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NEWSLETTER

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# Footprints

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*Opportunities for Worship  
Each Week*

**Sunday**

8:00am Communion Worship  
9:15am Contemporary Worship  
11:00am Traditional Worship

**Wednesday**

7:00pm Communion Worship in  
Friendship Center

*In addition to 8:00am Sunday  
Communion Worship,  
Holy Communion is celebrated  
the first Sunday of each month at  
9:15am and 11:00am*

**Join us for Lenten Services:**



**Palm Sunday Cantata**—11:00 Traditional Service  
**Holy Thursday**—6:00pm Soup & Bread Fellowship  
Meal followed by Worship and Communion  
**Good Friday**—12:00 noon Worship Service  
**Easter Sunday Communion Worship**  
Traditional Worship in our Friendship Center 8:00am  
Contemporary Worship 9:15am  
Traditional Worship 11:00am

*Can You Believe 150?*

*This year Jarrettown  
United Methodist  
Church is celebrating  
150 years of serving  
the Lord and our  
community.*

*We have many special  
activities planned.  
Check out the article  
inside!*

## FROM LIVING TO LOVING

*“The reason my father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”*

(John 10:17-18)

The Christian season of Lent enables us to see how love works. God loves us so much that he sent his Son to die for us. We are undeserving of this gift, but the Father gives up his Son in spite of and because of our sin. Yes, we “were there when they crucified our Lord,” as we will no doubt sing during the weeks ahead. We are still there as we continue to nail him to the cross by living selfishly. Yet Christ continues to give up his life for us.

There is a story of a family whose young daughter was seriously injured. She needed a transfusion, and the only match they could find was from her 6-year-old brother. The parents asked the boy if he would be willing to give some blood to his sister so she could live. He thought a moment and then said, “Yes.” A while after his blood was taken; the little boy woke up, looked around and asked quietly, “When will I die?” The brave boy had willingly given blood to his sister, thinking that it would allow her to live but would mean that he would die! Now that’s love!

We have the opportunity to celebrate God’s love for us as we worship together during Lent and Holy Week leading up to our celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. Christ is risen! And because he lives we too can have new life.

*Lord, thanks for loving us fully and completely. Help us to love others in the same way. Amen.*

May God bless you!

Pastor Bob

## Music Notes

"Music can touch the soul in ways that mere words cannot." Our musical offerings during the Lenten season promise to provide a source of comfort and reflection as you prayerfully experience worship here at JUMC.

The choir is working hard in preparation for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter with special music planned for these services. **Palm Sunday's 11:00 service** will feature the REQUIEM of Bob Chilcott. This powerful choral work features a soprano and tenor soloist (Dr. Elizabeth Murphy, voice faculty chair at Arcadia University and Larry Hickernell, Jr. from Quakertown) and is accompanied by woodwind ensemble, organ and timpani. Setting words from the Missa pro defunctis and the Book of Common Prayer, this work deserves a place among the great settings of the Requiem Mass. Bob Chilcott is a living composer and choral conductor. He sang in the Choir of King's College and eventually joined the King's Singers as their lead tenor. Chilcott's Requiem has its own distinctive, serene and meditative quality that will surely lift up our service on Palm Sunday. Cynthia Rasmussen will also be singing at the **8am service** that morning as a special treat.

**Good Friday's musical offerings** feature Mozart's Ave Verum, solos from our good friend Cynthia Rasmussen, a duet by Cheryl and Frank Malfi, a lovely women's trio setting of How Deep the Father's Love for Us and more.

With great fanfare, the **11am service on Easter Sunday will begin with an extended brass quartet prelude at 10:45am.** This service will feature the choir and brass quartet in two celebratory anthems-Thine is the Glory and Awake, Arise! We look forward to the Easter tradition of singing the Hallelujah Chorus at the conclusion of the service. We will welcome Cynthia back on Easter Sunday to sing at the **8am and 11am services** as well.

**JUMC's choir members and Praise Band wish you a prayerful and reflective Lenten season as we look to honoring Christ's journey and celebrating His resurrection through music.**

Sheri Melcher

# You and JUMC!

## CAN YOU BELIEVE 150?

Are you ready for a great 2015? 2015 will be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Jarrettown United Methodist Church.

