

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

<p>We hope this will help in your decision to serve at the night shelters located at both Central Presbyterian and the Shrine. The three areas of commitment for our volunteers are Sack Lunches, Dinner Preparation and Overnight. This ministry requires that items needed for any of these three areas be provided by the volunteers. This is what makes this such a beautiful ministry, because not only is the volunteer committing their time, but also their treasure.</p>	
<p>What should I do when my commitment date comes up?</p>	<p>Prior to the date, you will receive an email as a reminder to the committed date. The Sack Lunch and Dinner groups should coordinate with their respective group as to what each person will be responsible for. The overnight volunteers should notify the ministry if they will be arriving later than 7PM.</p>
<p>How many guests do we feed?</p>	<p>If you are scheduled with Central, there are 65-70 men. At the Shrine, there are 30 men.</p>
<p>What time should I be there?</p>	<p>The doors open at both Central and the Shrine at 6PM. The guests enter between 6:45PM - 7:15PM.</p>
<p>What is entailed in making sack lunches for the night shelters?</p>	<p>Two sandwiches go into each bag. Sandwiches are typically deli meat & cheese, white bread, mustard – if using a condiment. Optional additions to the bags are: chips, fruit cups, cookies – (Little Debbie's), a juice pack, water. 70 bags are prepared for Central and 40 for the Shrine. The lunches should be dropped off at the Shrine/Central on the date of commitment between 6PM and 7:30 PM.</p>
<p>What is entailed in preparing dinner for the guests?</p>	<p>There are 65-70 guests at Central and 30 at the Shrine. The doors open at 6PM. If you need to heat up anything, there are heating ovens. The meal entails, maybe a salad, entree, maybe some dinner rolls and a dessert. The group begins serving the meal between 7-7:15PM. Some guests appreciate seconds. It is recommended to sit down with them and enjoy the meal. A meal should also be provided for the overnight volunteers. Once the meal is finished and the kitchen has been cleaned, you may leave. Take the leftovers with you.</p>
<p>What do I do when I stay overnight? Do I need to bring anything?</p>	<p>Procedure is the same at each location. The doors open at 6PM. The guests arrive for dinner at 7PM. Then, it's shower and TV time. Lights out at 8:30 p.m. with a low-volume TV until 11:00PM. You are with other volunteers, so you can take turns at sleeping. Around 5:30 a.m. lights on and guests get ready to leave by 6:00 a.m. Give each guest a sack lunch. There is a detailed document of procedures for both Central and the Shrine on our website. Mattresses are provided so bring a pillow and blanket or a sleeping bag. Also, bring your iphone or ipad – wifi is available.</p>
<p>What if I have to arrive later than 7PM?</p>	<p>Notify the Shrine Night Shelter coordinator who sent you the reminder email when you will be arriving and the message will be passed on to the other volunteers. At the Shrine, you enter by the side Church Hall door in the parking lot. At Central, the entrance is glass doors parallel to the Shrine's Rectory. The guest location is on the 4th floor, so one of the other volunteers will need your cell # to open the downstairs door when you arrive.</p>