

THE FOUNDATION Dinners

Serving the needy of Fairfield County

Foundation Dinners

1. Serve the suffering according to the Gospel of Christ.
2. Provide opportunity for the community to serve the suffering.

Our Mission!

Partner Calendar

Volunteer Teams of 6-8 should arrive before 3:30 p.m.

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Donations

Tax-deductible donations can be made online or to the: **Foundation Dinners**
1000 W. Fifth Ave.
Lancaster, OH 43130

Thank You Volunteers



Foundation Needs

A list of our needs is on our website hungryhomeless.org
Food donations accepted 8:00 am to 5:30 pm every day.

Support Needed



Consider The Foundation Dinners for year-end donations.

freshly prepared

We now serve 3 meals a day, every day of the year. Breakfast at 8:00AM, lunch at 12:00PM and Dinner at 4:30PM.

We have also upgraded our dinner menu with freshly prepared food. What a blessing—our Kitchen Directors decided on their own to take the extra time and effort to prepare a *fresh* meal every day.

For years we served leftover food, primarily sourced from Fairfield Medical Center (FMC). The cost involved in the daily pick up at FMC—van driver, gasoline and van maintenance—has been put toward food cost. There has also been an increase in food donations as the community saw the need.

The food from FMC was always free and it was a great blessing for many years. We are so grateful for FMC's generosity to the Foundation Dinners and our community.

Thanks to the fresh meal initiative from our Kitchen Directors we now serve higher quality food. Our Kitchen Directors work directly with the volunteers and have a real heart for the people that come and dine with us. Our clients will gladly tell you our Kitchen Directors are also great cooks! Taking on this extra work is a wonderful expression of caring and a witness of love to our clients.

support needed!

Many charities are seeking your support—but please pray about what God would have you do to support our mission of reaching those in need in our *own* neighborhoods. I have heard for years that charity should begin at home. Remember we are doing a work that is demonstrating God's love here *at home* in Lancaster.

An agency from outside of our community has made it almost impossible to obtain most of the donated food from local grocery stores. This agency actually receives donated food from our local grocery stores and then *sells* it to soup kitchens, and food pantries all around Ohio and additionally charges a delivery fee. This agency is government supported and yet still sends out mailings to people in Lancaster and other communities, asking for monetary donations.

Of course the food is sold at a reduced price; produce and some pastry items are donated to soup kitchens and food pantries. But some of our most needed items: milk, meat, boxed and canned goods must now be purchased from this "charity"—goods they received free! So more than ever we need the financial support of our community. *You can help us help people in need at home in Lancaster!*

Volunteer Team Calendar

WINTER
SPRING 2018



Teams of 4-6 people should arrive 3:00-3:30pm.

feb

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
				1 St Joseph's	2 Steve Templin's Church & City of Life	3 Hutsler Family
4 Area Catholics	5 First Baptist	6 Pleasant Chapel	7 Faith Memorial Church	8 Bible Holiness Church	9 Shalom UMC Maple St UMC	10 Sugar Grove UMC
11 NewLife Christian Church	12 Emanuel Lutheran	13 Grace Church	14 The Grove	15 Lancaster First Presbyterian	16 Victory Hill Seniors	17 Thurston UMC
18 Life Church	19 Anchor Hocking	20 Mt Zion & Cedar Hill UMC	21 Fairfield Christian Youth	22 Redeemer Lutheran	23 Pine Grove UMC	24 Fairfield Community
25 Grace Small Group	26 Mill's Memorial UMC & One Write	27 Lancaster First UMC	28 The Well			

march

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
				1 Fifth Ave. CC	2 City of Life	3 Hutsler Family
4 Fairfield Christian Church	5 Lithopolis UMC	6 First Baptist	7 Faith Memorial Church	8 Kroger	9 Faith Lutheran Church	10 Area Catholics
11 Millersport UMC	12 Area Catholics	13 Home School Group	14 Hopewell UMC	15 Sixth Ave UMC	16 The Oakthorpe Youth Group	17 Peace Lutheran
18 Life Church	19 Fairfield National Bank	20 St. Michael's U. Church of Christ	21 Vineyard	22 St. Paul's Lutheran	23 Pine Grove UMC	24 Lancaster First Presbyterian
25 Zion UMC	26 Mill's Memorial UMC & One Write	27 Lancaster First UMC	28 Been There Done That	29 Lancaster 1st Presbyterian	30 Gloryland Nazarene	31 New Life Christian Center

april

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
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Thank You!

