



FOOD FOR THOUGHT



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“All God’s Children” Provides Meals to Hungry Kids

“All God’s Children” is a new ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Manchester. It grew out of desire to keep the children in low-income neighborhoods from being hungry during the summer. Several months ago, two parishioners talked about the plight of these children to Michael McLaughlin, pastor of FPC Manchester. “These members came to hear God’s call to care for the most vulnerable members of our community during the summer break when school meals are not provided,” said Michael.

Working with Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee, the Manchester Housing Authority, Coffee County Children’s Advocacy, Food Lion, and the *Manchester Times*, the ministry plans to build a diverse group of participants. Currently, the Manchester Police Department, First United Methodist Church (Manchester), First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tullahoma, and First Presbyterian Church (Tullahoma) are partners with First Presbyterian Church, Manchester.

The pilot program is 11 weeks long and began May 25. Breakfast is provided Monday through Friday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and lunch on Monday and Wednesday. The goal is to feed 100 children a day in Manchester’s Westwood neighborhood. A special “Fun Friday” has been added with a variety of activities that include pizza parties, art projects using “found” objects, and Vacation Bible School programs.

Café 25/35



During the summer months, First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville also provides meals to hungry children in their community. The church purchases the food; then volunteers cook and serve hot lunches to children ranging in age from six to 16 in conjunction with the Enrichment Program of the Fayetteville Housing Authority. The program began in 2006 and served lunch one day a week. Today the program provides lunch two days a week and serves a total of 500 lunches over the summer.



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Grow A Garden for the Greater Good

Plant A Row for the Hungry (PAR) is a people-helping-people program to help feed the hungry in local neighborhoods and communities.

Launched in 1995 by the Garden Writers Association (GWA), *Plant A Row* encourages gardeners to grow a little extra and donate the produce to local soup kitchens and food pantries serving the homeless and hungry.

You Can Make a Difference Through PAR!

Most local food agencies depend on donations to help provide food and service to Americans who suffer from hunger or the daily threat of hunger. By donating produce directly to the food agencies, gardeners help organizations stretch their meager resources.

Your local Good Samaritan or Help Center would welcome fresh vegetables and fruits. In Nashville, the Emergency Food Bank at the Martha O'Bryan Center is one of the largest emergency food distribution points in the city and collaborates with Second Harvest and Nashville's Table.

For more information, visit:
www.gardenwrites.org



CROP WALK

"We walk because they walk."

The Nashville Walk

Nashville CROP Walk was held in Centennial Park on Sunday, April 5. Of the 20 plus participating groups, eleven were from the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee. About \$14,000 was raised to help fight hunger locally, nationally, and globally. The event drew over 300 walkers. Participating church from PMT were:

Church	Number of participants	Contribution
Bellevue	1	\$40.00
Donelson	7	556.00
Emmanuel	7	585.00
FPC, Clarksville	2	30.00
FPC, Nashville	25	1,304.00
FPC, Franklin	3	815.00
FPC, Springfield	12	560.00
Harpeth	14	423.00
St. Andrew's	7	?
Trinity	3	32.00
Westminster, N'ville	1	?

First Presbyterian Church, Springfield and the Presbytery Hunger Program were also \$300 sponsors of the walk.

The Tullahoma Walk

This year under the leadership of FPC Tullahoma, Church World Service held a very successful first ever CROP Walk in Tullahoma also on Sunday, April 5. The walk raised more than \$9,000, with First Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma contributing \$4,000. The 15 corporate sponsors included FPC Tullahoma and Normandy Presbyterian Church. The local Good Samaritan Ministry will receive approximate \$2,250.

Thank you to everyone who participated – both walkers and contributors!