



COMMUNITY MEALS PROGRAM

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The Community Meals Program is an interfaith group of 9 churches and synagogues, partnering to serve nutritious meals to our neighbors in need, with dignity and respect, at four sites in and around Cleveland.

The Covid-19 pandemic severely affected the Meals Program in 2020. Three congregations temporarily suspended their meals; another occasionally needed to cancel their meal due to limited volunteers. All meals changed to take-away style in March. Overall, we served 2-5 meals per month, down from 5-8 before the virus. Meals were served at New Life at Calvary and University Circle United Methodist. The meals at Mt. Zion Congregational (UCC) and Abington Arms Apartments will resume at a safer time.

Guests

In 2020, we served between 4 and 75 guests at each meal. This varies widely because of weather extremes, the virus status and the day of the week.

Volunteers

Each congregation manages their meal and volunteers: they plan menus, purchase supplies, prepare meals, serve and clean up. Groups are serving with an average of 4 volunteers, to maintain physical distancing. Meals are pre-packaged either off-site or at the serving location. Guests are invited in a few at a time to receive their bag. Some groups have begun to include treats such as candy, socks and/or mittens in their meal bags.

Community Partnership

During the pandemic, non-profit agencies have suspended their visits to the community meals.

9 congregations **3,000 meals** for new and recurring guests
4-6 on-site volunteers per month; many more prepare meals

2020 Monthly Schedule - Served by 9 Congregations

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	St. Paul's 4th Mon		Abington Arms (private): Ch. Saviour - 4th Wed even numbered months (suspended)	Temple Emanu El 4th Thur even months (suspend as needed)	First Baptist 4th Fri	
University Circle UMC Last Sun		New Life At Calvary Last Tues	Suburban Temple Kol Ami 4th or 5th Wed odd numbered months (suspended)		Faith UCC 5th Fri	Mt. Zion Last Sat (suspended)

2020 MEMBER CONGREGATIONS

Church of the Saviour Faith UCC	St. Paul's Episcopal Suburban Temple - Kol Ami
First Baptist of Greater Cleveland	Temple Emanu El
Mt. Zion Congregational*	University Circle UMC*
New Life at Calvary*	

Congregations are listed even if they have temporarily suspended serving.

** These congregations also make an in-kind contribution by offering their building and kitchen as meal location sites.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Program relies on cash donations from member congregations to pay our coordinator, plus a small bookkeeping fee.

In 2020, the coordinator's stipend was changed from a recurring monthly fee to actual time spent. This better reflects the reduced hours due to the virus.

Income & Expenses

Twelve months ended December 31, 2020

INCOME	
2019 Balance Forwarded	\$3,210.00
2020 Congregation Donations	\$1,000.00
Total Income	\$4,210.00
EXPENSES	
Program Coordinator	\$785.00
Bookkeeping (8% of prior yr. donations)	\$ 124.00
Total Expenses	\$909.00
Balance	\$3,301.00



Community Meals Program

Providing meals to those in need.

Part of Covenant University and Community Ministries, a 501c3. Donations are tax deductible.

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