

## **SAINTS' BREW**

### **Mona Warlick**

Saints' Brew will have served close to 20,000 meals to those in need during the 2016 calendar year. We will have served over 126,000 meals since 2010, when we started keeping track of the number of meals served. We served the homeless, the disabled, the retired and the unemployed citizens of Tupelo. Guests are of all ages, from infants to the elderly. A new and additional expense for Saints' Brew this year was the daily cleaning bill that is \$800 per month. This new expense is due to changing our cleaning firm for our church and the church not being able to cover the increased cost.

As in previous years, Saints' Brew did not receive any funds through the All Saints' budget, relying on donations from parishioners, other churches, community donors and memorials. We did receive funds from the United Way and the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. In November 2016, we were given a donation from the Create Foundation.

A new endeavor that works with our mission, that we started this year, was to become an entry point for the homeless to get assistance with housing. Working with MUTEH (Mississippi United to End Homelessness) we are able to enter into a database information about our homeless guests. This information will, hopefully, allow them to get housing through MUTEH or local agencies that provide housing. Several of our homeless guests have received assistance and been able to get into housing.

We continue to hold quarterly legal clinics to serve our guests. The dates and times we hold our clinics is provided to other agencies that serve the low income, homeless and those in need.

Again, our dedicated volunteers are a critical component of Saints' Brew. Without these volunteers who support the ministry by cooking, serving food, washing dishes, and grocery shopping this ministry would not be able to continue. Thank you for volunteering to support Saints' Brew.