## Chicken and Rice Casserole



## Ingredients:

- 8 tablespoons butter, divided
- 6 tablespoons flour
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 2 cups low-fat chicken broth
- 2 cups non-fat milk
- 4 cups diced chicken, skin removed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 4 cups rice, cooked
- 1 1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 2 tablespoons dry breadcrumbs
- 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated

## Instructions:

- 1. Pre-heat oven to 400 F.
- 2. Grease a 1 1/2 quart shallow baking dish.
- ${\it 3. \ \, Melt 5 table spoons of butter in a saucepan over medium \, heat.}$
- 4. Whisk in flour and thyme and cook for 1 minute.
- 5. Gradually stir in broth and milk until thick and smooth.
- 6. Stir in chicken. Add salt and pepper; set aside.
- 7. Spread rice in prepared baking dish, sprinkle with the peas and then pour creamed chicken mixture over.
- 8. Dot with remaining tablespoon of butter.
- 9. Mix cheese and bread crumbs and sprinkle
- 10. Bake until hot and bubbly, about 25 minutes.

Servings: 8

