

## Faith United Methodist Church Shelter Meal Ministry (updated 6/22/2017)

### DOROTHY DAY PLACE MEALS (2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)

Dorothy Day Place  
5320 Marinelli Road  
Rockville, MD 20852  
301-907-9597  
Fax Number 240-669-6429

Directions: turn right into 5320. Sign says Catholic Charities, not Dorothy Day. Building is divided into two shelters – go to the right side of the building and ring bell for entry.

Thank you for providing dinner for 19 women. Dorothy Day Place is a transitional shelter run by Catholic Charities. The women may stay for up to 2 years - learning a skill, getting a job and finding permanent housing.

Please call the shelter a day or two ahead to confirm that you are delivering dinner that coming Sunday. You can also inquire about headcount as sometimes not all 19 residents will be at dinner. Feel free to check with shelter staff about need for condiments and milk.

Please deliver dinner at 5:30 p.m. (you do not stay to serve). Paper products are not needed as the shelter provides their own. The shelter does have an oven so that food may be reheated, but all food should arrive fully prepared. *Missions has purchased disposable foil pans for this ministry – feel free to take what you need from the pantry closet off Fellowship Hall.*

Suggestions for dinner: meat or protein main dish – pizza is OK  
rice, potato, or pasta (if not included in main dish)  
vegetable side dish or salad  
rolls or bread  
fruit and/or dessert (fresh fruit always appreciated)  
beverages – 1 gallon 2% milk  
other beverages (optional)

**DO NOT PROVIDE FOODS THAT HAVE BEEN COOKED WITH ALCOHOL OR POPPY SEEDS.** Although alcohol is evaporated with cooking, some of the residents are concerned about having alcohol in their food. Poppy seeds can lead to a false positive when testing for the presence of drugs. The residents have random drug and alcohol tests and are afraid of anything that might alter these test results and ultimately lead to the loss of their space at the shelter.

Dorothy Day Place has a “first in, first out” policy. Not every night of the month is covered by volunteers providing dinner. To accommodate this situation, some nights leftovers are used up first before your dinner will be eaten. It is possible your dinner will not be eaten until the next evening. Be assured that your food is appreciated and needed. We have confirmed this with the shelter managers and they were emphatic that our volunteers should realize how much their contribution is valued.

Many church members who are unable to bring a meal have donated money instead. If you have volunteered to provide a meal and wish to be reimbursed for all or part of the meal, please save your receipts and turn them in to Jan Spencer in the church office.

Questions? Contact Carol Henley, 301-787-8104 (cell) or 202-429-3063 (work) or email [cahenley@comcast.net](mailto:cahenley@comcast.net).