Donald's scrumptious strata (egg less option)

1 lb. of each: prepared meat and vegetable (optional) OR 1 pound each of 2 prepared vegetables (optional)

1 quart

6 eggs (or 1 cup applesauce)

1 teaspoon salt and several grinds of pepper

12 slices bread, roughly cut

12 ounces extra-sharp cheddar cheese, grated

Directions

Sauté meat and veggies, or just veggies in 2 tablespoons of oil. Season with salt, and set aside.

Whisk half-and-half, eggs, salt and pepper until smooth. Oil baking dish with olive oil.

Line bottom with half of the bread. Scatter half of the meat and veggies over the bread, and then sprinkle with half of the cheese. Pour half of egg mixture over the top. Repeat layers with remaining bread, meat and veggies, and cheese. Slowly pour remaining egg mixture evenly over top. Cover with plastic wrap, and let soak in ingredients for 15-20 min. (Can be refrigerated overnight before baking). Cover baking dish with aluminum foil, bake in preheated 350°F oven until custard is just set, about 30 minutes. Un cover and bake for an additional 15 minutes or until top of strata has a light brown crust.