

Spotlight on “Ministry of Friends”

Matthew 25:37 “When did we see you hungry and feed you? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?”

Ministry of Friends is our outreach program to those in need in downtown Easton. It began at First United Methodist Church, when the congregation could not look the other way when seeing the hungry among them. They served a meal on Sundays, after church. When First Church merged with Calvary Church to form Green Pond UMC, they brought this passionate ministry with them.

Today, Ministry of Friends provides a hot meal and a worship service on Sunday mornings at Safe Harbor, the homeless shelter in Easton. The service is on a laptop and closely follows the 9:15 service, although with music supplied by videos. We have a fine group of lay preachers who take turns leading the service.

Each week, GPUMC feeds between 60-80 people (more than 4,000 meals a year). That’s a lot of people, and it can be a little intimidating at first.

What are some of the FAQ?

- Can I get reimbursed? Yes, simply turn in your receipts and you can get reimbursed up to \$80.00.
- What should I cook? There is a book full of easy recipes outside the kitchen, or you can look at our website under the Outreach tab.
- Do I have to stay and serve the meal? No; Safe Harbor has people who can serve, although others are always welcome.
- What if I can’t get there on Sundays to deliver the meal? No problem, you can deliver it Saturday (just avoid arriving during lunch or dinner hours).
- How do I sign up? See the display in the lobby.
- Can I try it once, with some help from a “pro”? Of course! That is also at the display in the lobby.

Please consider prayerfully if this ministry is calling to you.