



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

December 2023



First Presbyterian Church of Ambler
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NOURISHING BODIES AND SOULS

First Pres members and friends came together to provide a hot meal and take-along bags for Soup Kitchen recipients.

We are part of a coalition of churches, known as NECH (Nourishing Every Community's Hope). NECH provides meals every Saturday morning in Philadelphia.



On Friday, December 1st, fourteen volunteers prepped the meal and packed lunches. We prepared:

260 Meatballs/35 lbs meat

8 lbs pasta

12 lbs mixed veggies

200 sandwiches

200 bagged lunches

60 lunches donated by the Gajan family

130 cupcakes

Thank you to,

Sylvia Bell, Suzy Moore, Lauren and Diane, Bill Loble, Lynn Gould, Sandy Rawlins, Kim Henry, Janessa and Kate Davis, Lisa and John Astler, Karl Colasante, Bill Brandreth.

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SERVING WITH A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND COMPASSION

On Saturday, December 2, eight volunteers plated and served food, poured tea, set up place settings, distributed bag lunches and new socks. Seven large bags of winter clothing were left to help stock the clothing closet at St Marks. We served approximately seventy-five diners and leftovers remained to serve more in need .



Thank you:

Earl and Nancy
Matlack,

Suzy Moore,

Karen Kooman,

Mark and Nathan
Falcone,

Kim Henry,

and Rob Weir.



What a blessed day of service. It has been four years since we served in person.

Thank you to our church family for their generosity and support of this mission

Best regards, Mark and Barb Yantek



COOKIES, COMMUNITY AND GOODWILL!

**Comments collected and submitted
by Denise Walters**

The annual cookie exchange, grown from the heart of Ruth Circle, is a tradition of friendship, warmth, and sweet indulgence that has flourished for over three decades. This year's gathering saw a record turnout of seventeen participants. The cookie recipient list was long and Cheryl Kurpiel commented "I thought there wouldn't be many left for us to take, but it was a loaves and fishes event . . . there wer plenty for all!" Cheryl's favorites of course were some chocolate ones: red velvet with white chops and a hint of mint.

We gathered to catch up with each other, meet new friends, grab a cup of tea, make a simple craft, lovingly packaged cookies for delivery, sample cookies and brought cookies home. Mark Whitney (pictured at right with Anne Whitney) coached us in making a wreath ornament. Some of the ornaments were delivered with the cookies.



Many thanks to Don and Wendy Kazen who volunteered to be bearers of joy, offering more than just cookie delivery. Cheryl Kurpiel's delivery time wsa worth every minute spent – "My heart was so uplifted and filled with joy" as she spent time with those who were regular church attenders and faithful servants of Jesus.



FPCA men's breakfast group met on Saturday, December 16th
and the group was quite large and lively.
They donned special Christmas glasses but unfortunately
did not have enough to go around.

Would you like to learn more about our Men's Ministry?
Contact Carmen Ferrarello: decarmeister@gmail.com.