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MANNA has MOVED to North Penn Commons!

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OUR MISSION

Manna on Main Street is committed to ending hunger in the North Penn region by providing food, fulfilling social service and education needs, and conducting community outreach.

Through a food pantry and soup kitchen, emergency financial aid, counseling and referrals, and education opportunities, we serve those in need with the vision *"that everyone might be fed."*



1981

Local churches and the community come together and form Manna

2012

Manna moves to 713 W. Main Street, expanding from 800 sq ft to 5,300 sq ft!



2016

Today, driven by community needs, Manna is again on the MOVE to North Penn Commons – a place where all are welcome.



YOU ARE INVITED!
*North Penn Commons
GRAND OPENING!*

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Humble Beginnings

The year was 1981. At the time, there were many unmet needs in the community. The government and other local agencies were simply not able to respond to needs for food, housing and other emergencies. Under the leadership of Reverend John Touchberry of St. John's United Church of Christ, local churches and caring individuals from the community came together. Out of that gathering, Manna was born. For the first two years, operations took place from the basement of the church. When the building next door was donated by a parishioner, Manna on Main Street came to life.



Soup was served two days a week and government surplus food was distributed. Day to day operations were handled by volunteers. In the early 1990s, a part-time coordinator was hired to oversee financial aid for emergencies. Over time, Manna's hours and programs were expanded to respond to increasing community needs. In April of 2012, Manna moved to 713 W. Main Street, expanding operations from 800 to 5,300 sq ft! Our volunteers and the families we serve greatly appreciated the elbow room.

Today, driven by community needs, Manna is again on the MOVE to North Penn Commons. With the support of our generous community, compassionate staff and volunteers, meals are served, food is distributed, funds are provided for emergencies, and training and education classes are held to help our neighbors build sustainable lives.

Thank you for your faithful support, and being part of this historic move to North Penn Commons – a place where neighbors in need are welcomed and cared for by people who want to serve and make a difference in our community.

North Penn Commons: Building Community on Common Ground

North Penn Commons (NPC) is now the location of Manna's new home at 606-608 East Main Street in Lansdale. Just 1.3 miles away from our old location and still on Main Street, it is also the home of three other highly respected non-profit agencies – the North Penn YMCA, The PEAK Center and Advanced Living Communities. This vibrant public center is a symbol of a new vision for our community that will offer all an opportunity to thrive. To give to the One Four All capital campaign, go to www.northpenncommons.org/one-four-all-campaign/donate/. Thank you for sharing in our vision.




Greater Opportunities for Vulnerable Neighbors in Need

North Penn Commons (NPC) is a one-of-a-kind service model that offers a unique opportunity for Manna clients. They will have greater access to resources on one shared campus, such as an improved pantry with online shopping opportunities; soup kitchen programs that serve all in need; greater classroom options with digital technology for Manna's education program and wider access to community resources. For example, a Manna senior can participate in recreational activities sponsored by The Peak Center, and everyone, including clients, will enjoy participating in events held in the community lobby equipped with WiFi. This public center will benefit every generation and will be a welcoming place for all. NPC is conveniently located on a Septa bus route, and just 1.3 miles from our old location.



Greater Impact Opportunities for Volunteer Service

Volunteers will have the opportunity to impact our community more deeply and broadly at North Penn Commons. They can choose where to serve from among four highly respected non-profit organizations located on one community campus. NPC volunteers will have the opportunity to interact with individuals across generational lines to promote healthier lives in an exciting, happenin' community center! To volunteer your time visit www.mannaonmain.org/give-time/volunteer-opportunities/ 




CLIENT STORY:

Spiraling Out of Control

Prior to moving to Lansdale, Gretchen and her husband were fully employed with great pay and benefits. Then, their lives began quickly spiraling out of control with health issues. Medical bills and prescription drugs quickly depleted all their savings — everything just began tumbling down. "It's been really hard", says Gretchen. "Things have been extremely tough for us for over a year now. But thanks to the support of family, friends and Manna, things have been slowly getting easier. We are so grateful for EVERYTHING Manna has done for us so far and we thank you." – Gretchen*



Aren't most of us just one job away from being homeless? With the support of our generous donors, Manna is there with food and a smile when life takes an unexpected turn. Thank you for your donations. 

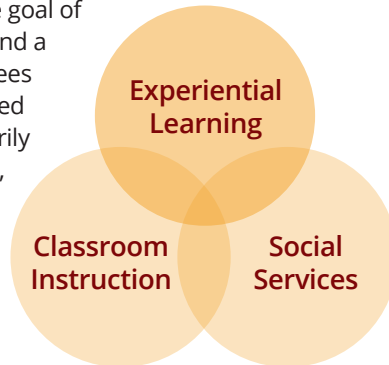
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New Social Enterprise: Common Grounds Training Program (CGTP) at Common Grounds Café

It's Innovative. It's transformative. It offers hope.

