

Proposal

For a six-month trial period beginning no later than March 2012, All Saints' will host two Saturday dinners per month in our kitchen and activity room to serve Norristown residents who need a free meal. The All Saints' Saturday Dinners would utilize USDA provided food and will include assistance from outside volunteer organizations to prepare, serve and clean up.

Prerequisites to Starting

- Appointment of a volunteer coordinator for the program.
- Procurement of all permits and inspections required by city, county, state and/or federal agencies.
- Acquire and install needed refrigerator and freezer (either donated or paid for by CADCOM, Community Action Development Commission of Montgomery County PA).
- Completion of all necessary improvements to facilitate refrigeration, storage of food and supplies, and any other needed improvements. Any costs for these improvements will be performed by volunteer labor when possible, or reimbursed using funds from a checking account specifically designated for the dinners, separate from All Saints' operating accounts.
- Completion of applications to USDA for the necessary food; additional food supplies will come from donations to the program.
- Commitment and scheduling of sufficient outside volunteer organizations for preparation, serving and clean up.

Evaluation

After no more than six months, the vestry will evaluate the program and decide whether to continue the Saturday dinners program. Among other things to be considered, the program coordinator and All Saints' treasurer (or other volunteers) will:

- Identify the direct costs to the All Saints' budget. The goal will be to have a zero or near-zero net impact to the All Saints' budget. Contributions by All Saints' to the Saturday Dinner program will not be included in this evaluation because those contributions will be voluntary.
- Identify all impacts to the physical premises to determine if excessive wear-and-tear is occurring that is considered to be damaging to the building's sustainability and/or may result in an increase to capital projects that must be funded by All Saints.