**Sunday Supper Update**

All of the Presbyterian Churches in the Cedar Valley are now gathering in person for worship, and congregations are meeting more for ministry and fellowship. Therefore, the pastors of the churches are having more conversations about how to resume Sunday Supper.

Sunday Supper has been an important ministry for several years providing food to the community. However, the last few months have confirmed an even greater provision of Sunday Supper – fellowship and community. Indeed, community is the reason most of our Sunday Supper guests attend. This fact was revealed in October of 2020 when we served curb side meals to those who might be struggling during the pandemic. While this effort was helpful, we served a relatively small number of meals compared to our normal attendance.

Therefore, we feel that a communal meal in person is the most effective form of ministry when it comes to Sunday Supper. We hope to provide a communal meal in the Fellowship Hall starting sometime in the Fall of 2021. At the same time, there are some challenges when it comes to making plans and we appreciate people’s patience and help as we move forward.

The most significant challenge comes regarding volunteers and leadership. While many ministries are returning to some semblance of normal, the time away has come with significant changes in our volunteers’ abilities and availabilities. We cannot simply go back to the way we were doing things, relying on the same people and churches to do the same things.

Therefore, the pastors are working on a part-time job description for a leader of Sunday Supper. This person will oversee a variety of responsibilities including requirements for partnership with the Food Bank, shopping and food storage, and facilities liaison. If you are interested in this position or if you know someone who is interested, please contact Pastor Amy Wiles, amy@1stpresby.org

In the meantime, we appreciate your prayers as we continue to move forward. If you are interested in volunteering as a chef, volunteer coordinator, or leader in this important ministry, please reach out to one of the pastors. The success of Sunday Supper depends on church members committing to consistently giving of their time and energy on a weekly and monthly basis. Prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to participate.

Thank you for your prayers and grace,

The Pastors from the Cedar Valley PCUSA Churches