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MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND EXPECTED TO ATTEND FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER AT COURT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(ROCKFORD, IL, OCTOBER 4, 2022) THANKSGIVING dinner will be celebrated by more than 770 local residents during the annual, free Thanksgiving Dinner at Court Street United Methodist Church. The dinner, which is one of Rockford's largest, will begin at 11 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th and continue until 1 p.m.

"This is a wonderful tradition of caring and love that has been going on since 1981 at Court Street United Methodist Church," pointed out Sue Cram, Thanksgiving Chair. "Everyone is welcome to attend, but we especially want the homeless and those who find themselves alone to know they are welcome to take part."

This year, we will be handing out carryout meals and drive-through meals to our guests due to the pandemic (limit 2 per person). Approximately 100 volunteers will step forward to help prepare the turkey breast needed, along with mashed potatoes, vegetables, dressing, and 175 pies. "This wonderful dinner wouldn't be possible without the help of our loyal and caring volunteers," added Cram.

Music will also be a part of the Thanksgiving celebration that is being held for the $41^{\rm st}$ time. All are welcome to attend, and the media is encouraged to cover the event. Volunteer opportunities are available; please call the church if interested.

Court Street United Methodist Church is located at 215 North Court Street in downtown Rockford. Please call the church office at 815-962-6061 during business hours (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) for additional information.