



Resourcing a Community

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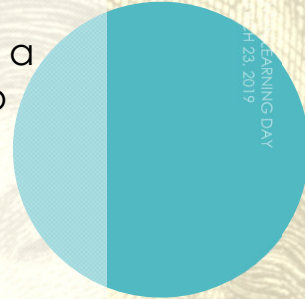
What is the Ministerium?

- ▶ Founded by the senior pastors of five downtown churches in 1980 to provide a Christian witness in the heart of the city.
- ▶ Today it represents 11 churches and chaplaincies.
- ▶ Much more information can be found at downtownpittsburghministerium.org



What is the Walk-in Ministry?

- ▶ On a rotating basis, each participating Ministerium church serves for one week at a time in addressing the needs of those who "walk-in" seeking assistance.



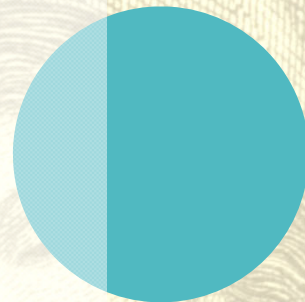
DOWNTOWN MINISTERIUM 2019 Walk-In Ministry Schedule					
DATE	CHURCH ON DUTY	PHONE #	DATE	CHURCH ON DUTY	PHONE #
December 31-January 6	Pf2 First Presbyterian Church	412-471-3436	July 8-14	Pf4 Smithfield UCC	412-281-1811
January 7-13	Pf2 Trinity Cathedral	412-232-4404	July 15-21	Pf3 First Lutheran Church	412-471-8125
January 14-20	Pf4 Smithfield UCC	412-281-1811	July 22-28	Pf1 St. Mary of Mercy	412-261-0110
January 21-27	Pf5 First Lutheran Church	412-471-8125	July 29-August 4	Pf2 First Presbyterian Church	412-471-3436
January 28-February 3	Pf1 St. Mary of Mercy	412-261-0110	August 5-11	Pf2 Trinity Cathedral	412-232-4404
February 4-10	Pf2 First Presbyterian Church	412-471-3436	August 12-18	Pf4 Smithfield UCC	412-281-1811
February 11-17	Pf2 Trinity Cathedral	412-232-4404	August 19-25	Pf3 First Lutheran Church	412-471-8125
February 18-24	Pf4 Smithfield UCC	412-281-1811	August 26-September 1	Pf1 St. Mary of Mercy	412-261-0110
February 25-March 3	Pf3 First Lutheran Church	412-471-8125	September 2-8	Pf2 First Presbyterian Church	412-471-3436
March 4-10	Pf1 St. Mary of Mercy	412-261-0110	September 9-15	Pf2 Trinity Cathedral	412-232-4404
March 11-17	Pf2 First Presbyterian Church	412-471-3436	September 16-22	Pf4 Smithfield UCC	412-281-1811
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March 25-31	Pf4 Smithfield UCC	412-281-1811	September 30-October 6	Pf1 St. Mary of Mercy	412-261-0110
April 1-7	Pf3 First Lutheran Church	412-471-8125	October 7-13	Pf2 First Presbyterian Church	412-471-3436
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May 6-12	Pf3 First Lutheran Church	412-471-8125	November 11-17	Pf2 First Presbyterian Church	412-471-3436
May 13-19	Pf1 St. Mary of Mercy	412-261-0110	November 18-24	Pf2 Trinity Cathedral	412-232-4404
May 20-26	Pf2 First Presbyterian Church	412-471-3436	November 25-December 1	Pf4 Smithfield UCC	412-281-1811
May 27-June 2	Pf2 Trinity Cathedral	412-232-4404	December 2-8	Pf3 First Lutheran Church	412-471-8125
June 3-9	Pf4 Smithfield UCC	412-281-1811	December 9-15	Pf1 St. Mary of Mercy	412-261-0110
June 10-16	Pf3 First Lutheran Church	412-471-8125	December 16-22	Pf2 First Presbyterian Church	412-471-3436
June 17-23	Pf1 St. Mary of Mercy	412-261-0110	December 23-29	Pf2 Trinity Cathedral	412-232-4404
June 24-June 30	Pf2 First Presbyterian Church	412-471-3436	December 30-January 5	Pf4 Smithfield UCC	412-281-1811
July 1-7	Pf2 Trinity Cathedral	412-232-4404			

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Who are the participating churches?

