

Responding in Time of Crisis

When St. John's in Wellsville suspended gatherings due to COVID-19, Rev. Carol Stewart realized their free Community Meals program could not continue. Rev. Stewart doesn't sit idle and likes to think out of the box when it comes to mission work. She thought that since the Wellsville school system is feeding children, Rev. Stewart aimed at helping adults. She decided to use the church funds to make up ten large bag lunches, each with a microwaveable soup, a cup of fruit, packaged tuna salad, crackers, and a pudding cup. The Salvation Army, the central point for help in Wellsville, agreed to help and distribute the lunch bags. The lunches are delivered to anyone - without any paperwork, qualification, or limitations.

Since the start of this program, it started to grow! Rev. Stewart and her team are ramping up to 2 dozen or so lunches per day, averaging up to 80 lunches per week! The Salvation Army agreed to distribute these bag lunches six days a week. Other churches are helping, and private individuals are making donations of cash, or prepared packaged foods. The local soup kitchen has also made a donation to this project, since they, too, are closed. The lunches are ready for pickup outdoors, to maintain social distance for both the Salvation Army staff and the recipients.

Rev. Stewart believes that if this small village of Wellsville, with less than 5,000 people can do this, maybe other communities can find a way to work together to help those in need. It's obvious that God continues to work through those like Rev. Stewart, who are open to His guidance and love.

Here are some photos!



Free Bag
Lunch
From The
Salvation Army
In partnership
with
Hallsport Christian
Church





Rev. Carol Stewart