



The Quarterly Truth NEWSLETTER

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SOJOURNER TRUTH MINISTRIES, INC.

501 High Street Williamsport, PA 570-323-1797

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday – Saturday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm Sunday - Closed

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Website: stmwilliamsport.org

Vision Statement Sojourner Truth Ministries shall be a loving, spiritual, and inclusive Christian mission.

Mission Statement Sojourner Truth Ministries loves all people, creates community, builds character, and equips us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are supported by these foundations:



THANK YOU!!!

2019 ended with almost more blessings than could be counted- new connections, new volunteers, many answered prayers, and the generosity of many as we have been working hard to turn things around and move forward. Thank you for your role in this!

Our **Dinner Church** has been a terrific experience for so many- both those serving and those receiving, as all get to experience interacting with new people while sharing conversations and good food. We are so grateful for the participation in this, and for the relationships we are building. It is such a pleasure getting to know people that I may not have otherwise met if not for this ministry. Praise be to God!

Thank you for believing in and supporting me and the work I have been called to do. I am humbled and excited about how God is showing us His favor. Story after story of His provision, and he uses so many to be a part of it. Please take a look at our website to see some of the videos and see how STM is making a difference in lives. www.stmwilliamsport.org

“Now to Him who is able to do infinitely more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen....”

~ Pastor Angelique

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday - Breakfast 8:00am & Lunch 12:00Noon (Devotions 11:45am)

Saturday - Dinner Church - upstairs 11:30am (followed by Meal)

Tuesday & Wednesday - After School Kids - 3:30pm - 5:00pm

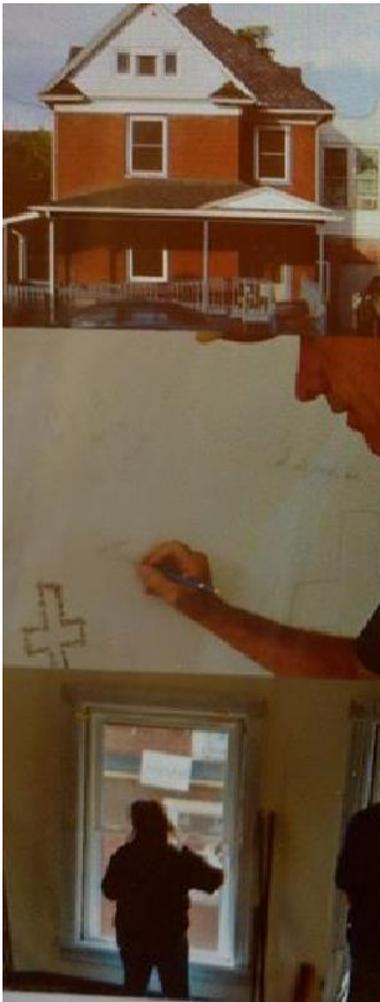
NEW BEGINNINGS and SECOND CHANCES

Each New Year's Eve, my husband and I enjoy watching live TV coverage from New York City. The cameras capture the excitement among the thousands of spectators as the ball prepares to make its annual drop in Times Square. As the New Year begins, it is a reminder that we have an opportunity to start over with a "clean slate." Our failures, our regrets and our shortcomings suddenly seem to become a bit more manageable. It's almost like 2020 has given each of us a second chance.

At Sojourner Truth Ministries, we are witness to many second chances of hope, peace and strength. May the New Year present you with many New Beginnings that will encourage you and guide you throughout 2020.

Blessings,
Donna J. Miller

Sojourner House of Hope



After a year and a half of planning and working with many many volunteer hours, we're ready to share the Sojourner House of Hope! **Sojourner Truth Ministries will host an Open House on Friday, Feb 28 of 2020 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm** (weather permitting). Snow date is March 4 of 2020 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Sojourner Truth Ministries would like for everyone to RSVP via email at Angelique4stm@gmail.com, but walk-ins are also welcome. Visitors will have the opportunity to see the ministries of Sojourner Truth as well as what is planned for the House of Hope.

Thanks to Hillside Catering for providing appetizers and drinks. The West Branch school is participating in an Art Contest and their work will be displayed for our enjoyment. Exhibits of STM will be displayed throughout the buildings, offering back stories, photos, interesting facts, special thanks, and offering options to give toward specific needs and goals.

Sojourner House of Hope is an extension ministry planned for women coming out of homelessness. The House program is Christ-based and is geared to deal with the root issues rather than symptoms of homelessness, trading lies that women may have believed for many years with the Truth of who God says they are, His promises, and their value in His eyes. There are also life skills programs required of residents, and we will be partnering with many local agencies. The House of Hope is planned to be short term communal.

Parking will be available at the American Rescue Workers lot located on Elmira Street with shuttle service. Come and learn more! There is no charge, but there will be many opportunities to invest in the program and those to come. The atmosphere will be festive and creative as we do our best to portray what has been done thus far and what is planned to come. Come see God's work in our Community and how you have or how you can continue to be God's hands and feet through your donations.

"A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Miele Mfg. for their generous gift toward the new House of Hope kitchen, to BIMBO Bakeries for the new floor in the serving room and sound panels in the sanctuary, and all their other gifts. And to Faith UMC Montoursville, for giving their Christmas offering to replace a roof section and invest into the House of Hope.

"Thank you to each and every one who helps keep our ministry going and growing!"

TROUBLED BY INADEQUACY?

A few months back I was invited to volunteer in an administrative capacity at Sojourner Truth Ministries. I had served on the Board off and on since the early days. But I left the Board because my hearing (with aides) is difficult to distinguish speech.

Me? "Administrative capacity"? I decided to try it, since I wouldn't be directly involved in conversation with people for the most part, due to my hearing.

The first day Pastor Angelique introduced me to someone by saying, "This is Jerry. He knows *all about* computers"! I nearly fainted: I didn't know whether to scream or run.....!!! The one thing I knew going into this venture was that I am *limited* in computer knowledge. Very limited! I was severely afflicted with feelings of inadequacy.

I quickly learned that, with a little study, I could accomplish what was being asked of me.

I am also limited in creativity. ...working on that!

Angelique is begging for volunteers all the time. Why? Because volunteers come and go. But the bigger reason is that the Board has set some huge goals for ministry. This enterprise that started small is growing into the vision for which it was started. It was not to be a focused on physical needs as much as the spiritual needs of people who wouldn't enter established churches. It was also planned to give small-membership churches an opportunity for outreach they couldn't achieve on their own.

Angelique is a visionary. But she can't accomplish the Spirit-directed goals without more volunteers. If you have been prompted to get on the cutting-edge of significant ministry locally, STM is the place!

Feel inadequate? YOU ARE! If you know the gospel you know that we are all born inadequate. That's what Jesus is for! Whoever coined the phrase "God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called" is so on target. Read Exodus 3:11-12 Jeremiah 1:4-8, Luke 1:29, or Matthew 16:33. Look what they accomplished.

- Jerry Cline
Volunteer

Current needs:

rock salt - bleach - coffee
10 oz Plastic cups (no Styrofoam please)
plastic forks
dixie dinner plates (no Styrofoam please)
cooking oil - disinfectant cleaning wipes
magic erase - pads of notebook paper

Always in need of Postage Stamps and thank you notecards





Raise the Region 2020 will be held **Wednesday, March 11 from 5:00pm to Thursday, March 12 at 10:59pm**. This online event has been a great boost to the budget and is a fun way to support local charities. We welcome your gifts.



Like us on **facebook** and see what we're up to, read relevant short articles, and get to know us and our mission better!

Remember you can always make donations through **PayPal** or mail to:
Sojourner Truth Ministries, 501 High Street, Williamsport, P.A. 17701

Volunteer Orientations are 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 9:00am
Plenty of openings for 2020 Dinner church sign ups (Dinner Church tab on website)
Website: stmwilliamsport.org

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The Call of the Ordinary

Culture cries out, “You are special” because being ordinary is not acceptable. We fall away from things at which we don’t excel. We withdraw from competition for fear of losing. We believe our life has to count on a grand scale. We need to leave a legacy that can be measured.

Jesus Christ shows us that an ordinary life is heroic in its own way. Galatians 2:20 declares, “**I have been crucified with Christ** and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” While Paul wrote these words, they are our words. Michael Horton notes, “No longer a star in my own movie, I can take my place in this gift exchange. The gifts that I have are not only for my private use, but for me to pass along to others. And the weaknesses I have are important because they make me more dependent on others.” We have been consecrated by God to serve Him and to serve others. Remember the Apostles were ordinary men that changed the world as followers of Christ. Isn’t that the key for us all? Say yes whenever God calls out to serve, do your best to glorify Him, and don’t walk away from tough situations through which God wants you to endure to complete the mission He has prepared for you.

Luke 10:27 summons us to, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, Love your neighbor as yourself.” This is the call to the ordinary life.

-Len Richards, Board President