

ACCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

Baptist Church of West Chester (BCWC)

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Sunday Lunch Ministry

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Mission Statement

"Transforming lives through Christ by building positive connections in a diverse community."

Financial Statement for Sunday Lunch Ministry (see attached)

The projected budget for this ministry is \$100.00 per Sunday Lunch (70 servings).

(Food donations help to defray the total cost of food and supplies.)

Currently we are serving hot lunch (homemade soups/ chili, cornbread, crackers, fresh fruit, dessert and beverage) for up to 70 in our community twice a month at a cost of \$200 per month.

This includes homeless, those living in community shelters, elderly and those living alone, marginalized individuals and families, food insecure people, as well as interested people of all ages from our church.

The funds will be used to purchase ingredients and supplies needed for a nutritious meal including fresh fruit (something many are not able to afford).

In September 2015, as part of a Baptist Church of West Chester hunger awareness and ministry initiative, "Project Feedback", we discovered that although community agencies, churches and organizations offer help to hungry and food insecure people in our community during the week, **on the weekend no help is available**. Agencies are closed and many churches are busy with other activities.

The Baptist Church of West Chester is very familiar with and has helped with community needs in many ways. One way is our **Saturday** Breakfast ministry. We have funded and served a hot breakfast at our church, on Saturday morning for 60+ at risk and food insecure people for many years. And that really does help fill the need for **Saturday**.

But when we realized there is **no place to get a meal/ food between 5 PM Saturday and 5 PM Sunday** anywhere in our community we decided to start a new ministry on **Sunday**. We began in October 2015

with once a month. It was well attended and early on we were asked to offer it more often. At this time we are offering the Sunday Lunch twice a month (second and fourth Sundays).

One of the real blessings of the new Sunday Lunch Ministry is the wonderful connections that take place with such a diverse group of people (street people, needy families, teenagers, church-going individuals and families of all ages) sitting at table with one another, sharing a meal and fellowship with one another. It also opens the door to other ways we can be of help to each other.

Another blessing is the comradery that takes place as diverse teams of volunteers (youth, men and women, college students, shelter residents, families etc.) get together to make the soup/chili and cornbread on Saturday and/or serve the meal on Sunday. Many volunteers have shared that it is a joy to work together to serve others and they want to do it again.

The project costs (above donated items) is \$200 per month totalling \$2400 per year.

We request one half of that amount, \$1200.

Special offerings for this specific ministry are our other sources for funding.

Application submitted by Jeanne Banyacski, BCWC Mission Board February 18, 2016

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Budget for Sunday Lunch

\$15 Meat and/or broth

\$15 Fresh and frozen vegetables

\$20 Canned beans, tomatoes, assorted vegetables, dry beans, lentils,

\$25 Fresh fruit

\$6 Eggs, milk, spices

\$6 Corn bread mix or ingredients

\$6 Juice, coffee, tea

\$4 Saltines, soup crackers

\$3 Paper and miscellaneous supplies

\$100*

*All desserts donated

Cost per month for two Sunday Lunches (second and fourth Sundays) = \$200

Cost per year = \$2400