We are planning to celebrate "Can You Believe 150?" for the **whole year** looking back at the wonderful ways that our church has served.

*Some of our Sundays will focus on:*

- ⇒ Some guest past pastors
- ⇒ Children, Youth, Methodist Men, and Methodist Women
- ⇒ Choir and music
- ⇒ Recognition of some longtime members
- ⇒ Missions
- ⇒ History Sundays covering various years at Jarrettown
- ⇒ Culminating in a month celebrating "Can You Believe 150?"
- ⇒ ... and of course a celebration dinner or two

We look forward to your support for, involvement in, and attendance at, these celebratory Sundays in the spring:

March 8—**Laity Sunday**

April 12—**Recognition Service**

May 10—**Methodist Men Sunday**

May 17—**Youth Sunday and Confirmation**

**And of course our spring Mission Moments!**

## "IN HIS STEPS"

"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps."

(1 Peter 2:21)

Our new discipleship/stewardship program is called "**In His Steps**," as we try to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. It's never too late to get involved. Green commitment sheets are available in the Welcome Center. Questions? Please contact the church office.

Hate it when you're  
**COLD?**

"BECAUSE LAWLESSNESS IS INCREASED, MOST PEOPLE'S LOVE WILL GROW COLD. BUT THE ONE WHO ENDURES TO THE END WILL BE SAVED."  
— WORDS OF JESUS  
IN MATTHEW 24:12-13

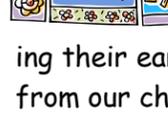
SEE?  
JESUS DOES, TOO.

So,  
**STAY WARM!**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



**Nursery Care** is available for infants through 2 ½ during the 9:15 Sunday worship service. Stop in the nursery for a brochure with nursery information and policies.



**Cradle Roll Volunteers** will mail regular newsletters to parents of new babies during their early years. If you are the parents of a baby or know parents of nursery age children from our church that would like to participate in this program contact [JumcOffice@verizon.net](mailto:JumcOffice@verizon.net)

## Sunday School following Children's Message during 9:15 service.

Children aged 2 1/2 thru Pre-K; and Kindergarten thru 1st Grade meet in the Sunday School wing to enjoy a lesson, snack, crafts and games. **Sunday School is Cool**



**Grades 2 thru 5** meet in the new Sunday School Classroom next to the Mission Center and will enjoy learning with Hands-On Bible curriculum.



The offering collected in the children's classes is for the sponsorship of "Madina" through **Compassion International**. For more information about our "child", check the children's ministries bulletin board in the lobby.

## Jarrettown United Methodist Church Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.

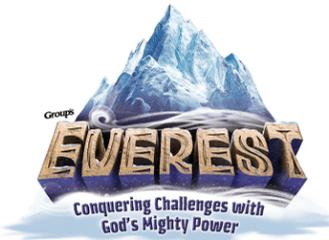
### Help would be appreciated in the following areas

Grab a bag of plastic eggs from the lobby and fill with wrapped candy. Or donate wrapped candy and we will fill. **Please return by March 22**; Volunteer to help greet guests, craft table, and run the hunt; Donations of cookies, brownies and juice to be enjoyed after the hunt; Clean up help needed as well.



Sign up sheets for hunt participants in Welcome Center. Please sign up by March 25th to let us know if you will be joining us for Easter Hunt fun, crafts, picture opportunities and snacks.

**All children walking age thru 4th grade - Bring a basket and a friend.**



## JULY 13-17, 2015 Vacation Bible School

Embark on an icy expedition where kids overcome obstacles with God's awesome power. Anchor kids in rock-solid Bible truths that will guide them through life's challenges.

### Thanks to:

- ⇒ The volunteers who babysit during the monthly MOPS meeting.
- ⇒ Our wonderful Sunday School teachers !!

