



Eliot Church Day Center

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Day Center News

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Now we have thawed. The first feel of HOT is arriving.

The Day Center is buzzing as never before.

A year ago we saw an average of 35 people visiting each day. This year we are seeing an average of 70-80 individuals each day – at least one day we topped over 90.

We continue to be blessed by many volunteers. This serves two particular purposes (among many others):

1. More hands makes accomplishing a lot more work possible – there is always more to do. (If you are so inclined, don't be shy.)
2. With many people, no one or two people have to carry a lot of stress; any stress is shared in a tolerable manner among the whole group. Many shoulders make the burden light.

With these talented individuals has come a variety of new offerings. We've had a Taco Tuesday, a Quesadilla Tuesday, and we always enjoy Laurae's Monday Pancakes. The idea of french toast is under consideration, too. These offerings come in the form of talent to make it happen and in most cases, donations of the ingredients too.

Thank you. You are an Amazing Crew of Great People!

Work on the facility is slow. We recently had two break-ins – broken windows each time. There are a total of five broken/missing windows. These will get attention now that the weather is better.

Graffiti is a growing issue, and new paint is planned for these areas. A couple of opportunities have come to light for help with these projects.

Two grant applications have been delivered to the city:

1. First, a new floor in Olney Hall -- to remove lumps and replace bad wood.
2. Second, install a concrete pad next to the building, on the Favor St. side toward the back. This will put our dumpsters on our property (not on the city's property). It will also allow room for a recycling dumpster.

Please pray for successful approval of these funding sources.

Thank God for our opportunity to be of service.

Charly Ott