

# Manna Messenger

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## Because of You...

### Client Choice is Here!



Reception Area.

Can you all believe it's been a year since we began our capital renovation campaign? Throughout this year, this project has encountered many obstacles, but nonetheless, we kept moving on. We want to thank all of our amazing volunteers and staff members who still decided to serve with us during construction. These individuals stayed flexible with us without ever complaining and we are forever grateful to all of you.

After this strenuous process, our client choice food pantry is here! We can now empower and inspire our clients by letting them choose the food they want. Having the opportunity to work personally with a coach, clients in South County will receive Client Choice while getting one-on-one help to overcome challenges. This way members can receive more holistic community services from Feed My People via our Transformation Program.

By giving people the freedom of client choice, they have access to better nutrition. Research shows that people who can choose their own food and meet with a coach at least once a month are more likely to succeed in whatever they pursue. It can also contribute to them becoming more independent and gaining a sense of self-worth.

We encourage you to donate to Feed My People or host a fundraiser on our behalf so we can better serve our community! Stay tuned to our website ([www.feed-my-people.org](http://www.feed-my-people.org)) and our social media to see what's next!

## 40th Anniversary Gala

Join us as we celebrate "40 Years of Compassion"!

Our 40th-anniversary gala celebration will be occurring on Sunday, November 6 at Orlando's. This is an event you surely don't want to miss. We will be showcasing the legacy of our founders John & Carol DeGuire and all that Feed My People has been able to do over the last 40 years! For the price of \$100, you get a three-course meal and an open bar!

Get your tickets now at

[www.feed-my-people.org/events](http://www.feed-my-people.org/events)

ANNIVERSARY GALA CELEBRATING  
**40 YEARS OF COMPASSION**  
HONORING THE LEGACY OF FOUNDERS,  
JOHN & CAROL DEGUIRE

SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 6, 2022

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

OPEN BAR & THREE-COURSE MEAL INCLUDED  
ORLANDO'S | 4300 HOFFMEISTER | 63125

LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

SINGLE ADMISSION: \$100 | TABLE: \$1000  
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## Feed My People

A Christian Interdenominational Help Center showing God's love and compassion for God's people in need.

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## Programs

### Transformation Program

Our Transformation Program is a holistic, new service to help clients identify needs beyond food. It's a comprehensive referral service that assists clients with:

- Utility Assistance
- Rental Assistance
- Health & Wellness Assistance
- Emotional Distress
- Spiritual Distress

### Client Choice Program

Emergency and Long Term Food Assistance

- **Job Counseling**
  - Computer Lab
- **Thrift Stores**
  - Open to the Public
- **Healthy Family Program**
  - Personal Care Items, Clothing Assistance, Eldercare Assistance
- **Healthy Kids Program**
  - School Supplies, New Shoes
  - Birthday Room
- **Healthy Homes Program**
  - Heater, Blankets, Fans
  - Utility Assistance
- **Christmas Programs**
  - Adopt-A-Family, Giving Tree

## Message from the Executive Director: "Always...Therefore..."

Since you all are still getting to know me (and vice versa), you may not be aware that I went to seminary a year after I finished my BA. In my professional life – in the theatre, in non-profit management, and, of course, in the pastorate – I have always made it a goal to bring the Beloved Community ethics that I learned in church and in seminary into whatever God calls me to do.



Christopher Boyer

This is a straightforward task at Feed My People. We were founded as a ministry and continue to pursue the mission of demonstrating God's love to God's people, particularly God's people in need. Because of this, I continue to look to the Bible and to the writing of the faithful people of God to guide me and us in our day-to-day tasks.

As I write, I am mindful of God's command to the Children of Israel found in Deuteronomy 15:11 (NIV): "There will *always* be poor people in the land. *Therefore* I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land." The Law given to Moses by God is full of instructions on how to care for the poor and needy. The writings of the Prophets in the Old Testament contain complaint after complaint by God against the rich and powerful in Judah and Israel that they are not caring for the poor but rather taking advantage of them.

Jesus, a poor and homeless teacher despite his royal heritage, continued his Father's theme: care for the poor. "Truly I tell you," he tells his disciples, "just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40, NRSV)

As I complete my first four months at Feed My People, I am so grateful for all of you who give so generously of your time, your funds, and your goods. May God continue to bless our work together.

Rev. M. Christopher Boyer  
Executive Director

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:16*

## Thrifty Hanger Report

### Fall Into Savings

Fall is here! Be sure to stop by the Thrifty Hanger to take advantage of these seasonal sales! Make sure to check our social media to see what color tags will be on sale each week during the Fall!



### Spooky Savings are Here

Shoppers! Don't forget that Halloween is right around the corner! Lucky for you, the Thrifty Hanger is ready to spook you into some amazing finds! Let the kids craft their own costumes using what they can "trick-or-treat" from the Thrifty Hanger. We also have an assortment of Spooktacular Halloween decor. Be sure to haunt our stores during this spooky season!



# Upcoming Events



**MANNA MARCH** Celebrating Our Community Partners  
**Walk Against Hunger** & **FALL FESTIVAL**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | NOON - 4 PM | ST. PAUL UCC 63129  
 \$30 PER WALKER ~ INCLUDES T-SHIRT  
 DON'T WANT TO WALK? BE A VIRTUAL WALKER \$10

Food Vendors, Games, Pumpkin Painting, Awards, 50/50 Raffle, Live Music, Face Painting

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
 SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT [WWW.FEED-MY-PEOPLE.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.FEED-MY-PEOPLE.ORG/EVENTS)  
 EMAIL [JAMESB@FMPSTL.ORG](mailto:JAMESB@FMPSTL.ORG) WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

RAIN OR SHINE! OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

## Manna March & Fall Festival

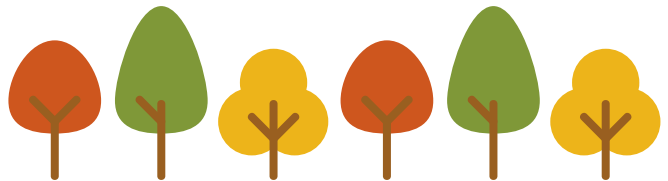
Our 40th Anniversary is turning out to be a big one! We are hosting a multitude of fundraising and friend-raising events to celebrate 40 years of compassion!

