Consider volunteering to assist with hot lunch program for homeless people

Kehilla’s neighbor, Plymouth United Church of Christ, the *Jazz and Justice* church (424 Monte Vista Avenue in Oakland), does important social justice work, including a Thursday hot lunch program for homeless people.

Kehilla has begun supporting the program by storing food supplies for what’s called the Food of God (FOG) program.  Volunteers staff the program by cooking at Plymouth, transporting and serving the food, cleaning-up, and other tasks.  The feeding site is in a public park at 21st and San Pablo across from the Oakland Greyhound Bus station.  Volunteers are from Plymouth, its sister congregation Skyline Community Church UCC, and non-congregationally affiliated people. Ordained UCC minister Rev Carolyn serves as the FOG chaplain and works at the site interacting with guests and listening to their emotional and spiritual needs.

The program needs more volunteers, and several Kehilla folk who have talked about the program think it would be wonderful if Kehilla members joined the program!  Biggest gaps are cooking on the fourth Thursday of the month and food transport and clean-up on any Thursday. Additionally, as the program puts it, “volunteers wanting to serve are always a blessing.”

Interested?  Please contact Mary Lou Watson, a Plymouth congregant: marilulu213@gmail.com or (510) 388-0504 (cell). Kehilla member Richard Speiglman, who has been in conversation with colleagues at Plymouth, would be happy to schmooze about Plymouth and FOG. He’s at: rspeiglman@sbcglobal.net and (510) 654-4026 (landline).