

Blue Ledge Meas

Serving the community, one meal at a time







Ascension Episcopal- 2022







Amazing things happen when a non-profit organization, Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels (MOW), has the support of eleven churches to feed those in need in Amherst County. We have been so blessed to have commercial vendors prepare meals for us since our start up in 2007 and since June of 2013 Amherst County churches have been preparing and donating meals.

Since we are not federal or state supported, we rely on grants, client participation, and donations to keep our organization in operation. Ten years ago, Amherst Baptist Church met the county requirements for preparing and serving meals for MOW clients. Amherst Baptist began preparing meals for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Next, Amherst Presbyterian joined meal preparation for the first and third Thursdays of a month. When the churches first started, we only had to prepare nine meals for the Amherst Routes. We have grown to 25 to 27 evening meals for the Amherst routes and five to as high as 12 lunch meals for the Temperance/151/Warrick Barn routes. As we grew with clients, more churches joined in to donate meals either once or twice a month. Last year our churches saved

It is simple, and so rewarding, to get started with preparing meals at churches. The church teams are made up of a leader and 3-4 workers to help. Food requirements are an entrée with protein, two sides (vegetables and/or fruits) and a dessert. The clients love church meals because of the amounts and surprises they receive. If your church is interested in becoming a vendor for Blue Ledge, please call Nancy Banton, 434-942-1752, and she will be happy to discuss and give you a packet of information. We can arrange for your team to visit a current church vendor

to observe the process.

MOW approximately \$16,266.





Midway Baptist- 2016



Mt. Moriah Baptist- 2021





Our church partners and the year they began preparing meals for us

Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels Annual Shelf Stable Food Drive

Each year, Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels - in partnership with the Subaru Share the Love Event - organizes a food drive to collect non-perishable food items for our clients. The goal is to collect and distribute enough goods so that clients have food over the winter months in case bad weather prohibits deliveries.

Please help us by dropping off *non-perishable, shelf-stable, single serve items* to one of these two locations between Nov 17 - Dec 19, 2023. Please feel free to make copies and share this flyer everywhere you can!

Drop off locations - Thank You!

Blue Ledge appreciates their support and YOURS!

<u>Amherst County Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center</u> - 328 Richmond Hwy Ste A

Wednesday – Saturday 9am - 5pm - Sunday 1pm – 5pm

<u>Amherst Dy Cleaners</u> – 455 South Main Street

Monday – Friday 7am – 5:30 PM - Saturday 9am – 1pm

<u>Wish-list of suggested items</u> (cans should be single serving and easy-open) Please check the expiration date, as we cannot serve food which has expired.

Canned/Pouch Tuna

Canned Corn Beef Canned

Small Canned Ham

Soup(s)
Crackers/Nabs
Peanut Butter
Cereal
Granola/Energy Bars
Vienna Sausage

Cereal beans
Granola/Energy Bars Instant Oatmeal
Vienna Sausage Applesauce
Beanie-Weenie Fruit Cups

Canned pasta
Puddings
Jell-o
Bottled Water
Potted Meat
Instant Grits



As part of a national partnership with Meals on Wheels America, Subaru of America, Inc. will donate \$250 to the purchaser's choice of participating charities — one of which is Meals on Wheels — for every new vehicle purchased or leased from November 16, 2023, through January 2, 2024. Since the Subaru Share the Love Event began in 2008, Subaru and its participating retailers have donated nearly 4 million meals and friendly visits to seniors being served by local Meals on Wheels programs across the country. For more information, visit www.MealsonWheelsAmerica.org/ShareTheLove.

Become part of the solution.

Join us in the fight against hunger and isolation. We have a great and present need for volunteer drivers. Our greatest need right now is for substitute drivers. When a regular driver is sick or unavailable we rely on our substitutes to deliver meals on their route. This generally involves plenty of notice before the delivery day, but occasionally and rarely will be within 24 hours. We will train you and offer support every step of the way. Please visit blueledge.org or call 434-942-4864 and submit a volunteer application. Your time will make a huge impact in our community.

Heartfelt thanks to all of our donors.

Whether you made a one-time donation, annual donations, monthly donations or corporate donations, every bit helps to keep the wheels turning.

Thank you



Thank you Girl Scout Troop 1315 for donating two boxes of cookies in July for each of our 33 clients. These girls also donated cookies in 2020.

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Supporting Vendors

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Churches

Amherst Baptist Church
Amherst Presbyterian Church
Ascension Episcopal Church
Central Baptist Church
Clifford Baptist Church
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Emmanuel United Methodist Church
Midway Baptist Church
Mt Moriah Baptist Church
Mt Olve Baptist Church
St Francis of Assisi Parrish

Local Vendors

Amherst Corner Restaurant
Dogwood Café
Edith's Rt. 60 Diner
Mac's General Store
Subway Amherst
Subway Apple Market
Sweet Briar College
Winton

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