

BUMC Frozen Food Ministry ~ Team Leads: Matt and Kathy Auble

Background

Strongsville UMC has been part of the Big Blue Bus hot meal delivery program for over 20 years. They have built a relationship with the restaurants in Strongsville where each Monday they send volunteers to pick up unused frozen food from a variety of restaurants. Each Wednesday, this frozen food is turned into hot community meals that are delivered to downtown locations. The leftover frozen food is a ministry in itself that Strongsville UMC has opened up to others to collect and use as needed. This leftover frozen food is what Brecksville UMC is collecting each Sunday. Our goal is to repurpose this frozen food to families or organizations that are in need.

Barb Weiser is the main contact person and she is a certified food service worker and it is her job to make sure all the food is frozen correctly in order to be repurposed safely. She is a lovely lady and is more than happy to share her story and involvement over the years in this program.

BUMC Frozen Food Mission....3 Ways to Plug In

1. Pick up frozen food in Strongsville one Sunday per month at 9 am... see table below
2. Drive Frozen Food to Location Drop Offone day per month....see table below
3. Be a substitute driver.... sign up for those times when “our regulars” may be out of town or something pops up and they can not complete their pickup or drop off time....see table below

Job Description

1. Pick Up Frozen Food.... Strongsville UMC ...one Sunday per month pick up @ 9 am

We need a driver to pick up the frozen food from Strongsville UMC (near Rt 82 and 130th) and deliver it to the Brecksville UMC freezer chest in the kitchen / on stage. Pick up times are a firm 9 am on Sunday mornings. The freezers are in their sanctuary closets and 9 am is between services. Once loaded, drive back to BUMC and ask for help to move frozen food to freezers in the kitchen / stage.

More detail can be given as needed....contact Matt or Kathy Auble

Time Commitment : Approximately 1 hour (drive/ load....drive to BUMC and unload)

Contact People @ Strongsville United Methodist

Barb Weiser ~ 216-402-6490

Deb Smith ~440-525-4356

Sunny is another gal in the kitchen that helps on Sunday as a volunteer

Andrew Kinnen ~ 216-233-8076 (main contact but is on bed rest due to bike accident)

2. Deliver Frozen Food

We need a weekly volunteer to go to BUMC kitchen to gather frozen food from the white freezer chest in the kitchen and/or the freezer on the stage. You will deliver the frozen food to one of 3 places...based on your chosen week. Delivery of frozen food needs to happen before the next Sunday. See table below for delivery dates

A. **St. Herman's House** ~ located at 4410 Franklin Blvd in Cleveland.

St. Herman's house serves homeless men in greater Cleveland.

Food can be dropped off any day of the week.

Contact **Carl Cook ~ 216-961-3806**

Location: 4410 Franklin Blvd.

Cleveland, OH

The volunteer will enter around back using the alleyway, pull into the gated driveway on the right and park by the walk-in freezer located in the drive. Someone should come out to greet the driver...they will help unload frozen food...if not, knock on the door.

B. **The Emergency Assistance Center (Northfield).....also known as TEAC**

TEAC is a food pantry serving individuals and families in need in Summit County.

Food can be dropped off each Monday or Wednesday

Contact **Joyce Hunt 330-467-7945**

Location: 9433 Olde 8 Rd

Northfield OH 44067 (pull in parking lot...drive towards back....it is on left)

The volunteer will enter the parking lot and drive towards the back. TEAC is toward the back of the plaza on the left hand side. You need to take the food into the building.

C. **B. Riley House** located at 2121 West 117th Street

B. Riley House is a halfway house providing the LGBTQ+ community and allies in Cleveland with temporary, safe, affirming, recovery-oriented living space.

Food can be dropped off any day of week Monday - Friday

Contact Chuck Mezrobin @ 216-280-5733

Please call the contact person for your week to let them know the time of your drop off.

They will confirm your drop off time and should be there to greet you.

3. Substitute Driver

If you are interested in helping fill in on an as needed basis, please provide your name and number. You would only be called to help if the scheduled person cannot make their time.

Frozen Food Pick Up / Delivery Volunteers

<u>Monthly Pick Up @ 9 am Strongsville UMC</u>	<u>Name</u> <u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Monthly Drop Off Location</u>	<u>Name</u> <u>Phone Number</u>
First Sunday	1.	St. Herman's	1.
Second Sunday	2. Brian, Becky or Abigail Bendlak 216-440-2531 216-440-0822	TEAC	2. Brian, Becky or Abigail Bendlak 216-440-2531 216-440-0822
Third Sunday	3. Matt and Kathy Auble 440-241-8617 440-241-8852	St. Herman's	3. Matt and Kathy Auble 440-241-8617 440-241-8852
Fourth Sunday	4.	B. Riley	4.
Fifth Sunday	5.	B. Riley	5.

What do I do if I cannot complete my volunteered time slot ?

You are responsible for finding a substitute. See the list below.

Communicate with the Church Office as soon as possible: 440-526-8938 or Info@brecksvilleumc.com

Reach out to members on the volunteer list

Ideally, we have until the following Sunday to move the frozen food to any location in need. Together, we can have open minds and problem solve.

<u>Substitute Drivers</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Matt and Kathy Auble	440-241-8617 (Kathy) or 440-241-8852 (Matt)