**Better Moms Make a Braver World:** At Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS), we share the concerns of caring for preschoolers, get a little creative with crafts, and learn skills we can use to be even better Christian mothers. We meet the third Thursday of every month from September to May from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Jarrettown United Methodist Church. If you would like to meet us, please contact Katie Wenger at [iamhistoo@gmail.com](mailto:iamhistoo@gmail.com).



**Do You Enjoy Working with Children?** We are looking for a few teens or adults to help babysit children while MOPS members attend their monthly meeting. Only one-and-a-half hours of your time is needed. Your service is greatly appreciated! If you are interested, please contact Tara Garrison at [bacione@wsucougars.com](mailto:bacione@wsucougars.com) or (215) 205-3716.

**Visit the 4th Annual MOPS Flea Market:** The Dresher MOPS chapter is hosting its fourth annual flea market on Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at JUMC. Visitors will be able to shop from a host of local vendors selling crafts; home-made and costume jewelry; plants, flowers and herbs; and much more. This is an outdoor event. The rain date is Saturday, May 16. Vendor spaces are available for \$10. Vendors must provide their own tables and chairs. For more information, contact Tara Garrison at [bacione@wsucougars.com](mailto:bacione@wsucougars.com) or (215) 205-3716.



Thanks to Nancy Bennett and Kelly Leahy for continuing to teach Sunday school at 11:00 on Sunday mornings. Thanks to Pastor Bob, Becky Conrad and Nancy Bennett who continue to lead youth group at 6:30 on Sunday evenings. And one more thanks to Pastor Bob and

Tom Tyree for leading this year's confirmation class. We're looking forward to interviewing potential youth director candidates. Please continue to pray for our search.

This winter, **Thrive** joined the church in bringing Christmas joy to residents of local retirement communities through Christmas caroling!! We even brought gifts of cookies that we made for the residents. In addition to the caroling and cookies, we continued our theme of service by filling 103 **breakfast bags** for Aid for Friends!! This will be an **ongoing mission** for us, so we ask that the congregation continue to bring in breakfast donations, as listed in each week's bulletin. You can leave them in the Aid for Friends bin in the Mission Center. With warmer weather (hopefully) coming, we look forward to continuing to learn from each other, encourage each other, have fun together and serve others. We invite any 6th through 12th grader to join us for Sunday school, youth group or any of our events or service projects!! If you've been away from **Thrive** for a while, we'd love to see you again!!!

# Opportunities to Serve.....



Our **AID FOR FRIENDS** group meets on the third Tuesday of each month in Fellowship Hall from around 5:30 or so to assemble and package meals for our AFF freezer. We usually prepare 80 meals from a pre-selected menu and can always accept gifts of individual desserts (in sealed sandwich or snack bags) or cash support to help pay for the foods used. Of course, we'd love to have you join us - the more the merrier. For ways to help, contact Carole McGlumphy or Michele Scholtz. **NEW—Rachel Circle** now meets every other month on the first Tuesday at 7pm to cook for AFF.

**North Hills/Ambler Community Food Cupboards** thank all of you who give generous donations to help those in need. Their motto is "Neighbors helping neighbors," and by donating food, laundry detergent and paper goods, you are helping those people in our communities who are experiencing a difficult time in their lives. The cupboard also has a boutique which is free to clients. They have counseling, nurse screenings, financial and emergency services. For both cupboards, **we have an ongoing need for toilet tissue, personal soap, pancake mix/syrup, paper towels, detergents, cereal and soup.** Please leave your items in the box located in the Mission Center.

**St Philip's Community Meal** The mission of St. Philip's church is to share with others the gift of God's love through our service, compassion, witness and life together. We are committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through word and deed, calling people to salvation in Christ and to live the tenets of Christian faith in love and service to others.

September 2014 was our 15<sup>th</sup> year kickoff for the Wednesday Community Meal. A weak economy coupled with high urban unemployment continues to supply the number of people we are feeding-average 65/wk. We serve many ethnic groups (Latino, black, Asian) in the Kensington community. Your support both spiritually and financially enables us to continue the ministry. Praise God for his love, direction and JUMC service to others. In January 2013 we established a **food cupboard** at St Philip's. JUMC supplied groceries to start this program and on-going food donations have maintained a portion of the cupboard. **We provide a bag of dry groceries every week to about 12 poor and needy families.**

Also, **Wednesday's Community Lunch** continues two other program components - each week a bible study and a devotions period before lunch. We are feeding people both physically and spiritually. We experience great fellowship at lunch. And, it is exciting at our prayer time to have folk sharing prayer requests.



