

# SAMARITAN FUND

Your gifts to High Street's Samaritan Fund help provide heat, medicine and shelter for many struggling people in our community. During our interviews, clients often say, "I didn't know where to go, so I came to High Street." As people who know the power of unearned Grace, we feel blessed and grateful that our congregation helps with financial needs.

**How are we being good stewards with High Street's funds?** Money is never given to clients. It goes directly to creditors (like utility companies and landlords) or is transferred through vouchers for bus passes and prescriptions. People can be assisted once every six months and must have ID showing they live in Delaware County.

**Why do people come to the Samaritan Fund?** Some just need short-term help until an anticipated financial improvement (a college degree, a new job). Some are dealing with a recent crisis, (like a divorce, death, or job loss) that has devastated their resources. Some have longer-term issues, like physical and mental health problems and care-taking responsibilities that limit their job prospects. In addition to giving some financial assistance, we share other community resources, which is often as valuable.

**Why did we add a meal?** We realized how often people with Samaritan are hungry – in many ways. Sharing a meal meets one immediate need, and provides a space to talk about others. The conversations we have over lunch range from light chat to very serious, spiritual conversations; depending on the interest of the visitors. This is also a time when we have an opportunity to connect these visitors with the life of our church – a group, service, or program they might like to attend.

**Why else is lunch a good idea?** Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." We want to have lunch with Jesus. Seriously, have you noticed how profoundly our Christ talks about food? "Do you love me? Feed my sheep."

## HOW CAN I HELP?

- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT FINANCIALLY OUR SAMARITAN FUND.**
- **YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME TO LUNCH AND CHAT WITH OUR SAMARITAN FUND CLIENTS.**
- **IF YOU COOK, CONSIDER PROVIDING A CASSEROLE OR DESSERT FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP TIME.**

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