

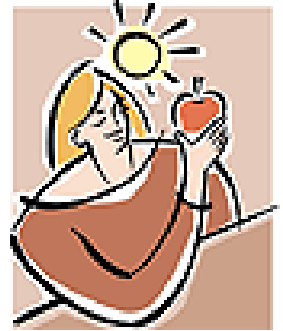


# Feeding Body, Mind, & Spirit

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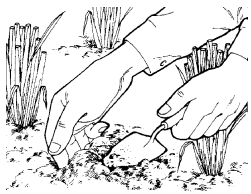
*"It has been my experience that in feeding the homeless,  
I am the one who is fed."* A VOLUNTEER

How true are those words! How fortunate we are to be able to feed so many, and in doing so, to partake of an even greater feast. Thank you, Edgehill United Methodist Church, for giving us a place in which to serve and a bus to help transport those we serve; you have been and are our foundation.



## Looking back over the last year . . .

### WE ARE SOWING . . .



- ◆ A Vanderbilt University Divinity School student who interned with Edgehill United Methodist Church has initiated a dialogue exploring an intern program directly related to Luke 14:12.
- ◆ We currently employ two homeless men who work in our kitchen preparing food, setting up tables and chairs, and cleaning up after each meal served. Occasionally we pay other guests to help with specific tasks.
- ◆ Director Amy Gallagher has had numerous opportunities to speak in a variety of venues—from Scout troops to the workplace to local faith communities, particularly relating to children in grades 3-8.

### WE ARE GROWING . . .

- ◆ In July 2001 we obtained certification to double our capacity in response to a marked increase in the number of guests at each meal.
- ◆ Thanks to special gifts from area faith communities, we were able to provide Amy with the supplies needed to set up an office in her basement.
- ◆ In February, in a cooperative effort between Luke 14:12 and Edgehill United Methodist Church, a program designed for our elderly neighbors was revived. The "Slowpokes" (the name they prefer!) come to the church monthly for a special meal and some much-needed fellowship. This outreach to seniors truly embodies our vision of "feeding body, mind, and spirit."



### WE ARE REAPING . . .



- ◆ In 2000 The HCA Foundation honored us with our first grant. In 2001 we were thrilled to receive a second grant. We are most grateful to HCA for the grants, as well as for their commitment to our mission.
- ◆ Youth across Nashville once again generously gave Luke 14:12 funds raised on "Souper Bowl" Sunday, a nationwide event held annually to raise funds for local soup kitchens, food banks, and other charities.
- ◆ One Friday in March, a guest walked in carrying two loaves of bread for us to serve with the meal that day. You reap what you sow.

From corporations to teenagers to the homeless . . . you humble us with your gifts and support.

## WE ARE BLESSED . . .

- ◆ An event planner brings dozens of boxed lunches left over from a conference. Our guests leave the noon meal with supper in hand.
- ◆ A Titans football player provides turkey dinners for a meal; he stays to talk with the guests, signing autographs.
- ◆ A sustaining congregation decides to prepare their regular Wednesday night dinners for an additional 50 people. The food for that extra 50 is donated weekly to Luke 14:12.
- ◆ A friend with a painting company supplies paint and a crew to refresh our tired kitchen.



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*You are receiving this letter because you have blessed us in some way . . . through your time, your talents, your service, your resources. You, whether individually or as part of a larger community, belong to this committed body that continues to respond to the needs of the hungry in Nashville.*

*We are grateful for your role in helping Luke 14:12 become a strong, stable ministry. Our doors are open. Our territory is expanding. Thanks be to God.*

For the board,



Ann Archer Davis, President  
September 2001

**" . . . invite the poor, the crippled,  
the lame and the blind . . . "**

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