



Washington City Church of the Brethren  
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Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Brethren Nutrition Program, a soup kitchen ministry of Washington City Church of the Brethren. It traditionally operates on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (currently Mondays and Fridays only), from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The Brethren Nutrition Program offers a free lunch to any in need. Its existence and operation is due to longstanding congregational and community support. Funds, food, and volunteer time are donations critical to its success.

Volunteers provide assistance with food preparation, food service, and cleanup. **For those committed to taking part in preparation, service, and clean up, expect to be helping from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm.** Volunteer help is needed for the whole process, from preparation to serving to clean up. We understand that not all individuals or groups can commit to around four hours, so please let us know if you or your group can only serve for a specific portion (prepping, serving, or cleaning). We want to accommodate you!

Some volunteers helping with food preparation may be asked to arrive earlier in special situations, though they generally arrive around 10:00 AM. Volunteers assisting in food service *only* arrive at 11:30 AM. Lunch is served from 12 noon to 1:30 PM. Clean up is ongoing but typically lasts until 2:30 PM.

All prospective volunteers must complete the volunteer application form. An orientation to the soup kitchen will be provided on the first morning of service. We can also provide a brief educational session on the broader issues of hunger, homelessness, and urban poverty, as requested.

If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Jennifer Hosler, interim Brethren Nutrition Program Coordinator, at [bnp.cob@aol.com](mailto:bnp.cob@aol.com) or call the church at 202-547-5924. Again, thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Brethren Nutrition Program!

Sincerely,

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