

“What’s for Dinner? “

Many had followed Jesus as he taught in the cities and in the country. In Luke 6, we are told that the crowd of over 5,000 found itself in a desolate place and the apostles wanted Jesus to dismiss them so they could go get food. Jesus knew that many were poor and they might even faint on their journeys home, so Jesus was given 5 small barley loaves and 2 small fish from a small boy . What could this small amount do in feeding such a large crowd? We are told in

Luke 6:11, “Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as **much as they wanted**. He did the same with the fish.”

What a celebration! What a miracle! Doesn’t Jesus still do this today for over 7 billion people on the earth?

I remember coming home from school or work and smelling something good cooking on the stove. What a joy to have someone cook a lovely meal. I am the youngest child of a family with 5 children, and thankfully I never knew what going hungry felt like. But regrettably, 1 of 15 people in Delaware live in extreme poverty, and many days they go hungry. Some senior citizens must wrestle with buying food or buying their prescriptions? The United States has almost 2 million

runaway youth, and at least 57% go without food at least 1 day each month.

Well most of us know that times are tough, and what can we do to help?

In today's Gospel, 1 little boy offered his meal to Jesus, and from that act of love over 5,000 people were fed! On Nov. 20th at 7 PM, we will have a Community Thanksgiving Service at Centenary UM Church in Laurel. We are asking for canned goods and non-perishable items for our community food pantry. Come and expect to bless many people with your offering placed into the hands of Jesus. I realize that times are difficult for many of us, and we may feel overwhelmed. But let us offer our love for Jesus and for one another. God continues to bless us through family and friends, and what a joy it is to be part of the family of God.

At Christ Church, we have committed to supplying 7 elementary students with food over the weekends, when food is short. We are helping the schools with supplies for our children's needs. Our soup-fellowship time on Tuesdays from 5:30 – 6:30 feeds the body and the soul. Food is also sent out to less fortunate people to meet their needs. A free Thanksgiving dinner is again being hosted at our Church on Thanksgiving at 4 PM. God still supplies our needs

according to his riches in Christ Jesus. May you have a blessed and happy
Thanksgiving.

Prayer: Dear Lord, Thank you for the gift of food that you place upon our tables-

Help us all to do your work in any way that we are able. Amen.