



# 2018 Annual Report

The Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen

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## About Us

GCSK has been the cornerstone for those in need of good nutritious meals for over 25 Years. We continue to provide services daily regardless of weather or holiday. No intake questions are ever asked. Anyone who stops in only needs to find a seat. The soup kitchen continues to serve, on average, 45 guests a day. We appreciate all the individuals and groups who have been part of our success. Members of our community have served with pride at the GCSK. And for over 25 years, the Soup Kitchen has been fortunate to be the medium for their gifts.

## Mission Statement

To provide consistently nourishing meals, at no cost, to the hungry in our community.

## Vision Statement

To live out the words of Christ by collaborating with churches and community groups to feed the hungry.

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Sandra Lutz  
Soup Kitchen Supervisor

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Coordinator

## Board Chair's Report

The Soup Kitchen ended 2018 celebrating all the changes and new opportunities the year brought. Our new Supervisor Sandra Lutz has worked hard to improve the appearance and operation of the Soup Kitchen and the Board supports all the changes that have been made.

The Soup Kitchen has been blessed with a multitude of volunteers who provide the needed assistance, on a daily basis. Intersection Church arrived with a large group of volunteers to paint the dining area. The Soup Kitchen's bathrooms and hallway were painted as a result of Daniel Crouse's, Eagle Scout project. We couldn't provide the daily meal if it wasn't for the work and donations of individual churches who prepare and serve meals. Adam Cordle continues to support the Soup Kitchen through "...If Music be the Food..." concerts.

This year we welcomed several new employees to the Soup Kitchen staff. Sue Tichy and Otis Pierce were hired as Kitchen Mangers and Douglas Keckler was hired as our Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday janitor.

We thank everyone who supports the Soup Kitchen with their donations of financial assistance, food, and time; without your help the Soup Kitchen could not continue to provide a midday meal to the hungry that come through our doors.

Marie Chantelau

## Prince of Peace Report

It has been our great privilege and joy at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church to support the Soup Kitchen this past year. Since the founding of this fine community ministry we have provided, rent-free, the facilities used daily to cook and serve the meals that mean so much to our guests. This is important because it means that the donations raised by the Soup Kitchen are spent directly on the costs of operating our programs. Prince of Peace also provides monetary support, including proceeds from our annual Pancake Day event (join us at the Fire Hall this year on March 5<sup>th</sup>!) and many, many volunteer hours. So, we are deeply committed to this fine work and we congratulate all of our colleagues on a successful 27<sup>th</sup> year of service, as we look forward to many more years in faithful partnership.

With gratitude to all,  
Fr. Herb Sprouse

## Kitchen Supervisor's Report

It is hard to believe it's been a full year. This time last year, I was just getting my feet wet at the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen, as the new Kitchen Supervisor. Blessed with a strong foundation to build on, an experienced staff, a dedicated Board of Directors and a tireless army of volunteers; I was easily able to apply my training and experience in both Social Services and the food service industry; and focus on improved food safety practices, organization, cost effectiveness in the purchase and utilization of food and supplies, cleanliness and appearance of the facility, and educating volunteers and staff alike on how all of these things contribute to smooth operations and fulfillment of our mission.

I am in awe of the gracious support from individuals, churches, organizations, businesses, civic groups and educational institutions, not only in Adams County but often from neighboring counties and the state of Maryland. Steady blessings of prepared food, non-perishables, meats, fresh vegetables, financial contributions and grants, and individuals volunteering time and direct service, enable us to fulfill our mission to provide a nutritious lunch 365 days a year to adults and children in need. During the holiday season, we received an exceptional blessing of 100 pounds of ground beef from local farmer; David Salisbury, and multiple turkeys from Mr. Ed's. Donations such as these are stored in our freezers, enabling us to reduce the cost of meal preparation for daily food sponsors, by supplying meats and other ingredients to prepare their meals.

In 2018, the Soup Kitchen greeted and served lunch to an average of 45 persons daily, both adults and children. Each day our regular crowd shuffles in sharing their colorful personalities and there are always new folks who need help from volunteers and staff in navigating our process and learning about all the resources we offer. Guests are appreciative of our services, and volunteers and staff enjoy catching up on the news with regular guests and welcoming those who are new. In addition to meals, guests are able to select one or two non-perishable items daily from our giveaway basket, and take home items of baked goods, fresh vegetables and fruits, toiletries, and canned goods from the pantry shelves conveniently located in our dining area. The Soup Kitchen offers an air of comradery and fellowship where guests can receive a nutritious meal, as well as an opportunity for socialization with those who otherwise may have little contact with others.

It has been a pleasure getting to know this wonderful network of people; staff, volunteers and guests. Thank you to everyone for a successful and rewarding first year. I look forward to working with you in 2019.

Sandy Lutz

# Services

## Daily Meal Program

We open our doors at 11:30 for the meal at our Peace House Dining room. Meals are served for an hour and we serve an average of 50 to 70 people each day. This meal is very important for our guests. It is also a time when they can have social connections as well as something warm and nutritious to eat. Since 1991 we have served 288,898 meals and in 2018 a total of 14,680 dinners.

## Voucher Program

This program helps those who regularly join us for meals and who need additional help when their food is running low. Guests who dine with us 8 times a month or more receive a \$15.00 grocery store gift voucher once a month. The voucher entitles each guest a credit towards meat, fish and dairy products at Kennie's Food Market.

*This program is provided through grants from the Robert C. Hoffman Charitable Endowment Trust.*

## New House Groceries Program

This program is designed to benefit guests who have recently received new permanent housing. GCSK provides a kit with a basic set of items to welcome them to their new home. The kit includes essential food staples, basic cookware, and fundamental cleaning supplies. This program facilitates the recipient's independence in multiple ways.

*This program is provided through grants from the United Way of Adams County.*

## Finance Committee Report

During the past calendar year, the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen has benefited from donations and contributions from the local community, from businesses, from individuals, from regional churches, and from grants and memorials. In kind donations make it possible for the Soup Kitchen to provide nutritional meals for our guests. Cash contributions provide for our other major expenses, which include maintenance and improvements, some grocery purchases and our voucher program, payroll for our employees, and the costs of daily operations for the kitchen itself.

During 2018 our total income from all sources nearly matched that of previous years. Donations from local resources including grants and organizations, declined a bit, but income from foundations and individuals increased. Expenses increased last year, due mostly to increased wages. The Kitchen has added some additional part time staff, and is dedicated to increase base wages beyond the entry levels to something approaching a living wage.

We also wish to acknowledge the enormous contribution made by volunteers. Their faithful work makes the Soup Kitchen's presence in the Gettysburg area possible. The value of that work time equity is beyond measure in mere numbers.

During 2019 the Board anticipates that repairs, maintenance and the replacement of some furnishings will be part of our improvement goal. As noted above, the Board remains committed to improving wages as part of our obligation as a community nonprofit organization dedicated to the principles of social justice. Board members plan on continued efforts to raise and commit resources from all sources to the operation of the Soup Kitchen and to make the operation of this community service as efficient as possible.

## Supporting Churches

1st Baptist Church	7th Day Adventist
Christ Lutheran	Fairfield Mennonite Church
First Baptist Church	Gettysburg Brethren
Gettysburg Friends Meeting	Gettysburg Methodist Prayer Group
Gettysburg Presbyterian	Gettysburg Trinitarian
Gettysburg United Methodist	Great Conewago Presbyterian
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Intersection Church	LDS Church
Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian	Mt. Joy Church
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