**We continue to need the following food items for the cupboard program: Canned Fruits/Veggies/Tuna/Beef Stew, Cereal, PB&J, Mac & Cheese, Pasta Products.** Please feel free to leave your donations in the Mission Center.

## Socks For Shelters



**Socks for Shelters** Ongoing collection of gifts of warmth to give out to the homeless of the Logan Circle Area. Collection box for men's socks, hats, gloves, in the Mission Center hallway.

Blood supplies are very low—**The next blood drive will be at Temple Sinai on Tuesday March 17**—St. Patrick's day— from 1:30 to 7:15. You may sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code Dresher, or with Al Chamberlin [aljoc@comcast.net](mailto:aljoc@comcast.net). Other dates announced in church bulletin.



Your support of twin sized sheet sets and blankets are always welcome for the "Beds fro Kids" **OHAAT** program! Collection bin in mission hallway.



Contact Becky Sedmak at [becky@ohaat.org](mailto:becky@ohaat.org) if you'd like volunteer information.

Spring **WILL** come, and with it, the beginning of the 5th gardening season for the **Jesus Victory Garden**. After this cold, icy winter, it will be a real joy to be able to get out into the garden to till, sow seeds and young plants and think of how our effort (with God's help) will bring harvests of fresh vegetables to feed those who come to the local Food Cupboards.



To get an idea of the poundage of the produce we've been able to deliver in the past four seasons, picture trying to lift a full-sized CAR! OK...while you're holding that car in the air... don't let go of it...pick up **HALF OF ANOTHER ONE**. That's the amount of produce that your brothers and sisters here at Jarrettown have grown out there in the Jesus Victory Garden. God has surely blessed our efforts to grow collards, green beans, tomatoes, etc., so that we can bring nourishment and better health to many people.

We'd like to encourage YOU to either continue helping this wonderful mission or begin helping this season. You can help by: 1) Volunteering to tend a garden plot for the growing season, 2) Contributing financially toward the purchase of seeds and other supplies, 3) Becoming a "Foster Parent" by taking home plants to tend at your home, and then donating the vegetables they produce to our efforts here at church. Please pray about it to see if God wants you to be a part of helping to alleviate the hunger of nearly 1 million people in the Delaware Valley.

Feel free to contact Connie Damon or the church office if you have any questions. Watch the church bulletin for further information as spring approaches.

## Jarrettown Congregation ONLINE DIRECTORY AND ONLINE GIVING STATEMENTS

With **Jarrettown Connect (aka CCB)**, our church information system, you can not only access the online **church directory**, you can see and print for yourself a listing of your **giving** for just about any time period you would want, whenever you want.

**Never been on Jarrettown Connect?** Go to **Jarrettown.ccbchurch.com**, click on the small blue words that say **Sign Up**. Type in your **email address** and a link will be sent to you.

Once logged onto **Jarrettown.ccbchurch.com**, you can explore all it has to offer, including **JUMC's Online Directory**, just choose the people tab and type in the name of the person you would like contact info for.

### **After Logging in - to check out your Personal Giving Information:**

- ⇒ At (CCB) home page, pick the **PEOPLE** tab and type in/choose your name
- ⇒ Choose **FINANCIAL** tab, then choose "**family**" if applicable
- ⇒ You will see up to 5 of your most recent financial transactions
- ⇒ Scroll down to **PRINTABLE STATEMENTS** and choose **GIVING STATEMENT**
- ⇒ Choose your date range from the **QUICK DATE RANGE** dropdown, scroll down and **CREATE GIVING STATEMENT**
- ⇒ And there you go.....your most up to date giving as recorded by the Finance Secretary

See a discrepancy or have any questions? Please contact Wendy at the church office [JumcOffice@verizon.net](mailto:JumcOffice@verizon.net) or 215-646-4129.

**CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE  
HANDS-ON TRAINING, EITHER DURING THE WEEK, OR  
BETWEEN SERVICES ON SUNDAY**

## CHURCH NOTES

Congratulations to Charlotte Rose Smith (daughter of Katie & Jeff Smith) who was baptized during worship on January 18! We welcome her into the family of God and as a baptized member of our church.



- ♦ **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF JUMC?** - Leave your name at the Welcome Center, or contact the church office and we will contact you when we schedule the next New Members Orientation.
- ♦ Would you like a **NAME TAG** for services & events? Help those around you get to know you? Be a part of a welcoming church? Let us know on your blue sheet or contact church office. Magnetic tag—cost donation welcome.
- ♦ *Our congregation is growing! We are in need of volunteers for the **NURSERY**. Please call the church office if you can help out once a month or so in this important ministry.*

**DECORATING COMMITTEE**—Do you like to decorate? We are looking to build up our decorating team for the changing of the seasons here at church. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Wendy at the church office.



**HOSPITALITY & WELCOME CENTER**—Friendly faces needed to man this station and welcome visitors before and after each service.

**NURSERY** Volunteers needed!



All women are invited to join us for **SATURDAY SANCTUARY** on Saturdays at 8am for devotional study as it relates to our lives. The group meets at Connie Damon's home. Please contact Connie at 215-643-6086 or at [conniedamon@verizon.net](mailto:conniedamon@verizon.net) if you have any questions.

### United Methodist Men

Our men's group at Church had a very productive planning meeting at our first breakfast of the year. We filled nine positions from president, treasurer and retreat chair to sports positions on events and teams, as well as visitation chair and iron chef.

Upcoming speakers include Tom Tyree who will speak about the CCB (JUMC on-line directory and finances) in March and a rep from a Christian literature organization in April. On May 9th the UMM featured speaker is the Superintendent of the Upper Dublin School District. Please plan to join us. Because of the subject matter, we invite the women of the Church to attend the May breakfast. For information on men's programs, please contact Dennis Pennington at [pennden15@gmail.com](mailto:pennden15@gmail.com)

### Saturday Mornings Devotions

Please join our men's group for fellowship and reflection as we discuss Luke and it's relevance to men today. Our schedule continues March 7th & 21st, April 4th & 18th, May 2nd & May 16th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. in the Friendship Center. This is a BYOC event (Bring Your Own Coffee). No prior reading is required. If you have any questions, contact Barry Rose at 215-887-2018 or [gbrsoccer@aol.com](mailto:gbrsoccer@aol.com)

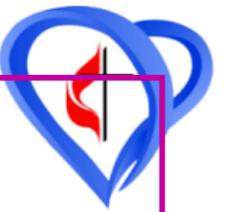


### Men's Breakfast

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall the first Saturday (unless otherwise noted) of each month at 8:00 am for food, fellowship, and a program.

### Jarrettown Softball

Looking for a team to play softball with this spring? Jarrettown UMC has got one! The Jarrettown Softball team will begin another fun campaign beginning this April. If you are interested in playing, have questions or simply want to support the team in any capacity, please contact Thomas McFarland by email at [ThomasMcFarland@comcast.net](mailto:ThomasMcFarland@comcast.net) or by phone at [215-490-3692](tel:215-490-3692).



## JUMC WOMEN'S MINISTRY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**RESOURCE BOOKLETS** available from the church office and Welcome Center. Call the church office if you would like additional information.

**WAWA SHORTIE COUPONS**—4 for \$15—Like hoagies? Then help us with offsetting the cost of the Women's Retreat. Available in the Welcome Center and church office.

### JUMC WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING TEA

*April 18 at 11:00 in Fellowship Hall*



**PLEASE JOIN US!** All Ladies are welcome to attend the UMW **Spring Tea**. Invite friends and family to join in fellowship as we welcome spring!

