

Meals for Flood Relief Mission Volunteers

All the Mt. Vernon churches have come together to coordinate meals for the mission teams staying at the Cornell dorms this summer. Kay Graber from United Methodist has been the main organizer and contact person for the out-of-state groups. The planning has been done for the first group in June. There will be several groups in July, and planning for those meals will be happening soon.

The first week our community will feed the volunteers will be:

June 20 – June 27

This is the “scoop”:

Meals that they need:

The mission group (approximately 60 people) is from Christ United Methodist Church in Illinois. They would like to fix their own breakfast and sack lunch each day. They are asking that we (all Mt. Vernon churches) provide a hot meal for them each evening. For this one week, the volunteers will come to St. John’s downstairs area to eat. 6 PM will be the serving time for supper, and I’m not sure of the exact time they will want in the building to start their breakfast.

Location where they will eat:

St. John’s has been asked to host this group as it is rather large, and the United Methodist Church in town is under construction now and not able to accommodate the group at this time. We are being asked to “open our kitchen” to them to prepare their own breakfast and lunch. They apparently have a “food coordinator” that travels with them and is solely responsible for their breakfast and sack lunches. We are NOT involved in those two meals at all for them, except to provide the kitchen for preparation and, of course, a place for the volunteers to sit down to eat their breakfast. They will have their sack lunch prepared by their food person, and they will take that with them to their worksite.

What St. John’s “responsibilities” are:

St. John’s is asked to provide ONLY ONE of the evening meals. The other evenings we are simply opening our facility to them, and another church from town will be responsible for preparing those evening meals.

When it’s any particular church’s turn to provide the meal, that entails: All food purchase and prep, set-up, serving and clean-up. They will use our dishes and utensils. Even though St. John’s will be doing only one evening meal, I think it would be appropriate and hospitable to have a representative from our parish present AT ALL TIMES when the group is there and meals are being prepared--this means each morning during their breakfast and each evening during their supper, regardless of who is preparing and serving the meal.

We are asking for volunteers from St. John’s to help with an evening meal on June 21 (Sunday). We also need “ministers of hospitality” to welcome whatever Mt. Vernon church will be preparing the meal for the evenings of June 22 – 25.

Thanks in advance for your outreach to help with this flood relief project. This is a special opportunity to show St. John’s Christian hospitality to our community and to out-of-state volunteers.

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June 21 (Sunday):

June 21 is our night for serving supper at 6 PM—

Main Course: We will serve pre-made Sloppy Joes. This has been donated already and just need to be warmed in a roaster.

Set up & prepare to serve:

Arrive at St. John's at 5 PM

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Bring salads/sides:

Have them here by 4 PM Sunday

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Clean-up:

Arrive at St. John's at 6:15 PM

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****June 22 (Monday Evening)**

Hospitality Minister –

Open the building and welcome guests and cooks:

****June 23 (Tuesday Evening)**

Hospitality Minister –

Open the building and welcome guests and cooks:

****June 24 (Wednesday Evening)**

Hospitality Minister –

Open the building and welcome guests and cooks:

****June 25 (Thursday Evening)**

Hospitality Minister –

Open the building and welcome guests and cooks:
