

NEWS RELEASE: UPON RECEIPT
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**THE THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR SENIORS PROGRAM FOR
NORTHERN BERKSHIRE**

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THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR NORTHERN BERKSHIRE SENIORS

For our thirty seventh year of serving the Northern Berkshire area “The Thanksgiving for Seniors program” will be sponsored by All Saints Berkshire Episcopal Church and from community donations. The program is provided and organized by local volunteers from the Northern Berkshire community and by All Saints Weekend Meal Ministry. The meal will be a traditional meal of turkey, stuffing, vegetable, gravy, cranberry sauce roll and pumpkin pie. Last year we delivered over two hundred meals to the Northern Berkshire seniors. Various agencies assist with gathering and notifying the seniors in each community. All Saints Berkshire also will take reservations by **calling the office, November 8th through November 19th.**

All Saints Berkshire located in North Adams will be delivering the meals to seniors that live in **North Adams, Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, the town of Florida and Williamstown.** The program is for seniors 60 years of age and older who are alone on Thanksgiving and have no way of having a traditional Thanksgiving meal. The meals will be delivered by volunteers on Thanksgiving Day between 11am and noon. This is a free meal and all seniors who wish to receive a meal must make a reservation.

Due to the Massachusetts COVID regulations, there will be safety regulations put in place to protect our senior population and the volunteers delivering the meals. To receive a meal, the delivery person will wear a mask, gloves and will distance themselves at 6 feet. The recipient **MUST WEAR A MASK**. To assist in a non-contact delivery, we ask that a receptacle be placed outside your door. We will call you so you can retrieve the meal and then move on to deliver the next meal. For those living in group senior housing the delivery will set up in the community room or lobby and the volunteer will call each senior down separately to retrieve the meal.

Should a senior be not able to retrieve the meal they must plan for someone to pick up the meal prior to Thanksgiving. Again, everyone must wear a mask and social distance of six feet.

Reservations can be made starting November 8th – 19th by calling All Saints Berkshire Episcopal Church.

To make a reservation call:

All Saints Berkshire Episcopal Church 413-664-9656 Monday through Thursday from 8am-1pm Someone will be in the office to take your name and information on those days. If no answer, leave your name, address, the town you reside in and phone number on our voice mail machine. Please speak clearly so we can call back to confirm your reservation.

We are also looking for volunteers to deliver meals to seniors on Thanksgiving Day, please call the above number to sign up to deliver the meals.