



Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen
2025 Annual Report

About Us

For over three decades, the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen has been a beacon of nourishment and hope for those navigating tough times. What began humbly at the Prince of Peace Church has flourished thanks to the unwavering support of donors, sponsors, volunteers, local businesses, civic groups, social clubs and our staff and board.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the community that continues to shape the Soup Kitchen into a vital lifeline. Your compassion and commitment are the foundation of our mission.

In this 2025 annual report, we reflect on the profound impact of our collective generosity. Together, we embody the spirit of our community and reaffirm our dedication to supporting those in need, both now and in the years to come.

Thank you for standing with us on this journey of kindness and service.

Our Daily Meal Program

Our daily meal distribution takes place from 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM, providing a meal to the hungry in our community. Monday through Saturday, we extend our warm hospitality to an average of 75 guests. On Saturdays, we offer a double meal, ensuring our full-time staff can take a well-deserved break on Sundays.

Since 1991, our total meals served exceeds 300,000 with 27,287 in 2025.

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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Note from our Board Chair

As Board Chair of the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen, I am deeply grateful for the compassion and commitment that sustain our mission. Over the past year, our community has continued to face economic uncertainty and food insecurity, yet the response from our volunteers, donors, partners, and staff has been nothing short of inspiring. Together, we have ensured that our neighbors are welcomed with dignity, a nourishing meal, and a sense of belonging.

This year reminded us that our work is about far more than food. It is about connection, respect, and hope. Each meal served represents a moment of care and an opportunity to listen, to encourage, and to remind someone that they are not alone. I am proud of how the Soup Kitchen continues to be a place of warmth and reliability for those who need it most, and of how responsibly we steward the resources entrusted to us.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for believing in our mission and helping it thrive. Your generosity of time, talent, and financial support makes a measurable difference every day. As we look ahead, we remain committed to meeting our community's needs with compassion and integrity, and we invite you to continue this important journey with us.

*With Gratitude,
Beth Bauer*

A note from the Director of Operations

Always true to our mission; **“To provide consistently nourishing meals, at no cost, to the hungry in our community”**, in 2025 the soup kitchen served a record number of meals to those in need. With an average of 75 guests daily, our total meals served for the year came in at 27,287. This number includes the meal of the day and our extra Saturday meal, as well as leftover meals that are offered throughout the week and can be heated to eat at another time. If I had to choose a word to sum up the feeling surrounding the Soup Kitchen this year it would be big-heartedness. Support from our community is essential to the success of our organization.

The generous spirit of our community, which includes meal sponsors, churches, businesses, and individuals that donate food and funds on a regular basis, played a large part in our ability to meet the challenge of increased food costs, supplies and utilities. We are happy to report that despite these challenges, and our growing number of guests, we were able to stay within our food and supply budget and continue to serve nutritionally balanced meals, quality foods, and generous portions.

As we close on another year, we are not only blessed with the faithful support and kindness of our donors, but also efficient and dedicated staff and volunteers, and an honorable and caring board of directors. The Soup Kitchen continues to thrive as we head into our 33rd year serving the public.

*Warmly,
Sandy Lutz*

The 2025 Treasurer's Report

2025 was a good year financially. We ended the year with a Net Income of nearly \$53,000.

Our staff does an incredible job of keeping costs down, while serving nutritious and enjoyable meals.

The incredible contributions we receive from the Adams County Giving Spree continue to be our single greatest source of yearly income. Our endowments, also through the Adams County Community Foundation, continue to generate funds in perpetuity. The generous grant we receive from the Robert C. Hoffman Charitable Endowment Trust allows us to use environmentally friendly biodegradable containers for our guests to use with their takeout meals.

However, our most impressive source of donations is from the very generous neighbors we have in Adams County and the surrounding areas. The value of work from our faithful staff and wonderful volunteers is beyond measurement. We could not do what we do if not for their dedication and love.

*Thank you,
William Bauer*

Year End Financial Statement
Profit and Loss
January – December 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
Contributions - Regular	
Business - Income	13,112.87
Churches - Income	20,406.23
Foundations - Income	21,225.00
Grant - Income	16,000.00
Individuals - Income	59,042.26
Organizations - Income	27,397.59
Special Events - Income	79,127.29
Total for Contributions - Regular	\$236,311.24
Total for Income	\$236,311.24
Gross Profit	\$236,311.24
Expenses	
Accounting Services	1,775.00
Computer Service / Supplies	2,242.88
Groceries	33,143.87
Insurance	\$2,216.00
Worker's Compensation	3,325.00
Total for Insurance	\$5,541.00
Maintenance and Repairs	6,490.93
Miscellaneous	32.97
Payroll Expenses	2,982.15
Printing and Reproduction	1,144.99
Reconciliation Discrepancies	4,250.00
Supplies and Services	27,126.16
Taxes	349.90
Telephone	845.13
Utilities	12,108.36
Wages	96,748.80
Total for Expenses	\$194,782.14
Net Operating Income	\$41,529.10
Other Income	
Interest Income	13,088.84
Total for Other Income	\$13,088.84
Other Expenses	
Investment	1,663.83
Total for Other Expenses	\$1,663.83
Net Other Income	\$11,425.01
Net Income	\$52,954.11

Supporting Churches

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Church Women United in
Gettysburg & Adams County

Fayetteville Otterbein Church

First Baptist Church of Gettysburg

Gettysburg Church of the Brethren

Gettysburg Friends Meeting

Gettysburg Friends Meeting

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

Gettysburg United Methodist Church

Gettysburg United Methodist Church

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United Bretheren in Christ

Intersection Church

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Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian

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Church

Memorial Church of the Prince of
Peace

Mt. Joy Lutheran Church

St Rita Catholic Church

St. Aloysius Church, Littlestown

St. Francis Xavier School

St. James Lutheran Church

Trinity Christian Fellowship

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Trinity United Church of Christ
Gettysburg

Unitarian Universalist of Gettysburg

Wenksville United Methodist Church

Groups, Businesses, and Organization

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Adams County National Bank	Amblebrook Gettysburg
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Lagging Stream Farm	Lake Heritage Womens Club
Mason-Dixon Endodontics	Modern Vintage Tattoo
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