

CENTER CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

The center will be totally closed on Monday, May 25 for the Memorial Day holiday. This day is set aside as a holiday to remember loved ones who have gone before us and especially those who died serving our country in military service.

We will see you tomorrow with home delivery and drive-up, curbside serve as we return to "regular" business hours.

MEMORIAL DAY GIFTS CAN BE GIVEN TO OUR SENIOR CENTER

All month long, the center will be accepting your memorial gifts in memory of loved ones as a thoughtful and long lasting memorial to them. Gifts received will be recognized in the next edition of the senior center newsletter. Some may choose to donate a memorial gift instead of doing flowers at the cemetery for Memorial Day. We thank you in advance for your thoughtful and generous response to honor those you love on this Memorial Day.

For many years this Senior Center has relied heavily on monetary gifts given in memory of a friend, neighbor or loved one. The person does not have to have been a member of this Center for you to honor their memory.

Memorial gifts are a wonderful way to provide a lasting memory of someone.

WHO WOULD HAVE EVER THOUGHT A VIRUS WOULD CLOSE OUR COUNTRY DOWN?

As we start another month, we are uncertain as to when we can reopen our dining room to the public. We think the governor will implement a slow opening of businesses and will want to keep groups to less than 10 people at a time.... which will knock us out of opening. As long as the mandate is to keep groups small and under 10 people, that will prohibit us from opening.

With that said, we will continue our curbside pick-up, home deliveries and hang in there, as long as none of our employees get sick. Please pray that we can all stay healthy!

APRIL STARTED THE SPRING AND SUMMER MENU CYCLE

In April, our senior center started the spring and summer menu cycle. We receive our menu from Aging Matters and their registered dietician. This menu is for us to serve on a 5-week cycle for 6 months. The dietician's menu plan does not include any dessert other than fruit, so we add a dessert as an option for you.... we don't have to, but we do! That's how you get coconut cream pie, blackberry cobbler, cakes, cookies and pies! The same goes for the second entree' choice. The dietician's menu does not include a second entree' choice, we add that as a courtesy to give you a choice and an option. Again, we don't have to.... but we do!

So, if you have an entree' that you would like to see on the menu, drop us a line or tell us through the drive-thru and we can see about adding it to the menu. It can be tricky to add a main dish that needs to go with the sides that the dietician already has on the menu. Some entrees go better with some sides over others... so it can be a little tricky. We also have to look at how it will pack for the over 200 home deliveries we do each day.

This is why it is vital and so very important for you to contribute **at least** the suggested \$3.00 contribution rate. The actual cost of the meal is just over \$6.00, so your contributions of \$3.00 toward the cost of the meal or more are vital to our program. Thank you ALL for doing your part to help us keep our contribution rate so low and still offer a choice of entree' and dessert. When everyone does their part, great things happen!

OUR STAFF IS AMAZING!!!

During this very unsettled time our kitchen staff and Karen and Barb in the office have done an amazing job of rolling with the flow. We have new paperwork, reports, and new way of bookkeeping because of how we have to code and track these COVID19 meals served during the time the center is "closed". It has been a learning curve, but we're doing great!

The kitchen staff have reinvented the wheel with curbside pick-up of meals and are doing a great job. Everyone has pitched in and they are a team to get it all done. We are so very blessed to have an amazingly wonderful group of cooks and kitchen workers!

THREE CHEERS for the VOLUNTEERS! Many of the meal delivery volunteers have stayed with us as well as a few of the kitchen volunteers. Our hearts are full of THANKS and GRATITUDE for ALL you do!!!