THE VISION: COMMON GROUNDS

Manna on Main Street is committed to ending hunger and the joblessness that fuels this instability. The Common Grounds Training Program (CGTP) is a free, 12-week training program that utilizes the national, evidenced-based Catalyst Kitchens model. Trainees engage in experiential learning, contributing to food production in Manna's mission-driven kitchen and service of Manna's new, Common Grounds Café, gaining customer service experience. Classroom instruction in food service and employment competencies further skill development, with social services provided based on trainees' needs. All trainees graduate with the goal of securing food service employment and a successful, sustainable career. Trainees represent economically disadvantaged individuals in our community, primarily those struggling with food insecurity, poverty and homelessness. Our primary referring program partner is Your Way Home, Montgomery County's coordinated housing crisis response system. 🏠



Where do I Drop Off Food at NPC?

At NPC, you will enjoy the larger, easy access drop off area leading directly into Manna's stock room. Look for a sign on the door that says "Manna - Food Drop Off". The drop-off area will accommodate multiple vehicles and provide sufficient space for trucks delivering larger donations.

NPC: Frequently Asked Questions

Will Manna's phone number change?

You will still be able to use the same phone number and email addresses to contact staff at Manna.

Will the hours be the same?

There will be slight changes to the hours, especially for Manna's Kitchen on the weekends. Please check Manna's website at www.mannaonmain.org for changing or new developments!

Will people line up inside or outside of the NPC?

We will have a larger pantry that accommodates many more shoppers at once and we expect no lines at NPC.

Will people outside of Montgomery County be welcome to eat at the new Manna?

Manna's Kitchen is open to the public and will continue to welcome all people who need a meal!

What hours will the Common Grounds Café be opened?

The Café will open in November starting with morning hours.

How can I sign up to volunteer for Manna at NPC?

Current Manna volunteers should continue to sign up on Volgistics. For those new to volunteering at Manna, go to www.mannaonmain.org/give-time for full details.

Will you be having the Thanksgiving Meal at NPC?

To remain close to our roots, this year's Thanksgiving Meal will again be at St. John's United Church of Christ.

Where do I send my financial donations?

Our PO Box address will remain the same so please continue to send your generous financial donations to Manna on Main Street, PO Box 763, Lansdale, PA 19446. If you want to drop off your financial gift, please visit us at our new home at North Penn Commons on or after October 3rd and ask Paige for a tour! Contact Paige at paige@mannaonmain.org.

Human Chain of Caring

Thank you to our amazing supporters!

Over 1,000 individuals participated in the Human Chain of Caring event on Sunday, September 18th. To honor our humble beginnings, Manna began the Chain at St. John's United Church of Christ as over 75 parishioners lined up in front of St. John's to pass the food down the chain in a symbolic celebration of Manna's move — connecting the past, present and future at North Penn Commons. Thank you to all who participated and for your well wishes!



MANNA on main street Manna's Human Chain of Caring, September 18, 2016 **MANNA on main street**
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Dates to Remember

Please go to www.mannaonmain.org for details and latest developments.

October 3 – November 30

Bring smiles to children in need in our community this holiday by being a Gift card donor! Sign up for the Holiday Gift card Program!
For more information visit our website.

October 7: 7-8:30pm

Zumbathon to benefit Manna at Bridge Community Church Register on our website: www.mannaonmain.org/zumba-for-manna

October 8: 12-2 pm

North Penn Commons Grand Opening

October 15

Community Food Drive! Donate any non-perishable food items.
A full list of needs can be found on our website.

November 7

The Common Grounds Café opens! Enjoy delicious food and drinks while supporting Manna on Main Street. The café will offer a comfortable seating and free Wi-Fi for individuals or business meetings.

Hours: Monday-Saturday, 7-10:30am

November 16-23

Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution (*During Regular Pantry Hours*)

November 24

Thanksgiving Meal at St. John's United Church of Christ

December 8

Holiday Gift Card Distribution

December 19-23

Holiday Food Basket Distribution (*During Regular Pantry Hours*)



Special Thanks to Merck ...

For their volunteers who generously donated their time to moving shelving and food; for their donation of furniture and kitchen equipment for Manna's offices and kitchen in North Penn Commons; and for supporting Corporate Interiors and Integrated Project Services who moved and installed the donated furniture and equipment. Your help significantly made our move to North Penn Commons possible. Thank you. 🙏



Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

Manna has been blessed with key contributors who profoundly impacted our growth during our early years. You know who you are. Your dedication to serving our neighbors in need with time and money lit a light in the darkness for many, and led the way for Manna to make a greater impact in the community today. In the basement of St. John's United Church of Christ and then at 514 West Main Street, you humbly served day in and day out unnoticed so that others may be lifted up. You prepared a table in the small kitchen at 514 West Main, so that the hungry may sit in fellowship and enjoy a warm meal. You filled the drawers and cupboards with cans and packages of food so that the homeless may take food with them. You are our examples of selfless service. You are our heroes. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. 🙏

