

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Warren, Ohio 44483
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WORSHIP***Sundays***

Traditional Services 8:00 & 10:00 am (Choir)

Christian Formation for Adults 9-10 am

Sunday School during the 10:00 service

Wednesdays

10:00am Healing Service with Eucharist

ALL of the above are suspended at this time!

We're on the web

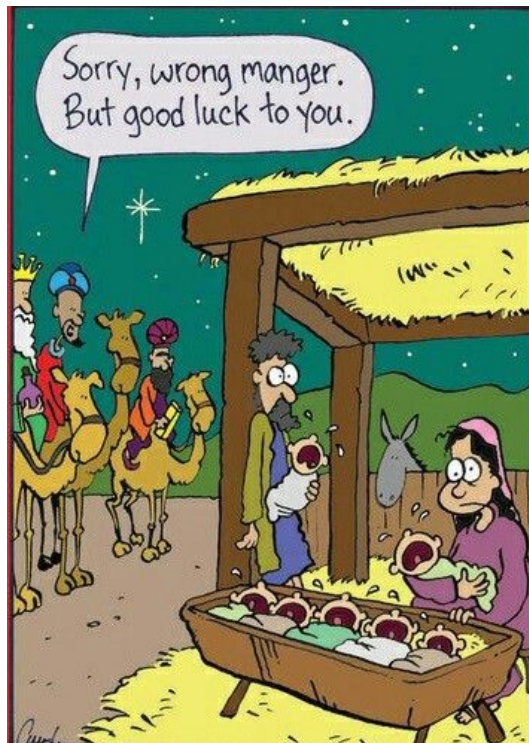
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First Class Mail

Or Current Resident



February 18 is the
deadline for
Crossroads articles.

CHRIST *Episcopal* CHURCH

WARREN - OHIO

The Crossroads

Together

2021 couldn't get here fast enough! I'm sure you share that sentiment. I'm also sure that we will reference 2020 the rest of our lives, and probably not in a good way. Nevertheless, challenges often bring out the worst and the best of us. So, I'm taking this opportunity to thank some of our volunteers and paid staff that helped Christ Church this past year. This list isn't all inclusive (and perhaps it should be), your prayers and participation on whatever level is valuable to our community.

From staff to virtual services, to children programs, to pastoral support, to building and grounds maintenance, to Zoom meetings for the Vestry and Foundation meetings, we are blessed by the following people:

Deb Murphy for her skill and dedication in providing A/V support for our in-person and on-line services.

Paul Keriotis and his ministry to our children especially through his leadership of Godly Play and creating kits for Easter and Advent to keep our children engaged.

Faith Scarmuzzi she is our un-ordained Deacon. And she assists me with pastoral care and our liturgies as a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

Don Scarmuzzi for his camera skills and ushering. Don also hosts our many Zoom meetings for the Vestry and the Foundation. Don also helped Laurie Tonn spearhead our new Amazon Smile program.

Carole Lewis for her continued dedication as our beloved Treasurer. Carole keeps us on task as to our financial responsibilities of the Vestry.

Jan Henrey and Becky Watts and the Altar Guild who do such a wonderful job setting the table for (and cleaning up after) our services.

Wynn Henrey for his dedication and care of our building and grounds.

Linda Day for always offering solid and thorough advice to the Vestry, Foundation and Rector.

In addition, Linda spearheads our outreach to Lincoln School, Warren Family Mission, Ladles of Love, and Megan's Mittens.

Despite the pandemic we adopted families for Christmas, provided Christmas Giving Tree gifts, Food, Clothing, Personal Hygiene items to Lincoln and the Mission (not to mention financial support). We may have suspended in-person services, but we are still using creative and unusual ways to be the Church!

I told you when this all first started that we would face these challenges together, one day at a time, and eventually be stronger for it. And, I still stand behind that statement. We will get through this as we continue to discern God's will for Christ Church, together.

Please remember that I am lovingly yours in Christ,

Fr Jeff+

The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ is Wednesday, January 6, 2021. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is celebrated on the First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 10, 2021.



THE EPISCOPAL
DIOCESE OF OHIO

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth Jr., Bishop

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Anti-Racism Trainings

Anti-Racism training is required for all individuals in elected and appointed Diocesan positions, (Vestry) and it is also open to all members of the Diocese.

