

Congregate Feed-What is it?

United Methodists have believed, from the church's beginning, that each of us is called to participate in the outreaching ministry of Jesus Christ. John Wesley described this work in simple, practical terms: "Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can." Putting our faith into action is at the very heart of our Christian calling. By volunteering to serve through various programs, every person in the church has the opportunity to serve and to live their calling more faithfully.

Windover Hills belongs to a group of churches that supports the feeding of the homeless at the New Hope Ministries on the North Side. Since we are a relatively small church within the organization, our congregation only participates four Sundays a year. We are responsible for feeding anywhere from 50-65 people; many of them enjoy second and third helpings. It is a heart-warming experience, which is enhanced when families volunteer to do it together. We suggest that children wait until they are at least in third grade before participating.

Volunteer sign up sheets are passed around during church services the two Sundays before the date of the Congregate Feed.

You can volunteer in several ways:

- **Supply food items that are needed to feed about 60 homeless:** There are usually two clipboards passed around the two Sundays before. If all the blanks are filled in, we will have enough to feed all the folks. You are welcome to sign your name for several items or on several blanks for the same item. Drop your donated items off in the Fellowship Hall kitchen the day of the feed or the Saturday before. Label them "Congregate Feed."
- **Volunteer your time to help prepare the supplies:** We meet in the Fellowship Hall kitchen, usually starting after the last church service and staying until the cars are packed at 2 pm. This may require running to the store to pick up needed items.
- **Volunteer your time to serve the homeless:** We meet in the Fellowship Hall kitchen at 1:45 pm, pack up the cars, travel to New Hope Ministries, and are usually back at the church no later than 5:15 pm.
- **Make a monetary donation:** Place it in one of the pew envelopes, mark it "Congregate Feed" and put it in the collection plate.

The next two Congregate Feed Sundays will be **October 4** and **December 13**. Karen Croft is the current organizer of the Congregate Feeds; Kathy Verno is the alternate. To contact Karen with any questions, please call 412-956-7918. We are looking forward to serving with you.

Congregate feed schedule:

2009 Dates:	2010 Dates:
	March 21, 2010
	June 6, 2010
October 4, 2009	September 19, 2010
December 13, 2009	December 5, 2010

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Kathy Verno will organize the October 4 feed. This is what we are planning:

HOT DOGS
hot dogs
buns
individual potato chip packs
baked beans
desserts
ketchup and mustard packets
milk
juice concentrate