

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Every once in a while, a ewe will give birth to a lamb and reject it. There are many reasons she may do this. If the lamb is returned to the ewe, the mother may even kick the poor animal away. Once a ewe rejects one of her lambs, she will never change her mind. These little lambs will hang their heads so low that it looks like something is wrong with its neck...their spirit is broken. These lambs are called "bummer lambs."

Unless the shepherd intervenes, that lamb will die, rejected and alone. So, do you know what the shepherd does? He takes that rejected little one into his home, hand-feeds it and keeps it warm by the fire. He will wrap it up with blankets and hold it to his chest so the bummer lamb can hear his heartbeat. Once the lamb is strong enough, the shepherd will place it back in the field with the rest of the flock. But that sheep never forgets how the shepherd cared for him when his mother rejected him. When the shepherd calls for the flock, guess who runs to him first?

That is right, the bummer sheep. He knows his voice intimately. It is not that the bummer lamb is loved more, it just knows intimately the one who loves it. It's not that it is loved more, it just believes it because it has experienced that love one on one .

So many of us are bummer lambs, rejected and broken. But Jesus is the good Shepherd. He cares for our every need and holds us close to His heart so we can hear His heartbeat. We may be broken but we are deeply loved by the Shepherd.



The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

Jeremiah 31:3

Total Served

APRIL 2019

Meals Served

3,089



Food bags provided for

504 people

(Given 2 times a month)

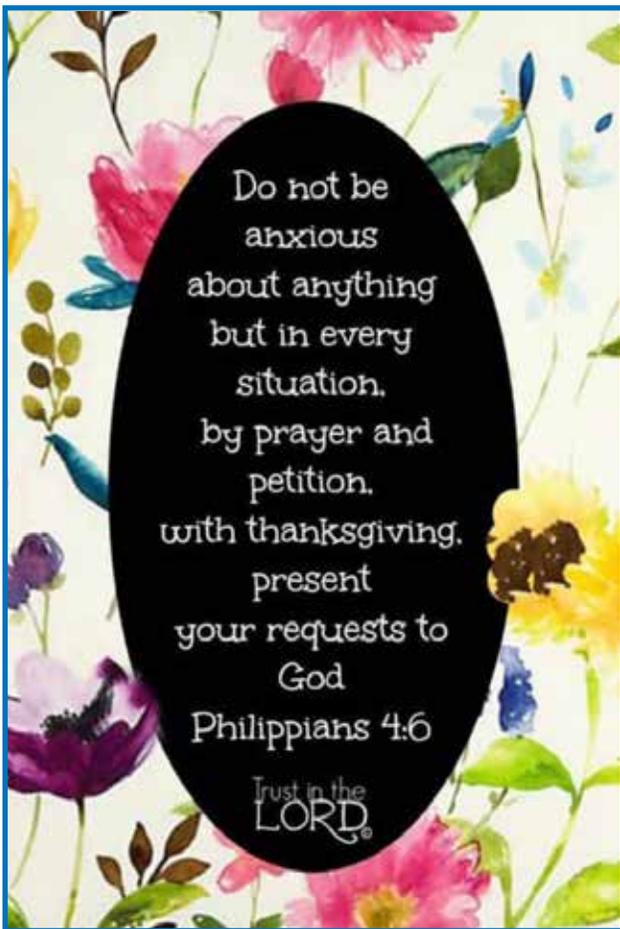
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BOOKS & STUFFED ANIMALS

During the summer, we have lots of children coming in for lunch and we love to treat them with a book or small stuffed animal. Because of the high numbers, these items go fast!! If you have any gently used children's books or small stuffed animals that you can donate, please bring them to 1600 Jackson St., Monroe, any MWTF from 9am-2:30pm.

OUR CURRENT NEEDS:

- *Finances
- *Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- *Deodorant
- *Plastic Forks
- *Large 26 oz pepper
- *Large 26 oz garlic powder
- *16 oz Styrofoam Cups



Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who take time to serve at Grace Place on a regular basis. We couldn't feed and clothe those in need without your help!!

Here are just some of the things our wonderful volunteers do for Grace Place: door man, table & tray cleaning, handing out book & toys to children, carrying trays for children and elderly, cooking the meal, serving the meal and helping with clean up.

Thank you!! Grazie!! Merci!!



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