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"It's not enough to have lived. We should be determined to live for something. May I suggest that it be creating joy for others, sharing what we have for the betterment of personkind, bringing hope to the lost and love to the lonely."

~ Leo Buscaglia



Dear Friends of Knead Community Café,

As everyone is anticipating the return of spring, we want to reflect on all that has happened this past year at the cafe. Many of you joined us for the festivities of our 1st anniversary on Feb 20th. How fast time flies! It's been a year full of many wonderful and exciting moments and we have learned quite a lot about good food, running a cafe and the nonprofit sector in general. All very daunting tasks in of themselves but we feel truly guided and blessed by God's hands and the wonderful people in our community. As we go forward, we ask for your continued patronage, support, and prayers that we can help many in our community by being here for a warm meal, offering a place where all feel included, and providing love and hope to all that we encounter. We thank you sincerely for your partnership and commitment to the café mission.

Knead Community Café

1011 Barnes St. New Kensington, Pa 15068

Phone: 878-847-7997

Tues-Fri 11:00am-2:00pm Sat 8:00am-2:00pm

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Welcome Chef Jeff!

We are pleased to officially welcome Chef Jeff to our cafe team! Jeff has been with us almost 3 months and continually ups his game bringing us such fresh, colorful and delicious fare to the cafe. Not only a talented chef, Jeff truly believes in the mission of the cafe and is a wonderful guy.



Hi my name is Jeff Cieslewicz and I'm so excited to be your new chef at The Knead Community Cafe! Over the years I've been fortunate enough cook in some interesting places, including an English/Irish restaurant group in Atlanta, Georgia and a beach resort in South Africa during the World Cup in 2010.

My cooking style can be best described as a bit eclectic as I pull most of my ideas from a diverse group of cultures and cuisines. From me you'll see a lot of English and Irish inspired dishes, as well as Italian comfort food, with either a Latin or Asian flare.

Most importantly I am a follower of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My involvement at the KNEAD Cafe is a calling to give of myself to God's Kingdom which came from an experience I had with Jesus in a small church in Peru. HE has set me on fire for the community, the people of New Kensington and the surrounding areas- drawing on the talents HE has blessed me with over the course of my life.

My vision for my involvement at the cafe is to feed the hungry, and minister to those I have the privilege of interacting with in accordance with the cafe's mission and the Word of God. You're amazing. You're beautiful. Jesus loves you exactly as you are. ~Jeff

More Exciting News

We are so happy and honored to receive the 2018 Most Exceptional Community Service Award from Northwestern Mutual Life. Kevin has been employed with the same company for over 30 years. If you haven't viewed the video that was filmed, you can find it on our Facebook page and on the website. Congratulations Kevin for being selected as the top recipient for the Eastern region. We are so proud of you!





The Giving Tree is now up and running. This tree was painted by a past summer volunteer Sydney, who is now attending college out of state. Tokens may be purchased for \$10 and are then placed on the tree allowing us to use at our discretion. Those who are most in need or community members experiencing difficulties are given a token to enjoy a great lunch and are informed that someone from the community loves them and has treated them to lunch that day! Thank you for your support.

Other Ways You Can Help The Cafe and Its Mission:

- 1 Come in for lunch regularly and pay the suggested or pay it forward donation to help subsidize those who cannot.
- 2 Donate financially by becoming a monthly or regular Sponsor
- 3 Pick up an item or two off the cafe wish list
- 4 Spread the word and LIKE us on Facebook
- 5 Become a community dinner sponsor
- 6 Volunteer (see below)
- 7 Ask about Table Sponsorship/ other opportunities for businesses.
- 8 Consider a memorial gift to the cafe as a meaningful way of remembering loved ones or for personal and holiday gift giving.
- 9 Attend or host a fundraiser or in lieu of bday gift on behalf of Knead Community Cafe.

Volunteers are always needed!

Join us to work for meals or just because you want to support our efforts to curb food insecurity and engage in strengthening our community. Do you have a gift, talent or skill that you would be willing to share with the cafe? Contact us by calling the cafe or emailing us on our website.

Coming Soon!

As the weather warms up, we hope to begin work on the outdoor courtyard space which will feature outdoor patio tables for dining. We thank several donors who helped us with donations of goods and funding. Sponsorships are still available for 3 of the raised garden beds in addition to other landscaping and outdoor supply needs.

Please join us for our very first Monthly Dinner
All are welcome ♥



Breaking Bread Monthly Dinner at Knead Community Cafe

When: Thursday, April 26, 2018 serving from 5-6pm

Where: Banquet Hall at Knead Community Cafe
1011 Barnes Street New Kensington, Pa 15068 (adjacent to cafe)

Who: All neighbors and friends

Knead Community Cafe is happy to announce that we will be partnering with various groups, businesses, and friends of the cafe to sponsor a monthly community dinner. It is of no cost to the public however free will donations will be accepted. We welcome all who would like to join us for friendship, fellowship, and delicious food at the cafe regardless of means. Families, singles, young and old, those with means and those without, there is a place for you at the table!

In addition, volunteers are needed to help with prepping and serving of the dinner. For more information, please contact Wendy at wen3672@comcast.net

Note: After this initial date, we will start hosting Breaking Bread monthly dinners every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Future upcoming dates include:

May 17

June 21

July 19

Aug 16

Volunteer Spotlight - Vici Gilley and Rita Jubeck



This place means everything to me. Seeing everyone and meeting so many people from the community has been wonderful. I get so much satisfaction being able to do good for others and I really enjoy being part of the cafe.” ~Vici

I enjoy the people, the love which makes us like a family, and the food is just great! I look so forward to serving at the cafe and we all work for and with each other so well. Where else can you get paid in hugs”? ~Rita

We refer to Vici and Rita as the dynamic Duo here at the cafe. Rarely do you see one without the company of the other! From the first day we opened our doors, both of these terrific ladies started to volunteer at the cafe on a weekly basis. You may recognize Vici as the hostess who is the first one to greet you on Thursdays. Pint sized Rita warmly serves you at the table and make sure that you are well taken care of at the cafe. Both of these women truly embody the special qualities that make our patrons feel loved and want to return again and again. Thank you both for your excellent service with a smile and your dedicated commitment to the cafe!

Upcoming Events:

April 26th - Breaking Bread Monthly Dinner (serving 5-6pm)

May 12 - Ladies Night Out Painting Party and Dinner Buffet- invite your favorite gal pal to join you for the evening! Chef Jeff is whipping up a scrumptious buffet dinner and then local artist Cara Livorio will teach us painting on canvas. Coffee and dessert bar cap the evening. This is a BYOB event. \$40pp Tickets are limited must be purchased in advance and available on website and at the café.

June16- Risen To Save Concert- Free family event to be held in the cafe outdoor courtyard (weather permitting). Come join us 5-7pm. Free hotdogs and snacks provided for this fun and inspiring community event.