Chicken Potpie Chowder

1 - 2 Tbsp. Butter 1 cup chopped onions 1 cup diced celery 1 tsp. Minced garlic (2) 3 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth + depending could be more 2 cups peeled, cubed potatoes or sweet potatoes 1 tsp. Dried thyme 1/2 - 1 tsp. Poultry seasoning 1/2 tsp. Sea salt and black pepper 1 can (14 oz) cream style corn 2 cups of fresh sliced or chopped carrots 1 cup of green beans canned and drained 3 cups of chopped cooked chicken breasts (4-5) 1 1/2 cups of half and half (10%)** 2 tbsp. Cornstarch +

In a large soup pot, melt butter over medium heat. Add the onion, celery, carrots and garlic. Cook and stir until vegetables begin to soften, about 8 minutes.

Add broth, Potatoes, thyme, seasoning. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low and simmer, for 10 minutes. Add cream corn and green beans. Simmer for 5 minutes. Stir in chopped chicken and mix well.

In a measuring cup, whisk together cream and cornstarch until smooth with no lumps. Add to chicken mixture in pot.

Increase heat so the chowder comes to a gentle simmer and begins to thicken. Stir often. Add parsley and serve hot.

Makes about 12 cups.

2 tbsp. Minced fresh parsley

^{**} to lighten up the recipe use 2% evaporated milk instead of cream .