



## YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR TAKE OUT CHICKEN DINNER



**Friday, October 29**

**Serving at three different locations for your convenience:**

**Good's Store/Shady Maple from 3-5:30\***

1338 Main St, East Earl

**Martin's Country Market from 4-5:30\***

1717 W Main St, Ephrata

**Mellinger Mennonite Church from 4-5:30\***

1916 Lincoln Hwy E, Lancaster

\*or until dinners are sold out

### Menu

Delicious chicken, cheesy potatoes, green beans, coleslaw,  
applesauce, dinner roll, whoopie pie, drink



**Suggested Donation: \$12/meal**

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Proceeds go to several prison ministries  
and aftercare programs



# The Motorcycle Plunge for Funds!



With the end of the Support for Prison Ministries auction there will be a financial deficit to the ministry, and new ideas will be needed to raise money for our chaplaincy programs. Three of the SFPM board members, Mike Martin, Willy Zook, and Daniel King, were pondering this and came up with an idea to help. They are part of a motorcycle fellowship that meets together to ride and dine once a week. Their idea was to raise money for SFPM by having a dinner and presenting SFPM prison work to the riders on one of the ride nights. Other riders in the group, seeing a need, pitched in and contributed thoughts on how to make the benefit successful. A generous individual donated his picnic area for a night. Another cyclist couple graciously paid for the catered meal. Then a cyclist couple donated coffee from Central America to be auctioned off.

On a weekday this summer on their family night with husbands and wives, what started out as spontaneous idea to raise a small amount of funds turned into a significant fund raiser for the SFPM prison work.

Board member Mike Martin spoke presenting the work of SFPM at Lancaster County Prison and other places. He also shared of his own experiences visiting prisons.

Then they began to auction the coffee and bidding was strong. As one bag approached several hundred dollars, SFPM board member, Willy Zook said, "If that reaches \$1,000 I will jump in the pond with my clothes on." Shortly after Willy was indeed going down the slide with his clothes on. Thereafter, two more bags hit \$1,000 and SFPM's Mike Martin and Daniel King were chosen to take the plunge for the prison ministry team.

Mike Martin said, "After very little planning, the only explanation for such an overwhelming response was the work of the Lord. We were humbled by the generosity of the group."

Daniel King added, "What the Lord reminded me, was that from just a small pound of coffee bags the Lord can turn it into such a great blessing to be used for his ministry. Jesus loves cheerful givers!"

In all, SFPM and its prison and chaplaincy programs were extremely blessed with a considerable amount of money raised that night from all the cyclists. SFPM would like to thank all the riders and families that brought a very unexpected blessing to our prison work.

*"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:10-11*



Mike Martin



Willy Zook



Daniel King



## Ray Groff (Mr. Winross)



This summer, SFPM lost one of its special friends, Ray Groff. Ray was one of the country's largest Winross truck collectors and nearly every year he would donate a large part of the Winross trucks that we sold at our annual benefit auction. Ray would then come to the auction and sit and chat and laugh with other Winross collectors, while buying back quite a few of his own trucks, which he had anonymously donated, giving the prison auction a double blessing.

There are three things that Ray was known for, besides Winross collecting: 1) People that worked for him at Groff Busing Company loved him and spoke highly of their employer. 2) Ray was a family man who loved his wife, family, and grandchildren. 3) The most important aspect of Ray was his love for Jesus Christ which he talked about frequently. Our condolences to the Groff family for their loss of Ray. Ray has completed his journey here on earth and is in the arms of the Lord Jesus Christ. Ray will be truly missed. He blessed many in his life.

### SFPM Chaplains are making a difference

*"Dear Chaplain's Office: I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your prayers and support while I was in LCP. You have helped me come so far along in my journey with Jesus Christ. Although being in prison was the lowest point of my life, it was what I needed to truly surrender and accept God into my heart! It was a true learning and healing experience for me, and you were such a big part in that! I always pray for you and your ministry. I ask that God may continue to give you wisdom and discernment, that you so gracefully display. May He continue to use you to bring others closer to Him, like you have done for me."*

Note from an inmate at Lancaster County Prison

## Will you partner with us?



Fall has always been the time that SFPM depended on a lot of its funds coming in from our benefit auction, which is no longer happening. We also depend on church donations and with attendance in some churches down due to the virus we have noticed some decline of funds from churches. We are asking that you consider a special gift this fall.

Our staff at Lancaster County Prison and Youth Intervention Center have been faithfully serving the entire time during Covid 19. Thank you in advance for your generosity during this time of ministering in prison during the pandemic. Two options for partnering with us:

Make an on line donation:  
[www.supportforprisonministries.com](http://www.supportforprisonministries.com)  
Click the Donate button

Mail a check to: (or use enclosed envelope)  
Support for Prison Ministries  
PO Box 727  
Brownstown, PA 17508-0727





**You can also make a donation on line through our website.  
A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your gift to partner with SFPM. THANK YOU !!**

*Check out our website for updated photos and information: [www.supportforprisonministries.com](http://www.supportforprisonministries.com)*

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### Not interested in God?

By Del Burkholder, Director

Incarcerated persons that come into prison often have a wall built up to keep Christianity out of their lives. They often will tell chaplains they are not interested in God and to just move on to the next cell. Recently, a chaplain had an inmate tell her right away not to talk to her about God, which the chaplain honored but took time to just be her friend. Several days later the chaplain went by this inmates cell again and she asked specifically to talk about God. The chaplain, by just being a friend, allowed the young lady to approach God on her own terms and time. The chaplain was then able to share Jesus Christ with her and build a spiritual relationship. In our years in prison work many times we have witnessed the hardest personalities to reach, often become the strongest Christians in prison. Even the Apostle Paul, who wrote so much of the New Testament, was one of those hardened and opposing Christ too. The next time someone tells you they are not interested in God, just keep loving them and being there and let the Holy Spirit do His work.

*“Though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.” 1 Timothy 1:13-15 (Paul)*