

## THURSDAY HUNGER FEEDING PROGRAM



In late July, the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefit of \$600/wk. came to an end. With that loss, the number of people who came to St. Stephen's last month requesting an Emergency Food Bag increased. To meet that expanding demand we gave out two bags to each neighbor instead of the usual one bag per person. Those who came expressed enormous gratitude for the gifts of 5 meals per bag, provided to St. Stephen's as a component of our cooperative partnership with the Chesterfield Food Bank.

During August and September St. Stephen's distributed more than 925 meals to our neighbors. Numbers tell only a part of the story of struggle against hunger for Black, Hispanic, and White residents we've served during the continuing COVID-19 and Racial Injustice Pandemics. Each time our twice-monthly Hunger Feeding Program distributes food we are greeted with warm smiles and genuine expressions of gratitude. Our church is truly fortunate to be able to provide help in response to such tremendous need.

~submitted by Harriet Scruggs