

THE FOUNDATION Dinners

Fall 2019 Newsletter

Serving the needy of Fairfield County



A poor man's clothes are but rags compared to many that are in fine clothes. He cannot afford the things or position that finer clothes may bring. Or the nice warm homes and comforts that most of us have. He suffers afflictions and addictions of alcohol and drugs that keep him from ever being able to wear the clothes that we wear.

These are the clothes a poor man wears:

They are of mental illness or some other kind of disease, or of being crippled, or past felonies that no one will ever forget. These are the clothes a poor man wears.

They sometimes never part from him as long as he lives. So he lives under the bridges and along side the railroad tracks, or in houses that are in need of serious repair. Maybe even in some abandoned car or large cardboard box. The ground is cold at night and he never really feels warm. These are the clothes a poor man wears.

The clothes of a childhood from a broken home—or a home where love was hard to find—or where sexual or physical abuse occurred. These are the clothes that a poor man wears.

A poor man's clothes may also be scars from the past when

very poor decisions were made that brought ruin or divorce and shame.

A poor man's clothes may be of a veteran that fought in a foreign war and suffers the memories and wounds of war that never go away. Now he tries to hide in a bottle or in some other kind of drug. Now he is homeless and roams the streets.

A poor man's clothes don't keep him warm when it's cold or give him shelter when it rains. A poor man's clothes have holes and dirt that others may see and laugh and make fun of and then say: *Why don't you pull yourself up by your boot straps and get yourself together?*

Oh, but only if some of us would know how it is to have to wear a poor man's clothes! Only if we would wear a poor man's clothes, even for a day, trying to struggle against the holes, the dirt, the pain, the cold and loneliness that a poor man's clothes bring.

Then I believe we would have more understanding, sympathetic and compassionate toward the man who wears the poor man's clothes. Just maybe we would share some of the finer clothes that we have, doing our best to warm and help the soul of those wearing a *poor man's clothes*.

Volunteer Team Calendar

2019



Teams of 4-6 people should arrive at 3:30pm.

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		1 Pleasant Chapel	2 Faith Memorial Church	3 St Joseph's	4 Steve Templin's Church & City of Life	5 Lancaster 1st Presbyterian
6 Knights of Columbus	7 First Baptist	8 Grace Church	9 The Grove	10 Knights of Columbus St. Marks	11 Shalom UMC Maple St UMC	12 Sugar Grove UMC
13 Bloom Baptist	14 Emanuel Lutheran	15 Mt Zion & Cedar Hill UMC	16 Fairfield Christian Youth	17 Lancaster 1st Presbyterian	18 Victory Hill Seniors	19 Miracles for You
20 Life Church	21 Anchor Hocking	22 St. Mark's	23 The Well	24 Redeemer Lutheran	25 Pine Grove UMC	26 Fairfield Community
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10 Millersport UMC	11 St Bernadette	12 Be Kind	13 Hopewell UMC	14 Kroger	15 Lancaster Community Church	16 Peace Lutheran
17 Life Church	18 Fairfield National Bank	19 X Church	20 Vineyard FCC Small Group	21 Sixth Ave UMC	22 Pine Grove UMC	23 Lancaster First Presbyterian
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Thank You!

homelessness, one of the hardest jobs

Homelessness is one of the hardest jobs in the world. Often the homeless may be looked down upon because they have no employment. But here are some of the jobs a homeless person faces daily to survive:

- Rest—finding a safe and somewhat comfortable place to sleep. The ground gets hard at night and insects can be a problem.
- Nutrition—finding enough food and water.
- Escaping the elements—cold, rain, heat or snow.
- Personal safety—many homeless people are beaten and robbed of the few things they own.
- Personal hygiene—finding somewhere to shower or a sink to wash in.
- Clothing—finding clothes as well as washing them.
- Other necessities—finding money for the basics, such as deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush and other items we all take for granted.
- Employment—must not look homeless to get *and* keep a job.
- Possessions—must carry everything most of the time or everything could be stolen or thrown away by another person.
- Finding a safe place to put any possessions while working.

So, might I well say, that being homeless is a very difficult job. Indeed homeless people work hard just to survive.

work program continues...

We covet your prayers and support as we continue developing our work program at Foundation Dinners. We are looking for funding to hire case workers to take each unemployed client as a case, working with them individually. We care about each person, family and child that comes for a meal at Foundation Dinners.

It's our hope to see each one receive help in finding employment—even those with disabilities. It is wonderful to see the joy and fulfilment in someone who may have thought of themselves as incapable of working. Many people that are disabled receive a small check from Social Security or other sources. Over time they can lose their vision to do anything in life and begin to feel worthless and depressed. Drug and alcohol addiction can take hold along with other problems.

Finding employment, working at something with the sense of accomplishment, can be so beneficial for them and our community. But it takes someone to come along side these people and help direct them with a lot of love and concern.

It is my goal at Foundation Dinners to help everyone who comes for a meal find more—find purpose in this life. The need is great for the unemployed, disabled, or homeless. It takes people on a mission to help them help themselves. Hopefully we can make a difference in individual lives and make our community a much better place. Your support is much appreciated.

Gary Clum
Agency Director



letter of thanks from a homeless client

Foundation Dinners has changed my life for the better. Before I started coming I was very lonely. I did not eat on a normal basis. I felt like I did not belong any place. But when I started coming to the dinners I was made to feel at home. I also made friends with Dennis and Mike. I made friends with Ed and Rick who have hearts of gold. Rick Chrysler means the most to me. He has a positive attitude towards life and it makes me feel wanted. I can't forget Marty, you may not have much to say, but when you do speak, you have the right things to say.

I thank God every day for all of the volunteers that take their time to come and prepare some of the finest foods I have ever

had the privilege of eating. God's will of love and helping others in need are clearly put first and foremost.

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is dedicated to responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He calls upon each follower to respond to the needs of the downcast with a merciful heart, supplying not only words, but also and most importantly, deeds. *Matthew 25:31-46*

Any church, individual, business, industry, school or court system that believes in expressing compassion to the victims of poverty and neglect, are invited to join in this effort to relieve human suffering.

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Young and old alike in vulnerable circumstances find help at the Foundation Dinners. Consider the humble circumstances to which Jesus came.

Thank you for your continued support.

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