



SOJOURNER TRUTH MINISTRIES, INC.

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25 Years and counting! Counting the blessings! Walking in Truth. Serving in Love for 25 years!

The soup kitchen is a direct service with an easy-to-track metric – how many people received a hot meal, emergency food care packages, warm coats, blankets etc., benefit from the after school programs. Volunteers, those who work off court fees and fines, and the list goes on. We could try to use numbers like *** served meals served so far this year, or some statistic to explain the impact of this soup kitchen ministry. But it's more complicated.

So many of the blessings we count are not numbers, but people. Souls. Friends and neighbors. We have a Jesus-fueled passion to fill empty stomachs and pour time and energy into being a ray of hope in an often-dark part of the community. We look for ways to reach people, accept and love on them where they are, and be a resource to get them through hard times while collaborating with other agencies. And some move up and on!

We try to greet people by name and get to know them. We pray with and for many and encourage people as they navigate challenges, apply for jobs, celebrate victories and progress, and share bits of life with all who allow. Many of our guests (sojourners) are living on the edge, with barriers and hearts that need healing. We welcome and love all who enter our doors and have done so for 25 years.

Because of our passion and commitment to the people in this community over the last 25 years, the mission has galvanized widespread support. Contributors have provided funding. Churches, groups, and foundations have helped with renovations. Businesses have served and donated, and people have gathered from all over the county and beyond to serve, helping us feed bodies and souls in our community.

How do you measure our impact? Maybe it is not only measured, but felt. Lives are shaped, people are inspired, and a small kitchen in an old church building on the corner of High St and Center becomes a beacon of light and connection for many living in the fringes, with challenges and barriers and hearts that need healing. These are the ones we welcome and love, and have done so for 25 years.

Your impact in this community is immeasurable! Thank you for anything you have done to help with this vital ministry in the past, present, and moving forward to bigger challenges.

May the Lord bless you.

In His love, *Cynthia Labadie - CJ*

✦ **Celebrating 25 Years of Ministry** ✦ Sojourner Truth Ministries **invites** you to join us for a special **Open House** as we celebrate **25 years of serving our community**. 501 High Street, Williamsport.

📅 **Date:** Sunday November 2, 2025 ⌚ **Time:** 1:00-4:00 PM 📍

Come and see how God has been at work through the ministry over the past quarter-century. Enjoy fellowship, refreshments, tours of our facilities, and stories of lives touched and transformed. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look with hope toward the future.

Together, we give thanks for the countless volunteers, donors, and community partners who have made this journey possible. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Cookie Decorating Event *Dec 6* Seating Times: 10am, 12pm, 2pm and 4pm *Ages 12+ | \$40/person

This upscale event includes hot specialty drink, individual charcuterie, and decorate & take home 6 cookies—each tied to the story of Christ's birth, completed with printed story and gift box.

✦ Boxed gourmet cookies & specialty magnets also available.

• The Lodge at Happy Hill, Eagles Mere, PA

Make a day of it—reserve a meal at Eagles Mere Inn or The Sweet Shoppe!

Limited seating—reserve early! *Great for groups!

We celebrate the accomplishments of **Daniel Temons**, whose behind-the-scenes service has blessed events and programs. His film, *My Puppeteer's Life Journey: A Daniel Story*, was recently featured at the Susquehanna Film Festival (SFF) on September 19 in Muncy, where it appeared on the big screen. Diagnosed with autism as a child, he has overcome many challenges with determination and creativity. His story is a powerful reminder to follow your dreams, despite obstacles. Pam Temons' (director of House of Hope) son won Best Director!

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a way to make a difference? STM has many ways to serve—help with kids in our **After School Program**(**background checks are required, we can assist with the process**), lend a hand in the kitchen or dining area, or assist in the office with newsletters, flyers, and clerical tasks. We'll match opportunities to your skills and passions! Volunteering is more than lending a hand—it's connecting, serving, and sharing hope with our neighbors.

👉 Interested? Contact us—
we'd love to serve alongside you!

Are you a **Thrivent member**? You can make a lasting impact by directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars® to support our ministry's daily work of serving neighbors in need.

Planned Giving - Your dedicated support is what allows us to serve hot, nutritious meals 6 days a week. You can help secure our future- with a planned legacy gift to ensue your kindness continues to nourish those in need for years to come.



Giving Tuesday is a worldwide day of generosity, celebrated on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, December 2, 2025. It's an online giving event that unites people everywhere in supporting causes that bring hope and change. This year, we invite you to join Sojourner Truth Ministries by giving online to help us continue serving those in need and sharing Christ's love in our community. Go to allonefoundations.org/all-one-give-day/

SOJOURNER TRUTH MINISTRIES SOUP SALE

Orders are due by Friday October 17, 2025

Enjoy Homemade Ham **Pot Pie**, **Ham Green Beans & Potatoes** or **Vegetable Soup**

Suggested donation - \$5.00 a pint and \$8.00 a quart and \$1.00 for 2 Homemade Corn Muffins.



Payment is due at time of ordering through PayPal or drop off at STM, 501 High Street, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. (Checks made payable to Sojourner Truth Ministries)

Pick-Up Dates (Order 5 or More and We'll Deliver Locally)

Friday, October 24, 2025 & Saturday, October 25, 2025 • 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (*both days*)

Please return your order form with payment to Sojourner Truth Ministries by October 17, 2025, or email assistant4stm@gmail.com with paypal verification. Thank you for your support.

Soup Sale Form

Ham Pot Pie	Quantity: _____	Cost: _____	
Turkey Pot Pie	Quantity: _____	Cost: _____	
Vegetable:	Quantity: _____	Cost: _____	
Corn Muffins:	Quantity: _____	Cost: _____	Total Due: _____





**WOO HOO! WONDERFUL 25TH
BIRTHDAY YEAR! IT'S NOT
TOO LATE FOR YOU TO
CELEBRATE WITH US.**

We've been having a great time taking our Party in a Box to Churches throughout our county. We party, including cake, for a bit and then we share how we've grown through these 25 years. We begin strictly as a soup kitchen, feeding the bodies of people in need. Today we've become several ministries that feed body, mind, and soul in our community.

WE'RE INVITING YOU TO INVITE US TO YOUR CHURCH! We're very grateful for all the support of churches and individuals to undergird our ministries. We love sharing some amazing "success" stories on every front...as well as exciting plans to grow even more in 2026. Don't miss out on hearing where your support dollars are going as we do God's Kingdom work right here in Williamsport. Call Carrie (734-718-9872) or Patty (570-323-1797) or email assistant4stm@gmail.com to hear more and set a PARTY TIME.

LOOKING AHEAD –

November 2, 2025 from 1:00-4:00. 25th Anniversary Open House -

December 6 – Cookie Decorating Event

**** Save the date** now for our Le Chocolat Affaire and Live Auction. **February 6, 2026** at Pine Street United Methodist Church.

"IMPACT MAGNETS & MORE"

Personalized magnets from your fave phone pics make great pins, magnets and gifts!

Call for more information.

PURPOSE: to earn seed \$\$ to reopen the House of Hope, under it's original vision- a Christ-based communal living program focused on helping vulnerable women to overcome homelessness and many of the barriers which contributed to their vulnerability.

This is intended to be run mostly by volunteers. Eventually, the residents will be expected to work to contribute toward their own programming fees and other owed expenses from their pasts, thus helping the Program to be sustainable.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to Brite Laundry for their generous support of Sojourner Truth Ministries. Your partnership helps us continue serving our community with dignity and care.

Meal Totals: January to September 2025: 16,410 meals served + 10,763 bag lunches for a total of 27,173 meals. In August and September, we had 118 volunteers for 956 hours kitchen/dining + 8 volunteers contributing 177.25 office hours!



Thank you to our incredible volunteers and generous donors for your support, you make everything we do possible!

Some of our current and upcoming needs are: New or gently used reusable grocery bags, boxes of tissues, plastic knives, forks, 3 Compartment Styrofoam takeout containers, and 10 lb brown size lunch bags. We are also in need of gently used highchairs.

* Please note – our office hours are 8:30-1:30 Mon – Fri *

Please call us at 570-323-1797 if you would like to provide something on a larger scale. Leave a message and someone will return your call.

NEWSLETTER UPDATES: If you would like to have a newsletter sent to your email, please send us an email to assistant4stm@gmail.com and we will add your name to our mailing roster.

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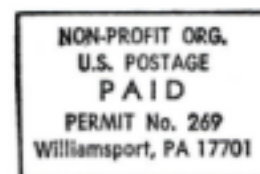


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