

## **PREBLE STREET: NEWS AND RENEWALS**

Do you know it will be FOUR YEARS in December that our church has been sending volunteers to help serve dinner at the Preble Street Resource Center on the first Tuesday of every month? That included all four seasons, all kinds of weather, and various holidays. As the coordinator of our church's effort on behalf of the Faith in Action Council, I glowed with the praise from the Preble Street staff for how well we have done in providing the help they need--10 to 12 volunteers per month. In fact the first time we have seriously fallen short of our obligation was August and September of this year.

Now it's time to renew our commitment. Preble Street Resource Center does an amazing job of serving up for 400 people 3 meals a day, 465 days a year. But they can't possibly do it without volunteers. Faith in Action does not believe the shortfall in the past 2 months signaled a flagging interest among our church members to continue this important way to be of service in our community. Please prove us right by signing up at the bulletin board kiosk in the Gathering Room, or writing to me at [pchinlund@gmail.com](mailto:pchinlund@gmail.com).

Faith in Action members are extremely grateful to those who have been regulars, returning again and again because they find it satisfying and rewarding. Some have brought their teenage children and have been pleased at the opportunity for them to learn about the needs of others and to do something to help. But we also want to encourage new volunteers to join our effort. Joining together, we have a chance to make new friends among ourselves, and to deepen our commitment to UU values.

The Preble St. staff is very good at making us feel welcome and useful. The job does not include bringing food, but helping to prepare and serve it. We report for duty at 4:30 and stay till 7:30. You are encouraged to commit to the entire 3 hours, but there is some flexibility for those who must come late or leave early. Arrival by 5:15 is acceptable.

So once again, help prove that the Faith in Action Council's faith in YOU is well justified. Signing up for Tuesday October 7 would be a good start!

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