



The Berkshire Food Project seeks to alleviate hunger, food insecurity, and social isolation by serving healthy, no cost meals and connecting people to other resources, all in a dignified and respectful manner.

Find us inside the First Congregational Church on Summer Street between Ashland & Church Streets in downtown North Adams, MA.

This is not our usual newsletter, but then, these are not normal times. In place of our usual photo filled, fun updates you will find all the vital information you need to know about our operations during the current public health crisis. We thank all of you for your support - it's been wonderful to be able to focus on the increased need knowing that our community supports our work. We are distributing over 300 meals every Monday, Wednesday and Friday! Thanks to all making that possible.

A Quick Update:

The Berkshire Food Project continues to provide meals to anyone in need.

Due to the current public health crisis, our dining room is closed. We provide meals to take home.

Our schedule has been temporarily changed - partly because we don't want to encourage anyone to be out more often than necessary and partly because we don't have the capacity to be open every day.

Our Temporary Hours Are:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

All volunteer shifts have been cancelled until further notice. This is to protect our entire community - we don't want people coming out unless they have to.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays we provide a minimum of two meals per person you are picking up for. The person does NOT have to be present. In fact, we prefer if one person from the household can pick up for everyone. You do not need to provide names or other information - as always, we ask no questions. Well, we will ask how many people you are picking up for so we know how many meals to give you, but that's all. You may pick up for a neighbor, a friend, or anyone who needs a meal.

Meals are distributed outside. Our building is not open. We do not have public restroom facilities at this time.

In addition to meals prepared in our kitchen we are providing meals from local restaurants and stores. There are a number of different options some days. We are not posting the menu as it changes a lot! When we run out of one thing, we add a new item.

We have emergency groceries too. If you need something, let us know when you pick up your meals!

Please follow the social distancing guidelines to protect yourself and those around you - especially when you are in line waiting for your meals. Thank you.

Further Updates:

We are not accepting donations of used containers or bags at this time.

Our kitchen is closed except to staff.

If you need to drop something off, please call first so we can meet you outside the kitchen door.

Our annual meeting scheduled for April is postponed.

Our concerts through April are postponed.

Our Empty Bowl Event scheduled for May is postponed.

We have received a grant from the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund as well as many donations from local individuals, families and foundations. These funds are helping us meet the challenges each day brings.

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