

*A Celebration of  
25 Years*



Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen  
**2015 Annual Report**

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## About Us

The Soup Kitchen opened its doors on October 1, 1991 as an outreach project of the Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace. That year they served 300 meals. We were off to a great start! In 1994 it was incorporated as a separate nonprofit and became known as the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen. Jan 4 2012 it moved to its current location, The Peace House, a space designed specifically for our needs, and a welcoming space for our guests.

Since 1991 the Soup Kitchen has served over 239484 meals. The Soup Kitchen serves the elderly, disabled, foot travel from the highway, and young parents who may temporarily need a bit of assistance. We have people that are unemployed and those that are underemployed. A few people stop by when their supplies run low at home. To some guest we provide their only meal of the day. To some we provide their only companionship for the day.

We are unique in that everyone is welcome to eat at the Soup Kitchen with no questions asked. There is no limit to the number of times you can eat with us nor do you need to prove that you are in need. Everyone is served with kindness and respect to ensure that their dignity is upheld at all times.

Individuals, churches, businesses, and groups often hold food drives for the Soup Kitchen. These drives are a very important source of our food supplies but at times we receive gifts of food items that can't be used to prepare the mid-day meal. Items such as individual servings of snacks, soup, fruit, canned goods, and small gifts from local gardens. These items don't go to waste; they are put in what we call a "food basket" which is passed around so when guests are finished eating they can take one or two food items home with them. For some of our guests, these items are life savers.

In addition to emergency groceries the Soup Kitchen has a Food Voucher program. The guests can ask for a "dining card" and within the month they must get stamped 8 times to be eligible for the voucher. At the end of the month, when many people's food stamps have run out or their pantries are running low, our regular guests can get a \$15 voucher for meat and/or milk at Kennie's market. For each voucher redeemed, the Soup Kitchen reimburses Kennie's.

2 years ago we started another program called "New Home Groceries" When guests obtain housing, they usually have near to nothing to put into their pantries. The cost of stocking their kitchen can be daunting. The Soup Kitchen wants to give people a head start with the essential food staples to create a healthy pantry as well as the necessary cleaning and paper products need in a new home. We pack boxes with staples such as flour, spices, cooking oils, salt, pepper, bread, cereals and many canned goods. We also pack in basic cleaning supplies like detergent, dish soap, cleaners and paper products such as paper towels, tissues and toilet paper. Each New Home box saves our guest about \$100 they can use to for other necessities.

365 days a year lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., rain show or holidays, there is a group of individuals serving meals to our guests. Recipients are not required to complete paperwork, provide proof of income, or submit identification. Anyone who comes in asking for a meal is served nutritious food with kindness and respect.

Year by year we have progressed and made wonderful strides. We would not be able to provide our guests with these services without the community playing a crucial role. Many thanks to each person, church, group and business who have made these 25 years such an extraordinary success.

## Our Vision

“To live out the words of Christ, who called us to love those in need, by partnering with churches, community groups and individuals committed to serving the hungry in our community...”

## Our Mission

We seek to achieve our Vision by:

- Creating a welcoming, hospitable atmosphere for our guests that models Christ’s love
- Serving a nutritious meal
- Networking with our church and community partners to further the physical and spiritual wellbeing of our guests

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## A note from the Chair of the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen Board

One can do some, but when many join together the impact is tremendous. With the support of many individuals, churches, businesses and community organizations volunteering their time and resources the mission of the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen to feed those in need is accomplished.

Our energetic and faithful staff and volunteers make the preparation and serving of meals a daily successful event. The Board of Directors actively supports the work of the Soup Kitchen, ensuring that donated funds are used wisely, and that the community is informed and thanked for the support given.

