



Breezewood Trucker/Traveler Grace and Peace Autumn 2024

SANDWICHES, SOUPS & PIES!!

Back by popular demand, the Breezewood Trucker Traveler Ministry organized and hosted another soup and sandwich sale! 1020 ham & cheese sandwiches were assembled, 382 pie were sorted, 131 quarts of Chicken corn soup and 115 quarts of ham & bean soup were made and prepared for sale at the Everett Assembly of God Church! After compiling orders, days of soup preparations(thanks to our faithful committee members!) and ordering supplies- our management committee and volunteers successfully completed assembly, sorting and clean up in a single morning before 11am! This year we introduced pie choices baked at the Little Town Pantry in Everett- for which we have received very positive reviews. The Everett Foodliner has consistently provided outstanding service and supplies for sandwich assembly and our very dedicated committee made gallons of delicious soup packaged in quart containers. Thanks to all who made this effort possible!!



Vera Wilt, Kevin Maxwell(8th grade job shadowing), Jen Smith and Dave Flumerfelt compiling orders.

DEDICATED DRIVER WOULD NOT ABANDON HIS PASSENGERS!



A 28 year veteran driver with Greyhound Bus Lines has run the Pittsburgh – Washington DC route countless times throughout his career: RC Brown did not anticipate the travel dilemmas created when his bus transmission failed and left the bus stranded late at night on the PA turnpike outside Breezewood. Parked as safely as he could on the side of the road in darkness, the 12 passengers grew increasingly tense and anxious. The wind from each passing truck shook them as they waited for “rescue” from Greyhound. Hours later PA Dept of Transportation workers on night shift took notice of their predicament and shuttled them(and luggage) off the highway into Breezewood- dropping them off at the Gateway Plaza.

This group of passengers on a particular Tuesday in March were each on their phones trying to solve the delays caused by the breakdown: some had appointments to make, family visits, other buses to catch- each starting their trip in Pittsburgh going to destinations east and south. They were all

hopeful that Greyhound would deliver them in short order as early morning arrived and no one had eaten or slept. Some snack food, water, prayer, and a listening ear provided by the ministry helped to alleviate some of the hunger pangs, but the frustration and tiredness was managed as best they could. Later that morning Greyhound did provide a “rescue bus” but only 2 passengers boarded because going back to Pittsburgh was not an option for the majority. The passengers needed to make their connections east and south! Mr. Brown stayed with his passengers, one needing medical attention while other passengers were successful in arranging alternative transportation. The remaining passengers and driver and chaplain witnessed a chain of answers to prayer- as a van rental was secured personally by Mr. Brown- simply doing the right thing. The remaining passengers were driven to the Baltimore Greyhound Bus Station and able to make their connections. God provided solutions, as often happens through the kindness of people going the extra mile. I give thanks for a professional bus driver who embodies what it is to be a “friend on the road.” Thank you RC Brown for your years of service and safe miles getting countless passengers to destinations east, south, north, and west!

VALENTINE’S CARD TABLE! (and presentation of donation to ministry)



Photo: Luann Hileman, Kathy Feather, Chaplain Maxwell, Norma Brown, Harry Claycomb, Jim Byler

The Clover Creek Church of the Brethren early in February hosts a “Valentine’s Card Table” offering free

Valentine greeting cards, envelopes and stamps to truckers, travelers, and plaza staff. Loved ones at home receive the benefit of this ministry thoughtfully organized and sponsored by the church for over 15 years. We give thanks to the congregation at Clover Creek for their years of support!

EASTER HOSPITALITY TABLE!



Photo: Paul & Colleen Shotts, Craig Cutshall

Fairview United Methodist Church(Hustontown), long time partner in the ministry hosted a fabulous Easter(Good Friday) table at Gateway Plaza! It is a joy to share Christian love, celebrate Christ’s sacrifice and fellowship in a most unexpected way: truckers, travelers, and employees are totally amazed to find a table of free items in a very commercial marketplace! Many thanks to Fairview Church and many other congregations who partner in the ministry!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

A ministry yard sale will be held at the Everett Church of the Brethren on August 10th, 12noon-4pm in conjunction with an ice cream social! The annual banquet will be held on September 28th, 2024 at the Everett Church of the Brethren. We look forward to fellowship and good food each year- shared with our friends in ministry. Congregations across our area, individuals, and business partners continue to provide all the resources and prayer power for a Christian mission at the Breezewood crossroads; we cherish the opportunities each fall to gather together and celebrate shared ministry!

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