

Thanksgiving 2007 in North Parish

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On Thanksgiving Day, Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, St. Clair (North Parish) opened its doors to people who were alone for the holiday.

Last year members of the North Parish Vestry were brainstorming on how to get people to come into our church. One vestry member suggested opening our doors to people who are alone from our community to come and have a meal and fellowship on Thanksgiving Day. It was then decided to deliver meals to people who would not be able to come to the church. Eighty meals were served last year. This year the number has grown to some 186.

Members of North Parish and friends from the community gathered at the church this year on the day before Thanksgiving to start the preparations. More than 50 volunteers came to the church on Thanksgiving Day to help pack, deliver meals, and prepare for more than fifty people who ate at the church. One Hundred and twenty-five meals were delivered to area homes in five communities in Schuylkill County.

This has truly turned into a wonderful ministry for our parish. Monetary donations and food items came from parishioners, businesses and people, not only from St. Clair, but surrounding communities. Everyone who helped enjoyed the day and being together. Plans are already being made for next year.

[Three photos by Liana Evans below]