**And..The Gracenotes from West Chester University are coming back!** Please sign up in the Welcome Center, and see what type of foodstuff you can bring to share. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

**UMW Reading Program**—The new program started in January with some new books for the new year. Anyone interested in learning about the UMW Reading Program can contact the church office.



# Missions Corner



Missions of the Month for **March**: Society of St. Andrew Coin Collection  
Mission of the Month for **April**: Victory Garden Planning  
Missions of the Month for **May**: International Mission Update

There are a lot of exciting opportunities for us to share God's love and His mercy through missions as we head into spring, and it's especially exciting that JUMC will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year!

## ***Some highlights from our recent local missions:***

The ***Aid for Friends*** teams provided over 1,500 meals last year, plus soups and breakfast bags. Rachel and Martha Circles and your individual donations have added to the regular 80 meals per month. In February, THRIVE packed up 103 **breakfast bags!** This will be an on-going mission for THRIVE; donations can be placed in the mission center. Please consider adding your financial support or let us tell you how to provide your own meals.

***OHAAT*** was our designated mission for January. Five sheets sets and four blankets, along with several stuffed animals, were donated to the "Beds for Kids" program. Also over the month of January, \$1,022 in donations were given by our congregation! To have their own bed and snuggly toy is just pure joy to these children. Don't forget this is an ongoing mission here at JUMC. Donations can be placed in the mission center.

Ned and Madina need your support. ***Compassion International*** is the way we do it in our Sunday school and youth group. Remember to **encourage your children to make their monthly financial gifts** to continue our commitment of **\$38 per month per sponsored child.**

Weather has been a challenge for ***Philabundance*** so far this year. Can you join us this spring? We leave the parking lot at 5:00 on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

On January 25, seventeen volunteers attended the Church Without Walls in Logan Square, Philadelphia, to worship and celebrate communion with the homeless in that area. Among the total of 314 items collected in January for ***Socks for Shelters*** were socks, hats, gloves, blankets, and other gifts of warmth.

Thanks to all who donated food and household supplies to the ***Amber and North Hills Community Cupboard.***

Look for your coin box on **March 1st.** This annual collection is to support the end hunger program through the ***Society of St. Andrew,*** whose mission it is to not only feed America's hungry, but also provide spiritual nourishment.

Looking forward to another banner season for the ***Jesus Victory Garden.*** Once again our garden will be totally organic, thus no insecticides or herbicides will be used. Organic fertilizer will be applied as determined by the soil test we conduct. And hopefully this season we will expand the number of different crops we will plant. ***Look for our Mission Sunday on March 22.***

## ***North Hills Food Cupboard Highlight***

On July 31<sup>st</sup> 2014, under the direction of Pastor Walt, JUMC took over the operation of the North Hills Food Cupboard (NHFC). The food cupboard is a satellite service of The Mattie Dixon Food Cupboard of Ambler. The NHFC had been closed for approximately three years and so the first strategy was to reach out to the community to let them know the food cupboard was back in operation. Since then a group of volunteers from our church have served the needs of many families and individuals who are registered at the NHFC. The clients of our food cupboard need and rely on this service for their wellbeing.

Each week the clients receive canned and non perishable food items, as well as bread and pastries. During the growing season the clients enjoy fresh produce from the Jesus Victory Garden. Our youth group, Thrive, delighted the clients by providing food items for Thanksgiving dinner, and turkeys were provided by Ambler Food Cupboard. We were also able to provide Christmas turkey dinners to our clients.

Here are some comments from just a few of our North Hill Food Cupboard clients: *"I cannot say in just words of how the NHFC has helped me and my children get by on a daily and week to week basis. Things have been so hard for us, but the support and care we have been given has been a true blessing from God! Thank you so very much."* Another client said, *"I need this help. These supplies help out with my budget. I especially like all the fruit I get."*

And another client said, *"NHFC has provided my family with extra food and support that is so needed by us. This additional help has allowed me to pay my bills which I otherwise would not have been able to do. I don't just receive food but spiritual and other support that I need to raise my family, including my three grandchildren. I'd like to thank the staff for their support in this endeavor."*

Thank you to everyone who supports this hands-on ministry which is dedicated to feeding the hungry.