

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

NOVEMBER 2021

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

COMMIT TO THE LORD WHATEVER YOU DO AND HE WILL ESTABLISH YOUR PLANS. -PROVERBS 16:3

What a summer it has been at Our Daily Bread!

Our kitchen manager, Penny, retired and moved to Sebring to be near her parents, daughter and grandkids. Many thanks to Penny for her 14 years of dedicated service to Our Daily Bread. We wish her well in the next chapter of her life. With this sad news came a ray of sunshine when Angie Vela agreed to become our new kitchen manager. We are so fortunate that she has made the transition almost seamless.

After many years of volunteering, Jenn Cecere is moving to Texas. Jenn has been writing our thank-you notes and helping with all our administrative paperwork along with organizing our newsletter. She has been a wonderful blessing and will be missed, big time!

Our Partnership with Goodwill, Feeding Tampa Bay, FEMA, Meals On Wheels and many others has helped sustain us during these onerous times. Covid-19 slowed us down a little, but thankfully never brought us to our knees. We never missed a day of serving our daily meal. Loaves & Fishes (L&F), our self-serve food pantry continues to fulfill a tremendous need in our

community with more and more people seeking out services. By the way, we only missed one day of services during the pandemic in L&F!

I know it is a little early, but as a reminder, the Giving Challenge will be taking place again in the Spring, April 26th and 27th 2022. It was a huge success in 2020 and we are looking forward to the event. The Patterson Foundation through the Sarasota Community Foundation matches the donations up to \$100. We will have an update for you in our February newsletter.

Our hearts are full of gratitude to you for the blessings you bring to Our Daily Bread whether you donate time, talent or treasure. Through your acts of giving you have helped our mission to feed the hungry and needy in our community continue to be a reality. How can we properly thank you for your continued support of our mission?

Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!

God Bless,
Mark McLaughlin



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COACHES NOTES

"O" what a summer it was, while I was up north Mark had several turnovers with kitchen staffing and Penny's retirement to work through, he kept up with the daily meals being served and all the staffing issues. Thank you Mark and our steady volunteers for covering in my absences.

Now everything is back to normal. Angie, our new kitchen manager is working out great, the volunteers are slowly returning. We are having issues trying to work our groups back into the scheduled slots they once held before the pandemic. Angie is continuing to work with everyone. Thank you all for returning!

As you probably have noticed Penny has retired. Kirk and Penny were a great team for over 14 years here at Our Daily Bread. With Kirk's untimely passing in April, it was very difficult on her. She has moved on to be with her family and grandchildren. We all think of her fondly and thank her for her years of faithful service.

Humble steward's of other people's generosity, we operate on an annual budget approved by the board in December of each year. The budget for next year includes our payroll cost, we have been increasing our minimum wage from less than \$9.00 per hour several years ago to over \$12.00 this year to meet the State minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour by 2025. Each dollar per hour adds \$15,000.00 dollars to our budget. During the pandemic our volunteer hours fell over 4,000 hours. A large part of that loss was covered by paid staff. Hopefully, we can bring our labor cost back to normal in 2022.

Another large item in our budget is constant repairs and maintenance of our aging kitchen equipment. All our major appliances are 15 plus years old and are in need of continuous repairs driving cost up nearly double this year.

Talk about blessings, we see them here all the time. The Bradenton Police Department gave each of our employees a \$25.00 dollar gift card for Publix's Super Markets. One of our loyal volunteers made a substantial donation for each of our employees in October. We also have a couple of donations, cash gifts, for the employees coming for their Christmas bonuses. We are so very thankful for all the gifts we receive and our employees. Thank You!

One of our board members, Bruce Behrens passed away last month, he has served on the board for several years and volunteered serving meals every Wednesday. Bruce's extensive knowledge and experience will be missed.

We are blessed in that Mona Hartman has agreed to become a director, if you remember Mona was at the Homeless Coalition for many years when we were on 14th Street before Turning Points. She will be a great addition to our board at Our Daily Bread.

Thank you for your Time and Talent
Thank you for your Financial Support
Thank you for your Prayers
Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas

BOB EIKILL



FAITH AND VALUES NOTES

We end up personally attacking people based on the fact that they share a different opinion than us. I don't think this is the way it's supposed to be. I don't think this is the way Jesus intended for us to act. Jesus said in Luke 6:27: 'I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you' a wise man once told me that if God hadn't intended to give me some enemies, He wouldn't have commanded me to love them. Loving people

who believe differently than us will never be easy. But at some point we have to come out from behind the anonymity social media offers and just be kind to people. We have to take the words of Jesus seriously and be gracious to people...

