



# EMMAUS HOUSE

## Feeding the hungry since 1982

Emmaus House is an unrestricted soup kitchen. No one is ever turned away. Our clients come from shelters, homeless camps, or the streets. We believe everyone is entitled to a hot meal, clean clothes, and a shower. We attend to our clients' most basic needs. We do not try to solve the problem of homelessness, but we work closely with other agencies serving the homeless to guide our clients to get the help that they need.

In 2020, we served 25,000 hot meals (breakfast is a time of day, not a menu description). We did 777 loads of laundry and provided 937 showers. We rely heavily on volunteers. Those interested in volunteering can register at [www.unitedministriessavannah.org](http://www.unitedministriessavannah.org). Join us serving breakfast or working at the Clothing Closet.

We are funded by contributions from individuals and corporations and grants from local government agencies and foundations. You can help by becoming a sustaining member or an Empty Bowl Sponsor. Be sure to come to our annual Empty Bowl Ceramic Art Show in early November and enjoy soups made by Brandi, our Executive Chef.

We welcome donations of clothes. See how to donate on our website. Paper goods are a major expense. Putting together a paper drive is a great way to help us. Our website provides details.

We have had to serve meals to go and restrict volunteer activities during COVID. We are hopeful of opening up shortly. Community is very important to our ministry. Our clients, our staff, and our volunteers all look forward to the time when we can again meet as a community inside the Parish House.

### UNITED MINISTRIES/EMMAUS HOUSE HISTORY:

United Ministries of Savannah was founded in 1982 by surrounding churches who saw the need for services to those experiencing homelessness in the area and is the umbrella organization of Emmaus House. Susan Harrison, the first woman Deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia, heard a small voice telling her to "feed my sheep". She met with Susan Dulany, Mimi Jones, Steve Acuff, Albert Stoddard and maybe others to organize what became United Ministries. Those churches involved initially were Christ Church Episcopal, Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, First Baptist Church of Savannah, First Presbyterian Church, and the Lutheran Church of the Ascension. Emmaus House began providing food at the First Baptist Church and moved to the Christ Church dining hall in 1983 after outgrowing the space at First Baptist.

### PARTNERSHIP WITH CHRIST CHURCH:

Christ Church Episcopal has been a vital partner of Emmaus House for years. Emmaus House runs all its programs at the Christ Church Parish Hall allowing donations to go directly to our feeding ministry, rather than to rent or utilities. In addition, Christ Church's steadfast support of the mission of Emmaus House has underscored the importance of serving the most vulnerable among us. Finally, individuals at Christ Church have played a huge role in providing financial support, board leadership, and volunteer hours. It would have been virtually impossible for Emmaus House to have served tens of thousands of hot meals annually without the involvement of Christ Church and its parishioners

### SERVICES:

- Breakfast: Monday-Friday 8:30 AM
- Laundry & Showers: Monday-Thursday 6:30-8:00 AM
- Clothing Closet (with SCAD Serve & Epiphany Church)

COST: Free. Forever

SENIOR STAFF:

Ariana Berksteiner, Executive Director

Brandi Kelsey, Executive Chef

THANK YOU:

We would like to thank the many Christ Church members who have served in our feeding ministry and as members of our Board for their hard work and many volunteer hours. Our apologies for any omissions.

<p><u>Board Chairs</u></p> <p>Marie Dent Florence Slatinsky Kim Bockius-Suwyn Jim Waterman</p> <p><u>Board Members</u></p> <p>Montie Acuff Steve Acuff Steve Edwards Catherine Gussler MJ Harris Ann Miller</p> <p><u>Water drive during Covid</u></p> <p>Jack Chandler Ryan Chandler Wiley Chandler Christian Oelschig Stella Oelschig Ella Stone Georgia Stone Harris Stone</p>	<p><u>Volunteers</u></p> <p>Richard Beattie Bertice Berry Fatima Berry Gomes Kris Brenard Allen Bridges Helen Burns Tori Chandler Ted Eldridge Courtenay Espy Tommie Gennuso Steve Gerard Cheryl Jay Mimi Jones Maggie Lee Jane Lewis Jamie Maury Shelby Myrick Betty Pember Jim Pember Barbara Powers Paul Reddick Sylvia Severance Jake Severance Claudia Seyle David Seyle Carry Smith Dan Snyder Janet Stone Julie van Pelt</p>
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