The Partner Calendar for upcoming months is available on our website www.hungryhomeless.org

more than a meal...

Suddenly unemployed, or evicted from your home—this can be devastating. Feeling overwhelmed, people come to Foundation Dinners needing a smile, a word of encouragement, a fresh start.

Providing food is a platform to present the Gospel and challenge people to change their circumstances.

We are requiring adults under the age of 63 and who are able, to be seeking employment—including those on limited Social Security disability. We require these adults go to Job & Family Services (JFS) twice a week. JFS assists people with opportunities in job placement, training, schooling and benefits.

We live in a wonderful country that provides many opportunities that some people either ignore or are unaware of. At Foundation Dinners we do not want to enable any of our clients to continue a lifestyle of laziness, drugs, alcohol and ingratitude.

With employment comes self-respect and a sense of contributing to society. At this time, we see job opportunities—*Help Wanted* signs in many businesses in Lancaster. We **MUST** be wise in our support of the people we serve. With this in mind we have implemented some new policies.

NEW POLICIES for whom we serve meals to:

1. Employed, low income adults—single or married
2. Fully disabled adults—mentally or physically
3. Adults willing to fill out an intake form and look for employment or training
4. Retirees—63 or older
5. Single parents with children
6. Children under 18 accompanied by an adult
7. All volunteers and employees

We will ***no longer*** serve meals to:

1. Able adults, unwilling to work—under the age of 63.
2. Adults refusing to verify their disability by a letter from Social Security or a physician. *Those who are obviously disabled will never be denied service.*
3. Those who have been banned because of behavior issues—unwilling to keep our rules with repeated warnings.
4. Those who refuse to fill out an intake form.
This reflects an unacceptable attitude in our efforts to help. We use this information to apply for grants. Government agencies and most food pantries ask for far more information than we do. We will not refuse service to anyone truly hungry. But continued service will be denied if the person continues to refuse to fill out an intake form.

a work in progress

At the Foundation Dinners we not only feed people—we give encouragement to those who have lost their way, shedding light in the darkness that has surrounded them. We not only preach and teach the Gospel—we do our best to show them the love of Christ.

Most of the people that come to Foundation Dinners appreciate what is being done for them and it is a great joy to help people that are in need. Unfortunately, a small percentage of our clients with unappreciative, bad attitudes can discourage our team of workers. At times the work to be done is overwhelming.

It is hard to love the unlovable, but that is what Christ has called us to do!

Jesus loved the unlovable and asked us to take up our cross and to follow Him. He sat and ate with people called sinners: the tax collectors, the prostitutes, the drunkards/drug addicts and people that did all kinds of evil. He knew they were spiritually sick and He had the cure. What an amazing thought that some one like Jesus, who was so pure and sinless would care for people that were so unholy and sin sick. Many who come to Foundation Dinners are also spiritually sick—we know Jesus has the cure.

We see the fruit of our labor in lives that are being changed by the demonstration of the *Gospel of Love*. People constantly tell us they are thinking of making major changes in their lives; and we see some who actually step into the light and make those changes.

What if Foundation Dinners were not here for them—what if our community failed in this support? I believe the crime rate in our community would rise and more people would be on the streets, homeless and hungry. Many have already hit rock bottom—desperate—sometimes turning to crime for survival. But we are here for them providing a basic need of nutritious meals 3 times a day, and providing spiritual guidance and encouragement when life has dealt them a very hard blow. We are here for them because this is a community that cares.

Thank you and God bless!
Gary Clum, Agency Director



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE FOUNDATION Dinners

is dedicated to responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He calls upon each follower to respond to the needs of the downcast with a merciful heart, supplying not only words, but also and most importantly, deeds. *Matthew 25:31-46*

Any church, individual, business, industry, school or court system that believes in expressing compassion to the victims of poverty and neglect, are invited to join in this effort to relieve human suffering.

The Foundation Dinners is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All gifts are tax deductible.



Young and old alike in vulnerable circumstances find help at The Foundation Dinners. Consider the humble circumstances to which Jesus came.

Thank YOU
for your continued support.