Some of the writings from Dr. J. Phillip Hamm for the Bradenton Herald

A Beautiful Thought...♥

VOLUNTEER NOTES

I'm blessed to live a long and healthy life. I cannot remember a time when I was truly hungry, without hope, without friends. I have seen people live and die but have never faced real tragedy. Not everyone is so lucky, so blessed. So, I give my time and my efforts to help those less fortunate, to give back. Does it make me feel good? Do I get self satisfaction? I don't know. Perhaps it's just what I'm supposed to do. Had I been born a day sooner or a day later perhaps the Fates would have dealt me different. I would be on the other side of the counter, expecting the help of strangers. So as people we give and do what we can, we never know what tomorrow will bring.

JACK JONES

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

TURNING POINTS NOTES



"Not on my watch!" A passionate young woman spoke this phrase recently when talking about her commitment to serve the needs of those experiencing homelessness. This simple powerful declaration struck me as the perfect way to describe 2021 at Turnings Points Campus.

- Stop feeding the hungry? Not on our watch!
- Stop providing hot showers, laundry and clothing? Not on our watch!
- Stop providing free dental and medical care? Not on our watch!
- Stop housing those in need? Not on our watch!

Despite all the chaos around us, our amazing staff and volunteers showed up, got creative and tackled the complicated needs of those experiencing homelessness and hunger in our community.

Turning Points and Our Daily Bread volunteers continue to amaze us with their selfless acts of support and compassion! We are indebted to them for displaying incredible heroism and strength while placing aside their Covid-19 fears to ensure our clients were served everyday.

Let this pandemic keep us from providing compassion, love ad care? **Not on our watch!**

I look forward to continuing to serve together in 2022! And I wish you all a holiday season filled with love, hope and blessings.

My very best,

KATHLEEN CRAMER
Executive Director, Turning Points

DID YOU KNOW...?

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**
2. Like the page
3. Under "Following" tab, choose "See First" (instead of default)
4. Invite your family, friends and associates too...

LOAVES & FISHES NOTES

Another year of success with the help of our amazing team of volunteers, thank you for everything you do and give of yourselves. You held down the fort while I was out of the office on maternity leave and I truly appreciate all of you!

Sadly, our partnership of a year and a half with Goodwill Industries has come to an end. I would like to thank Brian and Leo for the weekly deliveries of assorted foods and goods! We received over 200,000 pounds of food.

With the holidays quickly approaching, we are seeing a rise in the number of clients visiting Loaves

and Fishes Market. My mission is to make sure everyone has a nice Thanksgiving and Christmas meal. We are in need of cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, cream of mushroom soup, fried onions and brown sugar . All donations are so appreciated by our clients. Thank You!!!

We are running very low on baby supplies. We need diapers in sizes 3,4,5 always in high demand, baby formula and wipes.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please email me at **britney@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org** We have fun!

ANGIE'S PANTRY NOTES

First, I'd like to say thank you for helping me make the transition from weekend manager to full time kitchen manager so enjoyable. Your extra efforts in welcoming me truly warms my heart. With all our great volunteers who continue to serve our daily meal, our donors for always thinking of us at Our Daily Bread and our hard working team! I'm feeling very blessed. THANK YOU! I'm looking so forward to this new journey serving our community together with all of you!

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 **angie@ourdailybreadofbradenton.org**

Wishing you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and Joyous Holiday Season,

ANGIE



THIS WEEK FOR LUNCH

MONDAY	Chicken Patty Sandwich , mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
TUESDAY	Spaghetti , mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
WEDNESDAY	Beef and Noodles , mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
THURSDAY	Shepherd's Pie , mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
FRIDAY	Beef Chili , mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
SATURDAY	Chef's Choice , mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry
SUNDAY	Chicken and Potatoes , mixed green salad, fruit salad, juice, and pastry

I look forward to hearing from you.

Again, thank you everyone for the continuous Support for our community! You bring many needed Smiles and Joy!

Happy Holidays to you and your Family.

Stay healthy and blessed,

BRITNEY





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The purpose of this newsletter is to inform both volunteers and supporters of the activities and happenings at Our Daily Bread. Please address your comments and suggestions to Bob Eikill.

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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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