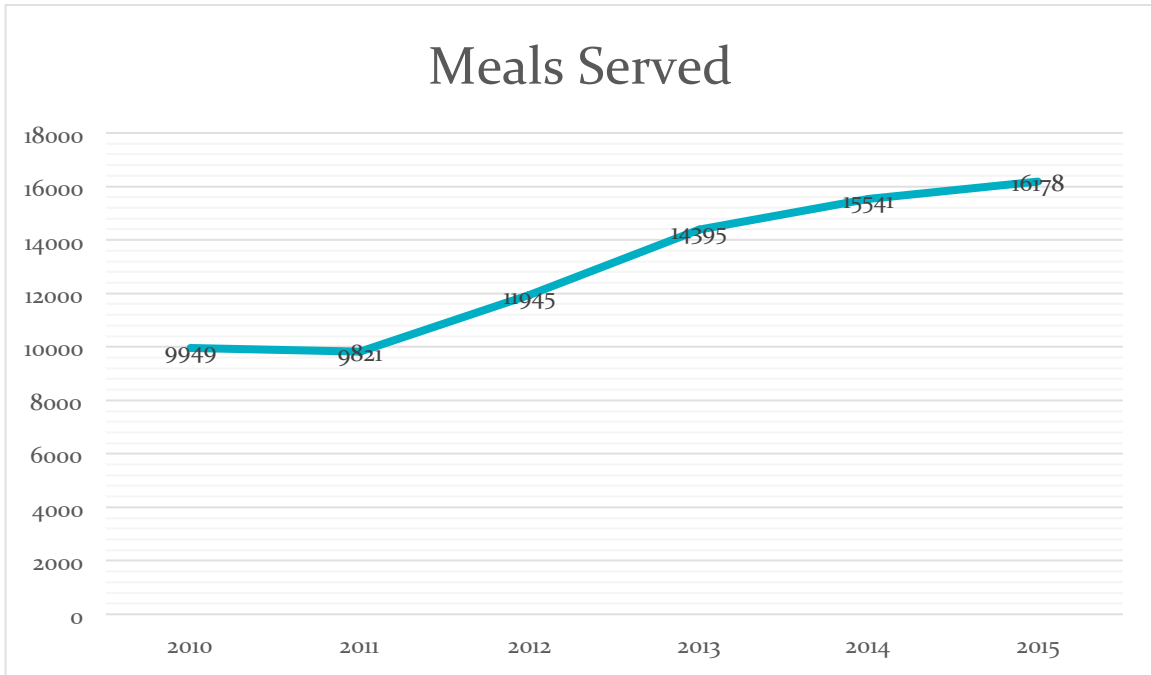
One can feed some, but together we feed all who come through the doors of the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen.

Marie Chantelau

## A note from the Director of the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen

This year is the Soup Kitchen's twenty-fifth! From a few sandwiches in 1991 to 16,178 meals served in 2015, the loaves and fishes have truly been multiplied. Our meals have supported many elderly, homeless, handicapped, and underemployed people. In addition to the meals our guests are able to take home bread, two grocery items from the giveaway basket, and—in summer—produce. People who newly find housing receive a set of pantry staples to offset their initial expenses. Happily, they are then able to cook and clean as true householders. Previously homeless guests are ecstatic! Our numbers of meals served have jumped by 1000 each year for three years. A few of the smaller churches have had to reduce their cook days, and we need a few more cooks. Most of the cooks who need it, though, have been able to get meat and staples here to fill out their menus, and guests are well fed and thankful. There has been no shortage of volunteers who find this work fulfilling and mostly fun, thank God.

Janice Guillory, Director



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### Finances

Regular Contributions, Gifts and Grants	\$88,152.
General Expenses, Supplies, Salaries, Insurance, etc.	\$83,395.
Net Operating Income	\$ 4,757.

### Supporting Churches who cook and donate food for the GCSK

Apple Valley Women's Club - Bethel Assembly of God - Catholic Campus Ministry - Christ Lutheran Church, Gettysburg - Fellowship Baptist - First Baptist Church, Gettysburg - Flohrs Lutheran Church - Gettysburg College Faculty - Gettysburg Presbyterian - Gettysburg United Brethren - Gettysburg United Methodist - Idaville United Brethren - Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian - Mt. Joy Lutheran Church - Orrtanna United Methodist - Prince of Peace -Seventh Day Adventists - St. Francis Xavier congregation - St. Francis Xavier Womens Council - St. Francis Xavier Youth - St. Francis Xavier, another group - St. Ignatius, Buchanan Valley - St. James Lutheran - St. James United Church of Christ - St. Joseph's, Emmitsburg - St. Mary's, Fairfield - St. Joseph's Bonneauville - Trinity Lutheran, Arendtsville -Trinity United Church of Christ - Unitarian Universalists - Wenksville United Methodist - Women of the Word prayer group - York Springs United Methodist

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Gettysburg Church of the Brethren	Gettysburg Friends Meeting
Gettysburg Memorial Baptist Church	Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Youth Club	Gettysburg United Methodist Church
Great Conewago Presbyterian Church	Harvest Chapel Food Truck
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- All the supermarkets, bakeries, produce suppliers and stores that provide fresh products, canned goods, and household items.
- To the farmers and gardeners who donate fresh vegetables and fruits from their crops or from their gleanings.
- To those individuals who bring stock from their larders or closets and to the church and civic groups that consistently prepare and supple daily meals.
- To those who work serving meals in the kitchen each day, and those who deliver food and supplies, stock the soup kitchen pantry and perform needed cleaning and repairs.
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