

Hunger at Home: Food for Our Neighbors



Saturday, March 27, 2010

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church

3231 Tilghman Street

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Allentown, PA 18104

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Workshops:

- Soup Kitchens / Food Banks & Pantries / Other Food Programs
- Food Services and Nutrition in our Public Schools
- Community Gardens
- Economic Policy and Tax Codes:
 - Moving Families from Poverty to Self-Sufficiency
- “How-To” workshops: Public Policy Advocacy 101



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- 8:30 am** Registration; Breakfast goodies and coffee/tea available
Resource displays and conversation with workshop leaders
- 9:00-10:30** Welcome, Devotions, Introductions, Overview
Keynote: Rev. Dr. Bob Edgar
Overview of Local Food Programs: Rev. Dr. Chris Nelson
- 10:45-11:00** Break – refreshments, resource displays
- 11:00-11:45** Breakout session I – (parallel workshops)
- 11:45-1:00 pm** Lunch and Conversation with Bob Edgar
Bread for the World – Offering of Letters overview
- 1:00-1:55** Breakout session II – (parallel workshops)
- 2:00-2:55** Meetings by Congressional District
- 2:55-3:00** Closing / Adjourn

Workshop Topics

(most topics will be offered only once – morning or afternoon)

- The "Field of Dreams" of Establishing a Local Food Pantry - The Prophetic Nature of Feeding
- The Hungry Child: Your Tax Dollars at Work through School Funding Programs
- Second Harvest: Resources for Local Food Pantries
- Community Gardens
- Basic Bread: What is "Bread for the World"?
- 2010 "Offering of Letters": Moving Families from Poverty to Self-Sufficiency
- "How-To" workshop: Public Policy Advocacy 101

Resource Displays

- Soup Kitchens: How to volunteer and why they are necessary.
- Food Pantries: How to start one in a congregation.
- Second Harvest: Your tax dollars and donations feed the hungry.
- The Hungry Child: Your tax dollars at work through school funding programs.
- Feeding the Widow: Lehigh County meal program.
- Ministry to Our Elders: Meals on Wheels program.
- Community Gardens: Growing for our neighbors.
- Bread for the World: What is it?

* This is a preliminary schedule; please check the web announcement for program and schedule details and updates at bread.pjpr.org or Email: events@lehighchurches.org or call the LCCC office at 610-433-6421

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