The Commission for Racial Justice will offer this two-day training on the following dates:

February 26 and 27- Zoom video conference (Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. both days)

April 24 and 25 - Zoom video conference (Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. both days)

The cost of the training materials is covered by the Diocese of Ohio. You must commit to attending the full sessions and to doing the off-line work. **Registration is required.** For additional information please email the Rev. Margaret D'Anieri at mdanieri@dohio.org.

FEEDING YOUR SOUL FOR THE JOURNEY: CARE FOR SELF

Jan 17, 2021

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM—Zoom

Feeding Your Soul for the Journey: Care for Self, Care for Community; Care for the World is a series of gatherings for laity. Participants may come to one, two, or all three gatherings. Care for Self will be offered on Sunday, January 17; Care for Community will be offered on Sunday, February 21; and Care for the World will be offered on Sunday, March 14. Each gathering will be from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. via zoom. There is no cost, but please register by emailing Betty Kondrich. bkondrich@dohio.org

The registration deadline for the first gathering will be Thursday, January 14. The zoom link will be sent the Friday before each gathering. Feel free to contact Betty if you have questions or need more information.

The Episcopal Lectionary <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

THE CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

January 2021

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John Panagis—Jr. Warden

Carole Lewis—Treasurer

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Linda Day

Karl Morris

Carol McMichael

Mark Peteritis

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Irv Jones

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General office hours are M-Th 8-2

Please call before coming to the church to assure someone is in the office. Should you need immediate assistance and no one is in the office, please call or text Melanie at 330-980-3181 or secretary@christchurchwarren.org. *Please note ... I do not answer emails on the weekend unless it's an emergency. Thank you!*



Staff of Christ Church

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Vestry and Finance

Help wanted: Must be a member of Christ Episcopal Church Warren, be breathing, willing to meet once a month over zoom or in person. Be concerned about the status of the church and willing to help make it better. Yes, I am looking for a few good men or women to serve on the vestry. Please consider this position and pray that a few will step forward to help.

—Steve Watts, Sr. Warden



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS				
	November 2020		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income				
Pledges	\$10,339	\$9,500	\$118,322	\$123,607
All Other	\$14,683	\$14,335	\$115,937	\$116,820
Total Income	\$25,022	\$23,835	\$234,259	\$240,427
Expenses	\$23,335	\$25,321	\$252,868	\$266,515
Excess/(Deficit)	\$1,687	(\$1,486)	(\$18,609)	(\$26,088)

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 15, 2020

- ♦ **Welcome** – Melanie Garman was welcomed back to CEC on November 23, 2020.
- ♦ **Sanctuary Audio Study** – The study must be done when an actual service can be replicated. Since in-person services are not currently allowed the audit is on-hold.
- ♦ **Sewage and Storm Drains** – A priority project. Bid received from Economy Plumbing. Bid price \$3800. Work to begin weather permitting.
- ♦ **Stewardship Campaign** – Received to date 47 pledges totaling \$101,431; Two prepaid 2021 pledges one for \$1500 and a second for \$1200 and 15 non-pledgers. Pledges are continuing to be returned. Pledges to date are under the 2020 budget by \$42,676.
- ♦ **Payment Protection Program** (federal PPP) - Funds received in June in the amount of \$25,000. The loan is forgiven if funds are used to continue to pay staff salary compensation. CEC can file a request for forgiveness of the loan if the funds were used for staff salary compensation. CEC has filed for Forgiveness in December. Board acknowledged all of Laurie Tonn’s hard work and thanks her for her dedication and efforts.

Look for upcoming information on our 2021 Annual Meeting. Fr. Jeff is working with the Diocese to see how we can seamlessly stream our meeting. They have several resources available to the churches in the Diocese for conducting virtual meetings with voting ability.

REMINDER:2021 Pledge cards

Giving Made Easy

Christ Episcopal Church of Warren is now set up to receive donations from Amazon Smile.

AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to **do** is start your shopping at **smile.amazon.com**. (if you are a PRIME member, you will still receive your PRIME benefits) The donation will be made at no extra cost to you and you can choose from nearly one million public charitable organizations.

[Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

Why a different sign on destination?

The AmazonSmile program offers customers the benefit of making a donation to your favorite charity. *Amazon is able to provide this benefit to you when you choose to start your shopping at smile.amazon.com or with AmazonSmile turned ON in the Amazon Shopping app on your computer, iPad, or mobile phone.* AmazonSmile is growing primarily through word of mouth instead of paid advertising—and this enables Amazon to fund donations to *their customers’ favorite organization.*

Start by picking your charity

Search from over a million local and national charities, like animal shelters, school groups, and religious organizations. Search: *for Christ Episcopal Church of Warren. Once you pick your charity, you can start shopping as usual.*

Your current charity

[Change charity](#)

Christ Episcopal Church of Warren

Location: Warren, OH
Support your favorite charity at no extra cost when you shop at smile.amazon.com.

You have changed your charity to Christ Episcopal Church of Warren.

Generate donations for your charity by placing orders here, at smile.amazon.com. [Shop now](#)



Lincoln School —Warren Family Mission

Adopt a Family

In November CEC received a request from Lincoln School to participate in the Adopt a Family program. Upon agreeing we received information on nine families. Each child receives an outfit of clothing and a gift based on their noted area/s of interest along with a small gift for their parent/s. Those nine families represented 12 parents and 29 children ranging in age from 2 to 17 years old, At least 73 presents were bought. On Thursday, December 16th the gifts along with two boxes of food – one with general food items and the second with food for a Christmas dinner featuring a ham and all the trimmings were distributed. Your gifts to parents acknowledge the efforts of these individual's dedication to ensure that their children have food, shelter, clothing and a start on a good life. The children received Christmas presents, more than likely, the only ones they received.

In addition, The Christmas Giving Tree collected three garbage bags full of toys. They were distributed along with the pick-up school lunch program.

Often times words are insufficient in saying thank you and so instead “God Bless You.” for your generosity.

The future of Lincoln School children remains unclear. They remain on Christmas vacation until January 4, 2021. I am unsure whether they will come back to on-line classes or a hybrid plan of some on-line classes and some in-person classes. The status of the Pantry is also unclear. As of the start of their Christmas vacation Lincoln had not yet received notification on whether their 2021 United Way grant which allows them to purchase food for the Pantry from Second Harvest was funded. At the December Vestry meeting the Vestry approved \$400 from Outreach funds to purchase food for the Pantry. The cupboard was bare at Christmas time.

Regardless of whether the Pantry is funded in 2021 emergency food supplies are always needed. The Blessing Box needs: Pasta, Spaghetti sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Saltine crackers, Soup (tomato and chicken noodle), Macaroni and cheese, Ramen



Just some of the gifts for our adopted families Christmas!



Warren Family Mission

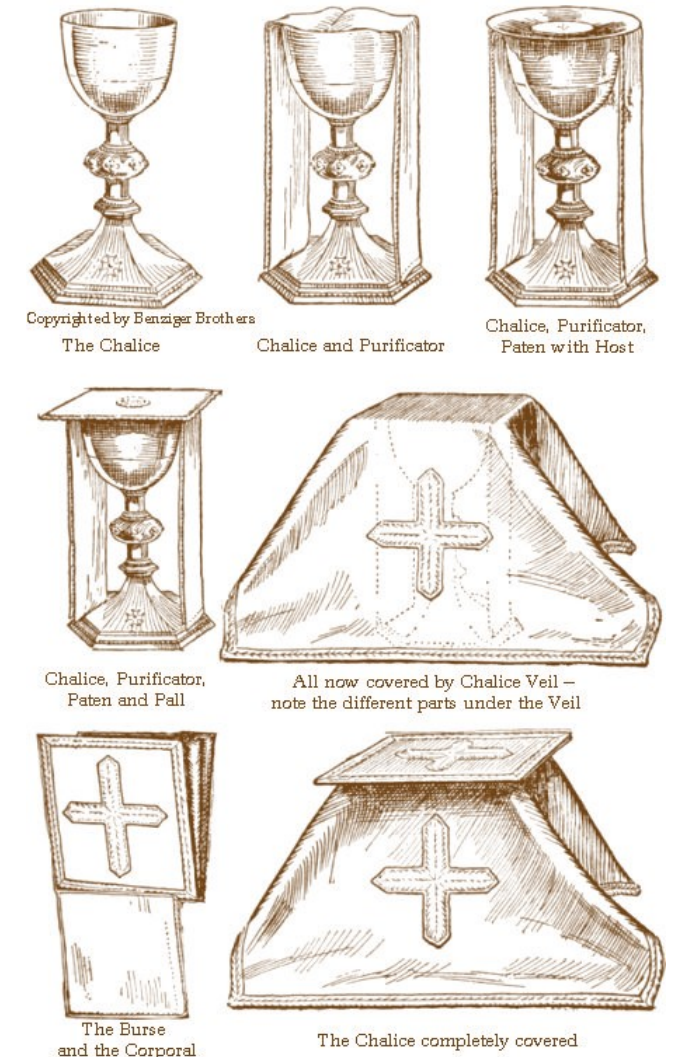
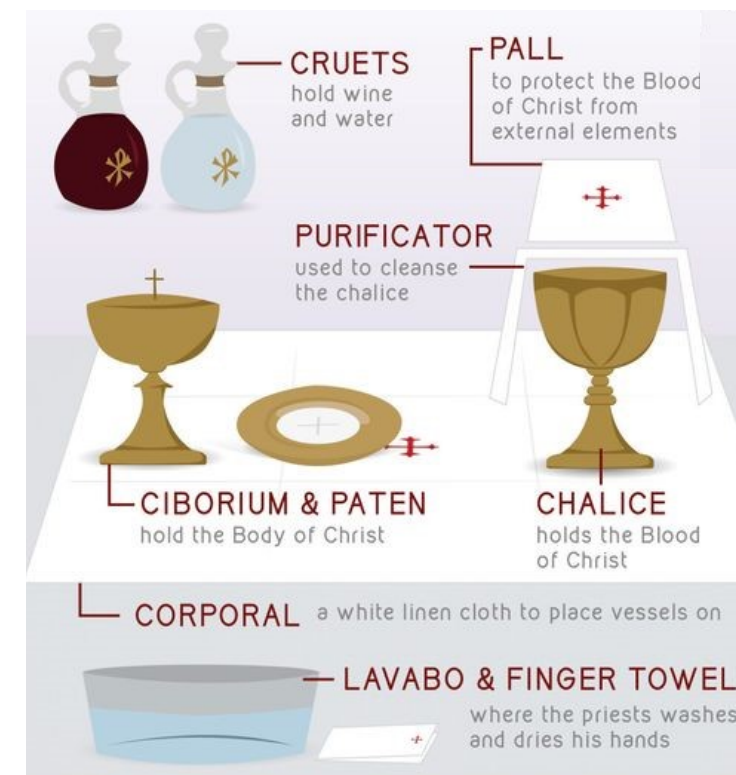
Deliveries continue. CEC donated a trunk load of food from the Blessing Box. The Mission has been very busy serving 2,166 turkey dinners for Thanksgiving and 2,182 ham dinners for Christmas. In addition, food give away continues. At the December Vestry meeting the Vestry approved \$200 from Outreach funds to purchase food for the Mission.

There is no end in sight to the need for food to feed the hungry. The Blessing Box needs: Pasta, Spaghetti sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Saltine crackers, Soup, Macaroni and cheese, Ramen noodles, Cereals/Oatmeal, canned Meats, Fruits and Vegetables along with personal hygiene items.



WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY 2021!.....Linda Day.

On the Altar—Dressing the Table



Services at Christ Church

Currently, we are still following the Bishops orders and will continue to suspend ALL in-person services. All virtual services can be viewed on Facebook, Youtube and our website: www.christchurchwarren.org.

In addition, if you are subscribed to CONSTANT CONTACT (our weekly E-News) you can view our pdf of the current weeks Sunday Bulletin.

Memorial Services: We are able to hold a small memorial service in the Chapel for those who have passed. The total count is 10 people. This includes Fr. Jeff and Faith as officiating the service.

If you would like to wait until a later date to have a larger service, we will accept your loved one's ashes from the funeral home and keep them locked in the Chapel Sacristy.

