

General Information for Volunteers

Bethlehem on Broad Street is run entirely by volunteers. About 1,000 volunteers will be needed to carry out all these events.

To volunteer, call 614.228.7338 on weekdays beginning Dec. 1 to Dec. 20 between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. or email bethonbrst@aol.com.

This is a great opportunity for you and your family to participate in this special mission in our community. The following are the many opportunities, times and locations.

If you wish to RECEIVE ASSISTANCE, or if you wish to volunteer, the information you need is listed below.

FOOD BOXES

Broad Street United Methodist Church
501 E. Broad Street at Washington Ave.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1,200 food boxes will be distributed. To receive a food box, register with First Link at 614.341.2282 by Dec. 5.

Volunteer Tasks: Dec. 20, 8a.m. - 6p.m.
Greet guests, help with craft activities and cleanup .

CLOTHING

Project Help Clothing Ministry

Volunteer tasks: Preparing clothing and misc.

Location: Superior Home Realty, 1601

Schrock Rd., Cols. 614.891-7870

Weeknights, M-F (Nov. 17-21), 6-9 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 22, M&T (Nov. 24&25) 6-9 p.m.

Mon.-Th (Dec. 1-4) 6-9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Giveaway Day, Sat., Dec. 6,

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST FREE STORE

946 Parsons Ave. at Kossuth Street

The Free Store is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday from 3 - 5 p.m.

For information: Call 614.443.1713

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

First Congregational Church, UCC

444 E. Broad St. & 9th Street

Volunteer Tasks: Dec. 3 - 23, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Office: Answering telephones, email, computer: create database using Map Quest.

Volunteer Tasks: Dec. 21-23, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Gift Wrapping (Bring scissors, paper, tape, paste etc.)

Filling toiletries bag (Bring small toilet articles, zippered sandwich bags)

Volunteer Tasks: Dec. 22-24...9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Dec. 25...7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Kitchen Helpers: Carve turkeys, prepare food (Please bring knives, carving boards and aprons)

Volunteer Tasks: Dec. 23...1 - 3 p.m.

Dining Room Setup: Set tables and decorate dining room and stage, flower arrangement

Volunteer Tasks: Dec. 25...11a.m. - 5 p.m.
(2 hr. shifts - Please wear holiday attire.)

Dining room servers and cleanup.

Volunteer Tasks: Dec. 25...8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Hospitality: greeters and hosts, child care, transportation, musicians, worship leaders and telephone reception rooms, security.

Volunteer Tasks: Dec.26...10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Cleanup

GUEST TRANSPORTATION AND

QUESTIONS: Call 614.228.7338

Donations Needed: 444 E. Broad St.

Clothing Items: (Needed by Monday, Dec. 22) men's, women's underwear and socks, children's mittens and socks.)

Toiletries Items:(Needed by Monday, Dec. 22.)

Food: Cooked turkeys, 15-20 pounds, dressing, (cooked separately from turkeys), pastries, pies, cakes, cookies and candy.
Bring items: Dec. 22 - 24...10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cash Donations

To support the entire program, your tax-deductible monetary donations are necessary and greatly appreciated.

Please bring or mail them to:
Bethlehem on Broad Street
First Congregational Church,
444 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio, 43215

(Make checks to First Congregational Church and write Bethlehem on Broad Street on the memo line of the check.)

Gift Cards and Certificates Donations
\$10.00 from Kroger or Wal-Mart.

“Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto Me.”

NO GUEST CARRYOUT MEALS





For the last 20 years at the First Congregational Church, we have celebrated Bethlehem on Broad Street (BOBS). There are lots of different ways to mark the holiday season, but

for many of us, there is no better way to celebrate the birth of Christ than through participation in BOBS during December.

Started over 20 years ago at St. Lawrence Haven on Rich Street in response to a single request for dinner on Christmas, BOBS has expanded through its three events to serve several thousand guests each year. It has been accomplished through the efforts of churches of different denominations, different faiths and organizations on and off Broad Street. It's been called the most ecumenical event of the year in Franklin County.

As we move into the coldest part of the year, there are many families and individuals with immediate needs for food and clothing. **On Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008**, we address the need for food through our Food Giveaway at Broad Street United Methodist Church, 501 E. Broad Street from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Clothes will be given out at Superior Home Realty, 1601 Schrock Rd., Columbus, on **Dec. 6**.

Then on Christmas Day, we extend a warm welcome to our guests to come to fellowship and sharing during Christmas morning, followed by dinner starting at 11a.m. There will be entertainment, presents, Bibles and free telephone calls during the afternoon.

Just as important as physical needs, however, are the social and spiritual needs. With professional and amateur entertainment, old-fashioned Christmas refreshments, empathetic clergy and lay leaders, and a good dose of Christian hospitality and hearty welcome, we try to answer the other needs of our guests, such

as the need to be treated as one of God's very own who wants to celebrate, to create good memories of Christmas, to have a conversation, to have spiritual counsel, and to enjoy a relationship with someone who truly cares.

Unlike a traditional charity, which draws a sharp line between the "haves" and the "have nots", our mission at BOBS is to break down the barriers that separate people. Every year, some of our volunteers who are former guests want to come back to help.

BOBS offers a rare opportunity to socialize with people from very different socioeconomic or cultural backgrounds. And it provides celebration and joy in a way that rejects the material excesses and conspicuous consumption of the outside world.

On Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, more than 1,200 food boxes with gift certificates for perishable foods will be given out from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Broad Street United Methodist Church, 501 E. Broad Street - across from the Art Museum. (See other side of brochure for reserving a food box.)

On Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, food and gently used clothing will be given away at Superior Home Realty, 1601 Schrock Rd., Columbus, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Details on other side of brochure.)

On Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008, the Christmas Day Dinner Celebration at the First Congregational Church, 444 E. Broad Street (next to the Art Museum): hospitality - 7:30 a.m. - doors to the church opening at 9 a.m. - dinner served from 11 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Beside the festive banquet, there will be hospitality, Advent services, caroling, entertainment, gifts, toiletries, children's activities and a 5-minute telephone call anywhere in the USA.

During the Christmas season the Last Chance Emergency Coalition members are able to listen and help many persons with special emergency needs. Bethlehem on Broad Street is the main clearinghouse for the community.

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BETHLEHEM ON BROAD STREET

An Interfaith Christmas Week Ministry 2008

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Bethlehem on Broad Street 2008 Sponsors

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