

# FEED MY SHEEP TEMPLE

Mission Statement: Feeding those who are hungry physically, spiritually, and emotionally.



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2023 promises to be a monumental year for Feed My Sheep. We believe that every person deserves to be treated with dignity, respect, and love, and we will therefore continue to meet the needs of our local community members. Namely, we will equip them with necessary tools and skills and empower them to passionately live the life that God created them for. Our vision is to build a community that includes, rather than separates, and to do so, we must engage intentionally with those around us. That's what Feed My Sheep offers: opportunities for engagement and, in turn, transformation in our community. We must embrace the truth that as a community we are called to serve.

Jeff Stegall, Executive Director

## Community Outreach Initiatives

In 2022, Feed My Sheep took on several new projects in order to transform the area's culture and to foster empathy and compassion. To this end, we held the first annual **Temple Through My Eyes** exhibition last year, and it was a deeply moving event that showcased the beauty and humanity of our town, as well as the talents of many artists. In December, we launched the **Invisible** campaign on social media to shed light on people's individual stories and to help the community see the world the way that Feed My Sheep does—as *people*, not problems.

You can see both of these projects online ("Feed My Sheep Temple" on Facebook and @feedmysheep temple on Instagram), and we encourage you to follow our pages to keep up with FMS news, learn about upcoming projects, and find ways to get involved!



## 2022 Year in Review

69,576 Meals served—7 days a week, 365 days a year

More than 2,000 loads of laundry and 2,000 showers at The Well

More than 2,000 loads of laundry and 2,000 showers at The Locker Room

More than \$800 worth of products sold by ladies at The Well at various farmer's markets

Assistance provided through the Resource Center

- 150 PO Boxes

- \$1,092.99 for reunification tickets

- \$3,330 for driver's licenses/Social Security cards

- \$5,946 for emergency shelter and rental assistance

- \$3,488 Utility Assistance

- \$1,050 Prescription





Providing for people's basic needs is at the heart of what we do, and The Cafe is therefore a key part of our mission. Rain or shine, we served hot meals and sack lunches every single day in 2022 and—God willing—we will do so in 2023 as well. Also, thanks to the generosity and support of the community, 2022 saw many improvements such as new cooking equipment, appliances, and an industrial grade walk-in freezer that will help us better meet the needs of our brothers and sisters.

# The Cafe Updates

## Upcoming Projects

**Baking Program:** We will be making baked goods to sell at local farmer's markets and deliver to churches and businesses in the area. Baked goods include cookies, muffins, breads, cinnamon rolls, and more! The program will empower participants by cultivating skills and building personal and professional connections.

**Coffee Roasting:** We were awarded a grant from the Rock Rose Foundation that enabled us to purchase an industrial-grade coffee roaster, and we are excited to announce that Feed My Sheep will begin to roast our own coffee! The coffee will roll out in mid-March under the Wake Up label—be sure to follow us on social media for details about where, when, and how to get yours!

**Volunteer Opportunities:** We always have opportunities to serve and would be glad to talk to anyone interested in volunteering at Feed My Sheep!

For groups interested in providing hot meals or sack lunches, please contact [cafe@feedmysheep temple.org](mailto:cafe@feedmysheep temple.org).

For individuals, go to [www.feedmysheep temple.org/get-involved](http://www.feedmysheep temple.org/get-involved)

**Needs:** If you are interested in donating food, we are always in need of fresh fruit, orange juice, eggs, bacon, sausage, ground meat, granola bars, chips, peanut butter, and jelly. You can also make a monetary donation at [www.feedmysheep temple.org/donate](http://www.feedmysheep temple.org/donate)



2023 Forever and Always Valentine's Day Event

## The Well Updates

**Volunteer Opportunities:** The Well is open Mon–Fri from 9am to 1pm. We are in need of life skills teachers, mentors, bible study leaders, arts/crafts teachers, and women who just want to walk closely through life with others.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact [feedmysheep temple@gmail.com](mailto:feedmysheep temple@gmail.com)

**Needs:** body wash, makeup, feminine hygiene products, hairbrushes, purses, backpacks, journals, large-print bibles.

The Well is a vitally important part of Feed My Sheep. It gives women a place to find rest, build lasting relationships with other women, and know that they are deeply loved and cared for.



## Resource Center Updates

Through the Resource Center at Feed My Sheep, we are able to reunite families, start the addiction recovery process by connecting people to rehab centers throughout the state, and equip people with essential tools such as IDs, birth certificates, Social Security cards, and so much more. These are items that many take for granted, but for some, they are completely life changing. In the Resource Center, we get to walk alongside people, help them navigate difficult seasons of life, and work together towards a brighter future.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Mon–Fri from 9am to 1pm (mostly administrative tasks, but also direct engagement with people). If you would like to volunteer in the Resource Center, please contact [feedmysheep temple@gmail.com](mailto:feedmysheep temple@gmail.com)



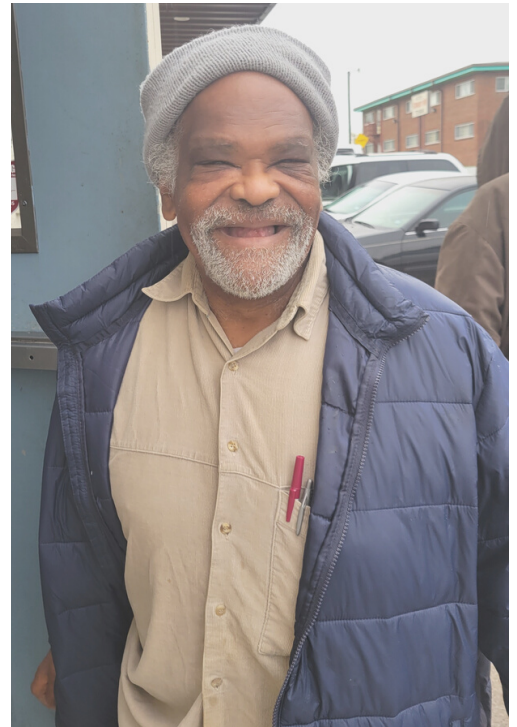


We are expanding the men's hangout area in order to give men a safe, welcoming place to be during the day. Facilities will be furnished with couches, TVs, ping pong table, and more.

## The Locker Room Updates

**Volunteer Opportunities:** If anyone is interested in volunteering, leading bible studies, or serving as a mentor, please contact [feedmysheep temple@gmail.com](mailto:feedmysheep temple@gmail.com)

**Needs:** Razors, deodorant, socks, underwear, shaving cream, and backpacks.



## Sunrise Center for Mental Health and Wellness

Mental Health concerns affect so many people within our community, and there are presently few resources available. The Sunrise Center, though, will meet these vital needs as a community-based resource. We will have CCS, Occupational Therapy, Counseling, and recovery classes.

Renovations are underway, and a grand opening date will be announced soon. We know that this center will make a tremendous difference in people's lives by providing the professional guidance needed to address the underlying challenges facing them.



## Podcast

Feed My Sheep will be starting a podcast called “**The Collage**” in which people from all walks of life share their stories, perspective, and wisdom. The podcast will explore such topics as the role of the church in modern America, the lived experience of the homeless, and leadership. Be sure to give it a listen! It will be available on all major podcast streaming platforms.

## Social Media

To help get our message out there and advance our mission, Feed My Sheep has launched a social media presence on Facebook and Instagram. If you haven't yet, be sure to like and subscribe to keep up to date on all God is doing at and through Feed My Sheep!



“Feed My Sheep Temple”



@feedmysheep temple

## Prayer Requests

Mental, physical, spiritual healing, freedom from addiction, housing, family restoration.

## Get Involved

At Feed My Sheep, there are always opportunities to help feed those who are hungry spiritually, spiritually, and emotionally.

To donate, visit

[www.feedmysheep temple.org/donate](http://www.feedmysheep temple.org/donate)

To volunteer as an individual, visit

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To get involved in a specific area at Feed My Sheep, reach out to any of the email addresses in this newsletter