Contact tracing: We have been keeping track of members who have been in attendance for in person services. If you become infected with COVID and or you know of a member of the parish who is infected, please contact the office ASAP.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Not a great year for our Christ Church Music Ministry and Fine Arts program. Needless to say, our parish choir truly misses being together and singing for our members. Despite everything, we have been able to have various soloists weekly for our virtual services. Our music has always been a liturgical part of our worship services and it’s sadly missed. As with everything else, we are on hold again. We are hoping and praying that early 2021 we can get back together and sing.

The baskets were a small gesture that Jamie delivered to our choir members at Christmas. We wanted to let them know how much we appreciate their dedication to our Music Ministry.



Prayer Requests

Even though we are not worshipping in person, we are still accepting your prayer requests. Just call Melanie in the office and we will add the person or persons to the next worship service. As always, we will not publish last names for privacy reasons. If you chose to share, you may give the reason for the prayer.



Tower Lighting

During these difficult times with so much social distancing and memorial services on hold, donating to our Tower lighting is a wonderful way to honor a loved one. The cost is 50.00 for the month. If you are dedicating the Tower lighting to someone who is not your family member, we will send the head of the family a card to inform them of your gesture. All requests MUST be in to the office 1 month prior to the month you are requesting.

Monthly Tower Lighting

Our January Tower Lighting is in Honor of
All our Community Healthcare Workers.

Given in love from
Gris & Therese Hurlbert

Guide us waking, O Lord and guard us
sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

Antiphon from Compline

Thank You

Thank You!

I would like to publicly thank our staff for their dedication and devotion to Christ Church. They really are the heartbeat that keeps everything going. I especially want to acknowledge the service of our former Sexton, Joe Gladd. I will cherish our time together over the past decade. And I pray that he enjoys his retirement as much we already miss him.

Love,
Fr Jeff+

Happy January Birthday

- 3 Marge Louff
 - 5 Ryan Villio
 - 7 Steve Wats
 - 7 Fr. Jeff Baker
 - 11 Richard Cesta
 - 11 Mel Garman
 - 13 Sandy Schlecht
 - 17 Laurie Jones
 - 17 John Robertson
 - 17 Carol James
 - 20 Gail Andrus
 - 22 Mark Peteritris
 - 25 Gloria Duren
 - 30 Zoey Tomko
- And to all others who may have not been included...***



REACHING OUT

Since March of 2020 we have all been suffering in some way or another. In some ways it has been a very long year and yet on the other hand it is hard to believe that we are in 2021. Just saying 2021, seems odd. With shut downs, stay at home orders, loss of social gatherings, jobs, church, simple family gatherings, and COVID deaths, we have suffered emotional trauma, directly or indirectly. As humans, God did not program us to be isolated. We hug, kiss, laugh and gather together.

Please reach out to each other. Ask for help if you need it. Send a note, card or text. Call that someone that you haven't talked to in years because time got away. Find a way to connect!

God doesn’t promise us a tomorrow. Take advantage of today...And, I am here to listen too.

Mel

Who’s Who at CEC

Our very own Bill Bohren who is a regular at our 8:00 Sunday service: **Bohren hired for Mathews football job. He'll be the oldest head football coach at 86 years old.**

Bohren will be 87 years old when the Mathews opens its season next August and he'll be the oldest head football coach in Ohio.

He's entering his 56th overall as a coach and next season will be he his 50th as head coach. Bohren has been the head coach at Chalker, LaBrae, Niles, Salem, Boardman and Lakeview. In 2014 he served as an assistant at Champion and the last three years he's been an assistant at Niles.




Congratulation Bill and good luck for your upcoming season!

Epiphany Word Search

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Weekly E-News



We have a new platform for our weekly E-News through Constant Contact. We are able to do more with our communications using CC. The program and templates allow us to upload documents to the email that is sent.

The December Crossroads as well as the last few weekly service bulletins were attached and easily accessed on your desk top, lap top, tablet or phone by simply clicking the link. provided. A pdf file of each publication opens for you to view of print.

If you were already receiving emails, your email address automaticity synced to Constant Contact. If you are NOT receiving our weekly E-News and wish to register, please email Melanie at secretary@christchurchwarren.org and your email will be added to our contact list.

Trumbull County Combined Health District

Tier 1A COVID Vaccine Registration

At this time, the Trumbull County Combined Health District (TCCHD) and the Warren City Health District (WCHD) are working together to plan the administration of vaccine to Tier 1A-eligible persons. Vaccine is in very limited supply and is expected to stay in limited supply for the near future. As such, TCCHD and WCHD will be scheduling limited small vaccine clinics based on the number of vaccines we have on hand at the time of the clinic. *Clinics will be by invitation only.*

Please complete the registration survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JPYT76>. Your answers will allow us to plan for future vaccine clinics. Based on your answers, our health department staff will contact you with the date and time of the clinic that you should attend. If for any reason your answers exclude you from Tier 1A, we will hold your information for a later tier. Please understand that even if you are Tier 1A-eligible, it may be several weeks until your clinic is scheduled. All scheduling will be based on vaccine availability.

Rummage Sale



Well 2020's **COVID** has sure put a damper on our Annual Rummage Sale. And, since (we) and the church have been on lockdown for most for the year, many of you have not seen the stage in the parish hall and room 20. Ugh! We are overflowing with your generous donations.

Steve has been working very hard to try and sell furniture and large items on Facebook Market place and has had some success. As of now, we are no longer accepting any items for the Rummage Sale. We simply do not have the storage space for them. If you have a large item that you wish to donate, please call Steve Watts to see if it is something that he can list on Facebook. If you have clothing, books or other items that Steve will not be able to list on Facebook, here are a few resources.

- ♦ **The Menagerie is a Thrift & Gift** store operated by and benefiting the Animal Welfare League of Trumbull County. Open 10am - 6pm Tuesday - Friday, and 10am - 4pm on Saturdays. The best way to make sure we can accept your donations is to call us and make an appointment. Our phone number is 330.856.5174. Visit their Facebook page for more information.
- ♦ **The Salvation Army** is a Christian church and an international charitable organization accepting all sorts of donations. 2680 Youngstown Rd. Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Wed. 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM (330) 369-6603. They will also pick up from your home. Visit <https://www.satruck.org/> to schedule a pick-up or call 1-800-728-7825)
- ♦ **AMVETS of OHIO** 1-866.388.0046 or visit <http://www.amvetscopyclothingpickup.org/>. They will also schedule an in home pick-up.
- ♦ **GOOD WILL INDUSTRIES** 2083 Elm Rd. 330-372-1214 . Please call a head before dropping off donations.

Looking forward, we will cross our fingers and hope that in the late Spring we can again open our doors and have a Rummage Sale. We will keep you posted!



Trumbull Mobile Meals

WITH THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC, TRUMBULL MOBILE MEALS WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR MEAL SUBSCRIBERS, VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF AND AT THE SAME TIME ENSURE NO MEAL SUBSCRIBER IS WITHOUT ACCESS TO A DAILY MEAL.

TRUMBULL MOBILE MEALS IS NOW BACK TO DELIVERING MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY ONCE AGAIN. WE HAVE ADOPTED A ZERO CONTACT DELIVERY SYSTEM TO HELP KEEP SUBSCRIBER AND DRIVER SAFE. A SUBSCRIBER MUST PLACE A COOLER IN FRONT OF THEIR DOOR. OUR DRIVER WILL THEN PUT THE MEAL INTO THE COOLER AND RING THE BELL OR KNOCK TO LET THE RECIPEANT KNOW THEIR MEAL HAS BEEN DELIVERED.

TMM was started in 1970 by Jean Schlecht and Pat Venetta, with the help of fellow members of the Trumbull Medical Society Alliance. Started with just one client, and then increased to two when his neighbor told Jean Schlecht that since we had fed his neighbor for two weeks and had not poisoned him he would take our meals too.

TMM serves approximately 230 clients Monday through Friday. Provided is a hot meal and one cold sack lunch, made fresh in our kitchen every day. They offers regular diets and modified meals for those who have special dietary needs.

Today, TMM serves 460 meals Monday through Friday and provides weekend meals for those who need additional help.

Each day, 40-45 volunteers prepare, pack and deliver the meals Monday through Friday.

DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, TMM VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED MORE THAN EVER. If you are healthy and you can spare 2 hours a week, you can make a difference. Please visit us at <https://www.trumbullmobilemeals.org/> or call 330-394-2538.