



Helping hands ministries of Harrisburg, Inc.

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Blessed are Those

What an **opportunity and a blessing** to be invited back into **Camp Hill Middle School** for their **Community Days**. Helping Hands Ministries took in the makings of a meal: tuna, mayo, celery, peanut butter, pudding, milk, pasta salad. The **students prepared** a major part of the meal that was served that day. **Thanks young people!**

Without **Broad Street Market** and the help of **Pam, Mark, Merissa, and Kyle**; without **Wegman's** and the help of **Patrick, Carl, Mark, and Jim, and Roman**; without **Karns** and the help of **Owen**, without **Specialty Cakes by Bob Miller**, and **Healthy Grocer**, meals would be without **fresh fruits and vegetables, breads, desserts and sandwiches**. Without “**helping hands**” there would be no Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg. **I personally am truly grateful** for all those that help.

These are **only some** of the behind the scenes people that help. Because of the recent surgeries I have had this year, **others have sacrificed** their time to prepare meals so those who are hungry can be fed. **Some** of the churches that have helped by preparing meals: **Camp Hill United Methodist, Greater Harrisburg Church of Christ in Camp Hill, Christ Evangelical Lutheran**. **Thanks to all** of you and **God bless you** and your families. You can see all those who are a part of Helping Hands by visiting our website.

Why Are We Here

They come out of prison, they come out of rehab and are **alone and hungry**. Where do they go? They come to Helping Hands Ministries for **food and a word of encouragement**.

I want to share with you about **two of my guys**. **Russ** was on the street, beat up and refused treatment for three days. I was told about it at our Wednesday meal. We **went to the homeless camp**, was able to take him to the hospital where he received **care for 5 weeks**. Then discharged—to the street where he wandered around until one of the guys took him back to the camp site. **Billy** was on the street was throwing up blood and admitted to the **hospital for three days** then released, again to the street. Both of these guys are **back doing the same thing** they had done before—drink alcohol.

Alcoholism is a **disease** just like cancer. Many of my guys have **cancer, AIDS, HIV, Hep. C**. We are here to **offer hope** that is in **Christ Jesus**.

Who else comes to eat? The people who are **working** and live in a room with **no cooking facilities**. They work and make enough to cover rent and maybe a few meals at a restaurant in town. They **want to be self sufficient**.

What else do we do? **Bibles, daily devotionals, prayers, hugs and visits to those in hospitals**. **What Would Jesus Do?** He would reach out to those in need. By your financial help and “helping hands”, we are able to be a part of **Jesus' out-stretched arm**.

Why are you here? “And we **earnestly beseech** you, brethren, **admonish** (warn and seriously advise) those who are out of line {the loafers, the disorderly, and the unruly}; **encourage** the timid and fainthearted, **help and give support** to the weak souls (and)**be very patient** with everybody. 1Thess. 5:14 Amplified Bible





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1077 Oyster Mill Road
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Needed: Servers on Tues., and Thurs. - Finances for day to day expenses

Finances are federally tax deductible as we are a 501c3 organization.

Our **meals are served** from **4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** at First Church of God, 15 N. 4th St., **Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.** **Wednesdays we serve outside** on Blackberry St. beside the courthouse, and **Sundays** at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 N. Front St.

What are Numbers

Numbers are the **count** of plates, cups , bowls that go out every meal. They are the **blankets and socks** we hand to **those in need.** Numbers are statistical info that are needed so you our patrons may see where your help goes. Numbers. We have **many** hungry and needy persons. Transportation costs are going up, food is going up, rent is going up. Our numbers are going up. We have been **servicing for over 14 years** and only **thanks to you.**

We **started outside** serving about **35 people** on a **Sunday afternoon.** Now we serve **5 evenings** a week with an average of **55 hungry people.** That is only 55 people but **not 55 servings.** When was the last time you had **only one bowl** of salad or **one plate** of spaghetti, or **one piece** of butter bread?

“My guys” may eat as much as they need or want. There are times where our numbers are **over 100.** The loaves and the fishes. Matt. 14: 19, 20 and Matt. 15:36.

A Small Helper

I do want to mention one little girl who come on Sunday with her mom to help at St. Stephen's, her name is **Madeline.** When she gets there I ask her to wrap some forks, spoons, and knives—if needed—in a napkin to hand out.

It's not a great job, but **it's important** and she does it **without complaining.** And the guys see her and her attitude as they see ours. We all need to be careful of our actions. Because actions do speak louder than words.

“Let everything you do be done in love (true love to God and mans as inspired by God's love for us).”
1 Cor. 16:14 Amplified Bible

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