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God Provides

It snowed and snowed and snowed some more. St. Michaels dug out a place for me to park, guys carried pans of food in, ate, and helped clean-up. It was a great night. Thanks John, Susan, and Mike from St. Michaels. And all the guys who helped.



Thanksgiving was amazing—thanks to be to God. Thank you Blue Moon Cruisers who donated turkeys and hams—turkeys for Thanksgiving and hams for Christmas.

Christmas was amazing! Good message, good singing, good food and of course good “family.”

New Hope Church 1st thru 5th graders made goodie gift bags for the guys.

Charleton UMC made goodie bags. Before Christmas the youth spent the night outside in cardboard boxes to raise awareness and coats and hats and scarves.

A nurses group headed by Julie, also donated goodie bags with many different items in.

Tree of Life donated hoodies and long johns.

We also had t-shirts long and short sleeves, underwear, blankets and coats, hats and gloves.

Easter was a blessing to all. Thank you Blue Moon Cruisers for the hams, and Karns for slicing them.

So blessed to have all these groups willing to give out of their love.

Bath-fitters had a clothing drive: t-shirts, under garments, socks, etc. thank you so much.

St John’s Lutheran make casseroles monthly for us—such a blessing.

Charlton UMC makes spaghetti and meatballs monthly—yum!

Highspire Fire Department has roast beef dinners for their fundraisers. When they have not sold out, they call us and we have a roast beef dinner. Thanks for the work you do and for your leftovers.

You Can Make a Difference

When you donate to Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, inc., you are helping a Vet. **Thank you veterans** for serving our country, It is a privilege and honor to serve you.

We are now in need of someone to help pick-up donations at the Karns in Lemoyne, and Bonefish Grill on Tuesday mornings. If interested in helping please call or text 7179194383 thank you.

Prayer works! Your prayers make a difference in all the people involved in HHM Everyone is struggling—with something. Finances, addictions, physical, or psychological issues or a mixture of these. Please Pray!

Needs

We need coffee, ice tea mix, sugar, creamer, forks, and napkins. WE have gone **GREEN** so we **do not need** Styrofoam plates, bowls or cups. BUT we do need to go **8oz. Paper cups**. Some of the guys like to take their drinks outside and we would like to give them ones to go rather than see our “real” cups go.

Also, white socks, soap and deodorant are always welcomed items.

Donations

Thank you to all who are financially donating to HHM. Please consider partnering with us on a monthly basis as we continue to do God's work in the Harrisburg area. Your donations are tax deductible.

We are a totally volunteer operated organization!

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Many Hands

How blessed we are to have many “helping hands.”

The faithful “helping hands” include: Bob , Sara, Mike, Rose, Barry, Patrick, Linda, Sandy, Pam and her family, and my husband Terry.

We have many faithful servants: St. Michael Lutheran Church opens their doors to us Sundays, Thursdays and Fridays; Charlton UMC prepares spaghetti and meatballs once a month; St. John's Lutheran provides casseroles monthly; and we receive left-overs from St. John's preschool, Middletown COG, and Highspire Fire Dept. And two high school young men Jimmy and Morgan come to help serve when they can.

It's always great to support the vendors that support Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg. They are kind enough to donate so to show our appreciation please tell them thank you by purchasing their product. You can always tell the manager too. Some of the vendors are The Healthy Grocer, Broad Street Market, Bonefish Grill, Bob Evans New Cumberland, and Red Lobster and KFC Lemoyne.



Verily I say unto you,
 Inasmuch as ye have done
 it unto one of the least of
 these my brethren, ye
 have done it unto me.

Matthew 25:40

In the sweat of thy
 face shalt thou eat
 bread, till thou return
 unto the ground; for
 out of it wast thou
 taken: for dust thou
 art, and unto dust
 shalt thou return.

Genesis 3:19

What Happens to Your Body

Easter Sunday one of “my guys” —George—past away. I got a call about a week earlier saying I needed to come to where he was—he was in a local nursing home—he put me down as next of kin; he had no family. When they asked him who should they call he said, “call Kathy”—only the guys are allowed to call me Kathy. What an honor to be designated as ones next of kin. I look at each of “my guys” as part of my extended family. I love them all. This brought tears to my eyes to know that he thought of me as his next of kin.

Just a day before he had gone into surgery and came back to the home not doing well—as in he wasn't going to last long. I spent the about a week ministering to him, praying over him and asking God to send His ministering angels to his spirit. His body just failed.

What happens to your body when you are homeless or one a small income, and on welfare, when you die? Welfare pays \$750 and someone else picks up the other \$750. If you don't have the other \$750 you are cremated and go to Potters Field. If you have family and they can't pay the full \$750 to match the state, there is a Caring program that helps families make closure by paying the rest. Again cremated and the family takes the remains. Well, George had no money and we didn't have the money—but the funeral home did cremate him and give me the remains. They were very understanding and compassionate. I had a mini graveside service—sadly none of the guys showed up. Although Sara Bupp who helps was there; and two people I had never met we sitting on the bench and the man shared his mother had died a few years ago and was cremated and he and his girl were there for the service. It's always good to hear the Word of God.

We will all turn to ashes one day—from the dust we were made and to dust we will return. But our soul will be in one of two places with a new body.