



First Pres Gives Shelter January 6 – 20, 2020

I was a stranger and you made me your guest.

Matthew 25:24

January is not the time to sleep outdoors in Michigan! Our church will host up to 25 homeless men, identified by the Shelter Association as good candidates for the rotating shelter program, from Monday, January 6 through Monday, January 20. They will sleep in the Social Hall on mats provided by the shelter. The men arrive around 8:00 p.m. and leave by 7:00 a.m.

Be An Evening Host Volunteer

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Three to four volunteers act as hosts to greet and mingle with guests. Books, magazines, newspapers, and cards are available. Hosts help serve and clean up after the evening meal.

Be An Overnight Volunteer

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Four volunteers (including at least one committee member or experienced volunteer) will spend the night, each person serving a single two hour “awake” shift. In addition, volunteers will interact with guests, serve and clean up dinner and breakfast, and leave the Social Hall and kitchen in good order.

Provide Transportation

Mornings/Evenings

Guests are provided with AATA bus tokens during the week. Volunteers are needed on the weekends to drive to and from the Delonis Center 7:30 - 8:00 p.m., and 6:30 - 7:30 a.m., including Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Sign up by calling Jeannette Middleton (734-663-4723) or Jim Douglass (734-780-0480).

Donate Food

Volunteers are needed to drop off homemade snacks, pre-packaged treats and/or lunch meats by 7:00 p.m. each day. Hot food is also welcome in the evening. Note: In consideration of teeth and gum issues, please donate softer foods. Suggested hot dishes for the evening meal (serve 12-20) include stew, hearty soup, lasagna, and other casseroles. Please bring food in disposable containers if possible.

Donate Clothing

Donations of hand warmers, gloves, warm sweaters, shirts, coats, new socks and new long underwear are needed. Place them in baskets near the Church Office or at the Welcome Center.

Want to Help?

Please join the approximately 100 volunteers needed to make the Rotating Shelter program a success. It is indeed a congregational effort. One volunteer reports, “This has been a tremendously rewarding experience!” Will YOU volunteer?

Sign up on the sign-up board in the Social Hall or outside the Church Office, online at <https://firstpresbyterian.org/event/volunteer-rotating-shelter>, or contact Jeannette Middleton (663-4723), John Yodhes (677-4036) or Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org; 355-2351).

The Rotating Shelter Leadership Team

Jeannette Middleton and John Yodhes (co-chairs), Michelle Derr, Jim Douglass, Marcey Terrien, Peggy Jensen, Jim Peggs, Charlie Koopmann, John Voorhorst, and Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers