God and whatever the class expected out of me. Then after writing my papers there were post to submit online with so many words for each post. The first week was easy because it was the beginning of the first class. Then watch out the second week you are invited to post for the second class and so on.



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Reflections
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Summer

Once I finished with posting it was time to zoom for four weeks straight but at the same time finishing the final papers for each class. If you can see a theme for my summer, you can narrow it down to zoom and papers. As I look back and received my grades it was all worth it. God had a plan and God got me through it. I guess you can say three A's and one B is not bad.

Then during school, I was called by our District Superintendent which calls clergy to either move us or appoint us to another church. He called me the middle of June and asked me to take another church. Once again, I asked a question to God like don't you think I have enough on my plate. I asked the District Superintendent if I needed to answer that question now or in a day or two. He said "Actually I need an answer now."



Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

Brook's Farewell

Thanks to all who joined us for Brook's Recognition Luncheon. Her musical talent has been God's gift to us for 40+ years. We had some superb food and fellowship time. The ladies in the kitchen did an amazing job of organizing all the pot-luck items. Thanks Dee for being our crew chief.



Her special cake for the occasion.



There was no time to sit with my family and talk about what this was going to mean for me and the family. I didn't even have time to pray about it. He wanted an answer as I was speaking with him over the phone. I have been told by other colleagues you get at least one or two days to say yes or no but this was not the case. You can say my head and heart was spinning in all kinds of directions. I replied to him and said, "Yes, I would be honored and blessed to serve another church."

So now I am blessed and honored to serve two churches, Douglass UMC, and Leon UMC. I couldn't ask for anymore love and support from both congregations. You can say this summer has been a whirlwind filled with learning and new opportunities but also realizing all along this was God's plan. I have realized when we tap into God's plan everything works out for the good. I encourage all of us to tap into God's plan because when we do God blesses us with so much more even though you might think you can not do it.

Upcoming Events:

Admin Council Meeting on Sept. 12th at 12:15 p.m.

Community Dinner on Sept. 15 at 5:30 p.m.

We all have a God which is so much bigger than what we can imagine and when we allow him to work nothing, but good things come out of it. So, Douglass UMC let's take this next year, really dive deep, and know God has a plan and he is calling each and everyone of us to dig deep. I never would have thought I would be serving two churches, but God has blessed me in so many ways.

Pastor Debbie

Our On-Line Ministry

Our numbers continue to increase. We average 32 viewers for our Worship Service and 38 viewers for the Weekly Bible Study Austin continues to work his magic to keep us on Facebook and the church website with the many programs.

Giving Ministry

For the month of August, your generous donations amount to \$4,094. It definitely helps to have 5 Sundays in a month! Thanks for sharing your monetary gifts.



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.