



Our homeless shelter ministry consists of fixing a hot meal every month for the residents of the Gateway and St. Vincent's Hotel homeless shelters. We fix and serve a hearty meal of fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, fresh rolls, and a dessert. Funds to cover the expense of the meals come from money collected in the Hunger collection basket at services and additional contributions from individual parishioners—checks made payable to the Christ Episcopal Church with Hunger/St. Vincent fund in the memo line. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, please contact Gary Kuziinsky – gkuziinsky@woh.rr.com. We do not schedule volunteers – come as you are able.

St Vincent Hotel -- 120 West Apple St: We serve dinner to the single women once a month -- it is always the third Thursday. The St Vincent Hotel is a resident shelter for families and single women. The capacity of the hotel when its residents included the single men was around 300 people and that was the number of people for whom we fixed and served meals. With the opening of the new Gateway Men's Shelter in November 2009, the St Vincent Hotel gained additional space for families and single women. It is expected that our served population will grow.

Serving the families dinner -- The families eat at 5:00 PM -- we don't serve the families, we just provide the food – normally, there are about 50-70 people in the families group.

Serving the single women dinner – The women eat at 7:00 PM -- we normally fix and serve a meal to 50-70 women. Volunteer arrival time is at 6:30 PM.

- We usually have from 6-10 volunteers -- we don't schedule, just come if you are able -- the more the merrier and the lighter the burden. We send an email out prior to each serving and ask for a response to see who is serving.
- We have some prep work to do before the guests arrive -- getting the serving line set up and getting the desserts ready -- we use desserts donated to the shelter.
 - We start serving at 7:00 PM -- we form an assembly line to put the food on the trays and then hand them to the guests as they arrive. We are done serving and cleaning up around 8:00 PM and on our way home.
 - The St Vincent Hotel is at 120 West Apple St ([Map](#)) – go West on Apple approximately 1/2 block and turn left thru the gate for St Vincent. Parking is on the left and right. Go to the garage door and man door on the left side of the building. There is a call box beside the man door that you can use to announce your arrival. Someone will come and let you in. The kitchen is upstairs on the second floor -- take the ramp and bear to your left at the top of the ramp. The kitchen is thru the double doors.

Gateway Shelter for Men – 1921 S. Gettysburg Ave: This is a new ministry for us which we started in Dec 2009. We serve lunch to the single men. Our serving date is the second Saturday of every month. The new shelter houses 178 men with additional space for an additional 60 men during extreme weather conditions. We serve around 125 men at lunchtime.

- We normally have from 6-7 volunteers -- we don't schedule, just come if you are able -- the more the merrier and the lighter the burden. We send an email out prior to each serving and ask for a response to see who is serving.
- Volunteers meet at the shelter at 11:00 AM. Lunch doesn't start until 12:00 noon, but as with the women, we have some prep work to do before the guests arrive.
- We start serving at 12:00 PM -- we form an assembly line to put the food on the trays and then hand them to the guests as they arrive. We are done serving and cleaning up around 1:00 PM and on our way home.
- The Gateway Shelter is at 1921 S Gettysburg Ave ([Map](#)) Take US 35 West to Gettysburg Ave. Proceed South on Gettysburg Ave and turn right on Broadcast Plaza. Proceed until you see the sign for the Gateway Shelter and turn right. Park in the lot and go thru the aluminum door and tell the attendant that you are here to serve lunch.