- ▶ **SAINT MARY OF MERCY CATHOLIC PARISH**
202 Stanwix Street
- ▶ **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
320 Sixth Avenue
- ▶ **TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL**
328 Sixth Avenue
- ▶ **SMITHFIELD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
620 Smithfield Street
- ▶ **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**
615 Grant Street



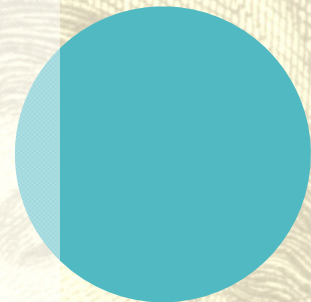
Scope of Client Needs:

- ▶ Emergency shelter
- ▶ Domestic violence resources
- ▶ Emergency food (pantries and kitchens)
- ▶ Support for recently incarcerated
- ▶ Support for veterans
- ▶ Mental health support
- ▶ Medical treatment



Scope of Client Needs:

- ▶ Assistance with outstanding bills
- ▶ Financial counseling
- ▶ Legal help
- ▶ 12 step groups
- ▶ Drug/alcohol rehab facilities
- ▶ Search for employment searches
- ▶ Resources for independent youth experiencing homelessness



Referral service partners

Christian Legal Aid of Pittsburgh
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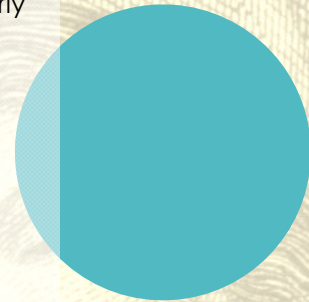


Who is served?

The following statistics are from Trinity Cathedral and are fairly representative of all participating churches.

► Week of March 18:

- 85 Households (HH) served representing 140 individuals
- 2,600 lbs of food/toiletries
- 45% receive SNAP benefits
- 40% are legally disabled
- About 20% of HH members are under 17 years old
- 100% have family incomes below 150% of the federal poverty level
- Most requested non-food items: feminine hygiene products, socks, underwear, diapers





Who serves?

The following statistics are from Trinity Cathedral

- ▶ As of March 18: **31 volunteers from 7 parishes:**
 - ▶ St. Brendan's, Franklin Park
 - ▶ St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon
 - ▶ Trinity Cathedral, Downtown
 - ▶ Calvary, East Liberty
 - ▶ Redeemer, Squirrel Hill
 - ▶ Nativity, Crafton
 - ▶ Partnership for In-kind donations with Rodman Street Missionary Baptist Church



"We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless.

The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty.

We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty."

- Mother Teresa



Funding/Supplies

▶ Funding:

- ▶ Direct parish/community support/fundraisers
- ▶ Diocesan mission grants
- ▶ ECW grants
- ▶ Foundation and government agency grants

▶ Supplies:

- ▶ Parish food/product drives
- ▶ Local supermarkets/bakeries/pharmacies/retailers
- ▶ Local ministerium (I.E., SHIM gardens)
- ▶ Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
- ▶ Corporate charitable departments (I.E., HomeGoods)
- ▶ Economy of scale savings with other similar organizations



What Have Been Our Challenges?

- ▶ Our clients are typically dealing with some sort of crisis, are often transient, and have little or no resources like phones, housing or transportation for follow-up or access to resources
- ▶ Many have mental and/or physical health issues
- ▶ Safety for the volunteers and clients
- ▶ Compassion fatigue



Successes?

- ▶ **Every Single Day!**



Community Partnerships

- ▶ Nearby churches
- ▶ Local healthcare providers
 - ▶ Hospitals, counselors/therapists, EMTs, clinics, etc.
- ▶ Local social-service agencies
- ▶ Nearby shelters
- ▶ Municipal services
- ▶ County and state agencies
- ▶ Local transportation providers



LEARNING DAY
MARCH 23, 2019

A Franciscan Benediction

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.



LOVE.
TEACH.
HEAL.



HEARING DAY
MARCH 23, 2019



Our Mission Guided by the Love of Jesus Christ