

Knead Community Café Spring Newsletter

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” Coretta Scott King

As the spring and summer season unfolds, it's the perfect opportunity to share all the latest news at the café. It's hard to believe we are in the 3rd year of operation! Much like nurturing a child, we have experienced many changes and areas of growth over the past couple of years - all for the good of the café and community. As they say, it takes a village and we certainly thank each and every one of you who help, support, and are a friend to the café. With you as a partner, we look forward to seeing what possibilities lie ahead!

New changes in Summer Saturday hours:

Beginning May 1st, our Saturday hours will be from 8am - 1pm. The weekday hours remain the same Tues. - Friday 11am - 2pm.

New Spring/Summer Menu is here

We have been getting great feedback on the new menu Chef Jeff has created for the spring and summer season. The menu has many options for light, healthy fresh fare in addition to some regular and new favorites. (Click on link to view our Spring/Summer menu.)

<https://www.kneadcommunitycafe.org/menu>

Be sure to come by and check it out! Local organizations and businesses, be sure to contact us for your luncheon needs by either reserving the farm table, conference room, or arranging take out.

Upcoming Events:

Breaking Bread Dinner -
3rd Thursdays:
May 16, June 20,
July 18, Aug 15.
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Afternoon Tea - Sunday,
May 19th- Sold out!

Risen To Save Outdoor
Concert. June 29th 6:30pm

Christmas in July Craft &
Vendor Fair - July 20th
10am-3pm.



Look forward to outdoor patio
dining at the end of May!



Updates on Banquet on Barnes

If you've attended a recent function in the Banquet Hall, you may have noticed some needed changes. Due to the generosity of a private donor and The Pitcairn-Crabb Foundation, we were able to replace the old stained ceiling tiles and update to new LED lights. This will help with energy efficiency and utility costs. We have also updated the sound system for future events and functions. It is our hope that the renovations will increase rental proceeds to help with sustainability and support café operations in the future. Next phase will include removal of wall carpeting and painting!

Volunteer Spotlight

Bonnie Spencer

Bonnie is a wonderful friend and supporter of the cafe. She initially started as a frequent customer and eventually her friendship with the cafe, led her to become a valued volunteer. You may have followed a video post of Bonnie's health with a need for a kidney transplant, so we would like to give you an update. Bonnie has received clearance that she is a candidate for a kidney transplant and is currently awaiting news about a live donor. She is on the transplant waiting list. Many people commented to us that they never realized that Bonnie was experiencing serious health issues. Given her pleasant demeanor and beautiful smile, she truly is an example of grace and placing trust in our Creator that all will be well. Please continue to keep Bonnie in your prayers along with the many other prayer requests listed on our Blessings Board in the café hallway. May God restore health and healing to all!



Café and Community

Providing great food in a friendly gathering space is a big part of what we do. But, there are many ways in which we extend a helping hand to our community. Our small café has become a beacon of hope to many in various ways.

We have provided meals, items and referral support to several families in homeless situations. We also provide emergency frozen meals to our community partners at the Community Clothes Closet for distribution on an as needed basis.

For those who require mandated community service hours for the court system, we are a welcoming place that provides mentorship and offers a hand up to those who may be feeling badly about themselves. Several individuals who have completed their service obligation are still active volunteers at the cafe. We have also helped in providing referrals or recommendations for a new job to others.

For students, we offer community service opportunities and real life experience for those who may be seeking future employment in a restaurant setting or in public service. We love your enthusiasm and your energy!

For churches, organizations and businesses, we provide the opportunity to serve others, team building, and networking within our community through group service experiences during our daily meal operations or at our monthly Breaking Bread Community Dinner.

To our friends who rise above their daily challenges, we offer opportunities to serve and engage at the café in small groups and individually with their coaches. We appreciate your dedication and willingness to lend a hand wherever needed!

Thank You Corner

There are so many people who help in big and small ways everyday at the cafe. This is in no way a complete listing of all who have blessed us in the past few months. Thank you to the many supporters who have contributed by donating, volunteering at the cafe or serving at our community meals, supplying items from our wish list or those who eat regularly at the cafe and share the experience with new friends. We are truly grateful for ALL of you!

AK Leadership
Bakers for our Knead Bake sale
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2019 Breaking Bread Dinner Sponsors

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- Home Instead
- Simpson Family Foundation
- Kevin Miller Northwestern Mutual
- Heritage Hospice
- Arnold Furniture
- Harvest Baptist Church
- UPMC Presbyterian Sr. Care
- Many Anonymous Sponsors

2019 Table Sponsors

- Laborers' District Council
- Ann & Phillip LaRusse
- Kevin Bode Northwestern Mutual
- Axiom Family Services
- Nick Chevrolet

We are pleased to announce that all 2019 Breaking Bread Dinners have been sponsored for the year.

There are also still many Table sponsorships available. Please contact Marcie at 878-302-3270 if you would be interested in this or other sponsorship opportunities.

April Meal Statistics

Meals Given	378
Total Meals Served	1311
Pay it Forwards	360
Totaling	2756
Volunteer Hours	571

Your contribution makes a difference!

Interested in volunteering?

Saturday volunteer are always needed and hours and dates are flexible. For more information, check out the volunteer section of our website or stop by the café.

<https://www.kneadcommunitycafe.org/forms>

We'd love to have you join us!

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