

Ministries' Matter: A Client Newsletter

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💖 Food for Thought: Always be kind to yourself and others - in all ways 💖

Welcome! We hope our first newsletter provides you with an understanding of this ministry - from a client's perspective.

❤️ From my heart to yours ❤️

Hello! My name is Terry. I'm writing this to hopefully give people knowledge or the inside look in our shelter life. When people think of the homeless, they picture dirty people, addicts, a drain on society—we have heard it all. But people take for granted the most simple things in life—a bathroom, a kitchen and even food—until you don't have it any more. We had homes just like most people. We struggled like others but, at the end of the day, we became homeless. We would ask for help and got pushed away - that hurts.

Thank you to the people at the Jefferson County Community Ministries who know and understand what we're going through and accept us with grace and mercy. They got to know us and helped us with a place to go during the day to get out of the cold, a shelter to sleep at night. We can go to them for anything we need, and they do what they can to help us. Thank you, Ministries and the workers who gave us a chance to get help and make us feel like we belong. I'm a person - just like you...

**Thank
you**

With heartfelt thanks: We wish to thank Charles Town Presbyterian Church for their generosity in allowing us to use their facility for our overnight shelter. We also appreciate the blankets gifted to us. We feel covered in love! Mr. Ed - you rock! Thanks for cleaning our space in the evening!

We appreciate the tea kettle that Mary (St. James) bought for us to use in the shelter program.
Thank you!



Shout out to Mission Tabernacle who provided soup and sandwiches to us this month and Saturday breakfast on the 12th. BIG Thank you to the following churches / individuals who continue to provide dinners for the community. Also to Ms. Kaz for coordinating the dinners.

Asbury UMC
Asbury UMC -- Shepherdstown
Bakerton Bible Church
Bonnie, Claudia & Friends
Bridge Church
Camp Hill - Wesley UMC
Charles Town Baptist
Charles Town Presbyterian
Church of Jesus Christ of Ids
Fisherman's Hall
House of Prayer Church of God
Jen & Friends

Middleway UMC
Open Bible Tabernacle
Panhandle Board of Realtors
Serving Hands
Shepherdstown Presbyterian
St. Agnes Catholic Church
St. James Catholic Church
St. Thomas Lutheran
Wainwright Baptist
Willing Workers
Zion Episcopal

We love to play

If anyone has any board games you no longer play and are willing to donate, our shelter program would love to take them off your hands!!

Art of the week

Pumpkin decorating contest WINNER



Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin:



God picks you from the patch and
brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then He washes all the dirt off of you.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all
the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds
of doubt, fear, hate, and greed.
(Romans 6:6)

He carves you a new smiling face.
(Psalm 71:23)

And He puts his light inside of you to
shine for all the world to see.
(Matthew 5:16)

FOOD...GLORIOUS...FOOD

We will be creating a **recipe journal**. Our combined cooking talents will be shared with you and other clients when they are ready to take the next step in their journey.

Meatloaf from Troy

Ingredients: 1-½ pounds of ground beef
2 eggs
1 chopped onion
1 Pack of crackers
Ketchup (to your liking)
2 celery sticks (optional)

Set the oven on 400 degrees

Combine all ingredients into a mixing bowl, including some ketchup. Mix everything together with your hands. Pat the mixture into a deep baking dish then shape it into a loaf. Split the loaf in half and cover the top and inner sides with ketchup.

Bake in oven for 45 minutes.

Through My Eyes - From Seante Rustin

One day through my eyes,
Life exploded before my very eyes
Blue skies became the roof
And the stars illuminate with shine
I am homeless, not by my own design,
But I refuse to allow this to be my demise.
Day and night I wander as if I have no plight
Because the world doesn't see me as a person with goals in sight
I am homeless and I walk with my head held high
And I deserve for my voice to be heard because so many nights I have cried.
The world may ignore me as if I am a stigma, or a plague,
But I am the voice of needs, unread,
For where do we lay our heads is an epidemic felt worldwide

We walk in triumph in a victorious stride.

We are the brave - the strong - and to the beat of our drum - we march on.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Seante for getting a new job! Jeremy also starts a new job in November!

by JCCM clients



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