Feed My People's next event will be our Manna March & Fall Festival! Come and join us at St. Paul's UCC on September 18 from 12 pm to 4 pm! Before the event, catch Rev. Boyer and Pastor Roth giving a dialogue sermon at 9 am & 10:45 am. This is an event for everyone and we cannot wait to see all of your friendly faces! Tickets are on sale at [www.feed-my-people.org/events](http://www.feed-my-people.org/events).

We are beyond excited to spend some time this year with everyone while celebrating this milestone year. If you are interested in sponsoring this event, or if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to James at [JamesB@fmpstl.org](mailto:JamesB@fmpstl.org).

*I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.*

1 Corinthians 1:10



## Host a Food Drive!

The need for food and personal care items increases each and every day for our clients. Consider hosting a Food & Personal Care Drive on behalf of Feed My People!

We will provide you with signage as well as barrels to collect the donations in. Additionally, we will schedule a time for our organization to pick up all donations at the conclusion of your drive.

Times are becoming challenging for our clients, and we want to do everything we can to alleviate some of these burdens. Help us fill our shelves so we can feed our neighbors!

To host a food drive, please email us at [info@fmpstl.org](mailto:info@fmpstl.org).




**Fill Our Shelves, Feed Our Neighbors**  
**Food & Personal Care Drive**


Canned Meats	Toilet Paper
Soups	Toothpaste
Canned Stew	Toothbrushes
Canned Vegetables	Shampoo
Canned Fruit	Conditioner
Powdered Milk	Shaving Cream
Cereals (Hot & Cold)	Body Soap
Peanut Butter	Hand Soap
Jam & Jelly	Laundry Detergent
Pasta	Dish Soap
Rice & Beans	Hand Lotion
Baby Food	Adult Diapers
Baby Formula	Cleaning Supplies
Baby Lotion	School Supplies
Baby Diapers	Electric Fans
	Blankets



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## Memorials

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| <b>Bobbie Anderson</b><br>William & Kathy Franke                 | <b>Janice Kroeger</b><br>Andreas & Deborah Aumer   |
| <b>Brad Carson</b><br>Joan Carson                                | <b>Jim Kille</b><br>Bernice Bernthal   |
| <b>Carolyn Kralchely</b><br>Daniel & Peggy Buechler              | <b>Judy Theole</b><br>Brinker & Doyen, LLP<br>Clifford & Jeannine Goetz<br>Ilten International, LLC<br>Joseph Mahfood<br>Susan Zenthoefer<br>Rosemary Schweer<br>Mary Mahfood<br>Jane Francka-Hadfield |
| <b>Cathy Fitzgerald</b><br>Tony Fitzgerald                       | <b>June Stolenski</b><br>Barbara Casper<br>Gary & Catherine Palecek<br>Kathleen Donovan<br>Tom & Karen Jacobi<br>Dale & Mary Kulisek<br>Gary Minnick<br>Curt Mushlitz<br>Richard C. S.<br>Pat Schmitt  |
| <b>Donald Patt</b><br>Fred Wolff                                 | <b>Lisa Duffey</b><br>Mary Gibson  |
| <b>Faye Permenter</b><br>Sue Revelle                             |  |
| <b>Gail Ann Kester</b><br>Joyce Maas<br>Steve & Janet McAllister |  |
| <b>Henry &amp; Rose Von Rohr</b><br>Joyce Gray                   |  |
| <b>Herb &amp; Marge Laudel</b><br>Douglas & Cynthia Laudel       |  |
| <b>Jack Daniels</b><br>Carol Foote                               |  |
| <b>Jack Pelly</b><br>Shirley Pelly                               |  |
| <b>Jackie Martin</b><br>Sue Grommet                              |  |

## Tributes

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| <b>Louis Ferronato</b><br>BJC  | <b>Carmelo Calondro</b><br>Josephine Shields  |
| <b>Mike Rogers</b><br>Rita Mueller   | <b>Gail &amp; Roger Davis</b><br>Laurie Werner<br>George & Patricia Albart<br>John & Carol DeGuire<br>Duane & Joann Evans |
| <b>Patricia "Pat" Mazanec</b><br>James & Susan Boyle<br>M A Dryden<br>Denise Huber<br>Jayne Wright | <b>Joe Richardson</b><br>Mitzi Laws   |
| <b>Ricardo Manlo La'O</b><br>Daniel & Peggy Buechler   | <b>Patti &amp; Troy Ball</b><br>Claire Koch   |
| <b>Robin Ackerman</b><br>Sharon & Jay Craig  | <b>Patti Weiss</b><br>Alyson Lubker<br>Laura Schmidt<br>Emily Tillman<br>Mary Tillman<br>Thomas Tillman                   |
| <b>Shirley Beeson</b><br>Shirley Albert  | <b>Rex &amp; Kristy Reed</b><br>John Obermann   |
| <b>Shirley Rohde</b><br>Donna Linderer   |   |
| <b>Patti Weiss</b><br>R. David Hulsey  |   |



*'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.*  
Revelation 21:4

\*As of 08/01/22

### Memorial/Tribute Program

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