

Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg, Inc.

Serving the
homeless and needy

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Fall 2017

Blessings

We are **truly thankful** for St. Michael Lutheran Church for extending their hospitality to Helping Hands Ministries for over 5 years now. It is so nice to be cool in the summer, warm in the winter, to have a place for “the guys” to sit, eat, relax, and to have use of the bathrooms. Thank you for being a blessing to so many in the community. Thank you hosts from St. Mikes: Mike E., Anne., John, Susan., Hope, Barry; and Rod is there to open the door for us on Saturdays. Thank you Sandy Brandt from Tree of Life and Hope for also being hosts. also thank you Roman, Jim, Paul, Patrick and Terry for doing pickup at other vendors.

As always thankful for Charlton UMC and their “spaghetti Friday” meal. For ten years Ron Wolf had headed that program, and he is passing the torch to a new crew. Many thanks Ron and his wife Nancy for being sure we had spaghetti and meatballs every third Friday. Many blessings to you. And thank you for casseroles provide by St. Johns Lutheran in Shiremanstown, “leftover from St. Johns daycare and Gary who transports them to me. The Hilton in Harrisburg has been providing a meal as well for us. Truly a blessing to have many hands involved in Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg.

Want to serve? Want to be a blessing? Want to receive a blessing? If you can come just once a month—every hand is welcomed.

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

Always Opportunities

Fall is here and the holidays are right around the corner: Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are pleased to be serving these days—it’s like coming home.; we try to make every time we serve like coming home.

We have plenty of volunteers for Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are serving peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and pumpkin pies. Did you smile thinking I was making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches? I tell them that is what is on the menu and if that is what I would serve they tell me they would be thankful because they are thankful we are there. But seriously I will be making turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, the whole works for Thanksgiving. And for Christmas ham, sweet potatoes, turkey and the works.

Come be a blessing and receive a blessing. It is cold and we are in need of winter items: 4 XL coats, (not 4X just coats that are XL:) long johns, gloves. You can bring Thursday, Friday or Sunday. We are in need of server the 3rd Sunday. Please arrive about 4. Thanks.

You Can Make a Difference

We **need your helping hands serving** Fridays and third Sundays at St. Michael Lutheran Church. 118 State Street between Front and 2nd. Even if you come late—we will put you to work because dishes need to be dried, leftovers dealt with, (no they don’t get thrown out; they are used to bless other organizations like Daystar, YMCA.; floor needs swept. Oh and bathrooms cleaned. Don’t worry I generally clean the bathrooms. I also need help on Saturdays at Broad Street Market.

Truly a blessing to have your help and **your willing heart.**

Please pray! Prayer works!
Your prayers make a difference to 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, iced tea mix, creamer, forks, napkins and SUGAR. WE have gone **GREEN** so we **do NOT Need Styrofoam plates**, bowls or cups. **BUT we DO Need 8oz. PAPER cups, and 10inch PAPER plates and soup bowls.**

What are you doing **Fridays between 4 and 6pm?** Servers needed. Come be a blessing and receive a blessing.

HUNTERS: Please donate extra venison .

Contact Us

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 St. Michael Lutheran Church
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 Harrisburg, PA 17101
 Thursday, Friday and Sunday: 4:00pm—6:00 pm.

Thankful

Have I told you how much I appreciate ALL my volunteers? I appreciate all their hard work, dedication and willingness to come and serve. We laugh , we cry, we share, we have a special relationship. We love CHUM youth and Focus Group from Glenvale COG who come to help serve. And the Calvary Chapel of Harrisburg West Shore youth will be serving once a month as well. We love youth groups. These young people get to experience first hand meeting of the needs of others. This is not because of me but what the Lord has allowed me to do for the past 23+ years. By allowing young people to come to see the "other side" they in turn will grow into caring adults.

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, Red Lobster on Trindle Road and KFC Lemoyne.

Be ye therefore
 followers of God,
 as dear children;
 Ephesians 5:1



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!**

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.

Also please check with the company you work for and see if they do matching contributions. Every little bit helps.

When you purchase on Amazon use:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1777667>

Success Stories

I didn't want to misquote "Aa" and asked him to write in his words about what he shared with me. "I am so grateful for Ms. Kathy and her staff. Being a 45 year old man working a lot and paying child support. Her cooking very much reminds me of my family's home cooking in Maryland. Many of them have passed away now. So it is a great feeling and I deeply appreciate her kind heart and soul... God bless and love."

We have not seen "D" for over a year, June 2016. He came in last week for dinner. He looked so different the way he carried himself, his attitude. He tells me he is driving tractor trailers in Pittsburgh, to which I say "wow, that's cool.". He said "do you want to see my license?" all the while he is pulling it out of his wallet and showed me his CDL. This is his story. "D" left for Pittsburgh last June and "failed with five different bus companies before successful at Manack Student Transportation. Eventually became a tractor trailer driver all the while being homeless." "D" never did drugs or alcohol but he has mental health issues. He did not have support growing up or as an adult. He has a "strong belief in self". He wanted to share his story "to provide an example that IT CAN BE DONE. **You can succeed under duress.**