

# berkshire foodproject

The Berkshire Food Project seeks to alleviate hunger, food insecurity, and social isolation by serving healthy, no cost meals and connecting people to other resources, all in a dignified and respectful manner.

Find us inside the First Congregational Church on Summer Street between Ashland & Church Streets in downtown North Adams, MA.



## Our Team

Every weekday a crew of dedicated volunteers and staff come together to ensure our entire community has a delicious midday meal. Some volunteers come for a part of the day, others are here the entire day. Some come once a week, others every day. They join our staff in preparing the meals, doing the dishes, serving lunch and cleaning up afterward. They are all different ages and come from all different places - but they all have one thing in common: they care about our community and making sure everyone has enough to eat. Although it is hard work, it's also a lot of fun. There is always room for another set of hands at the table (or sink) - we welcome you to join our volunteer crew!

[Click here for our volunteer application.](#)

## Our Empty Bowl event is moving! To our own dining room!



You may know about our Empty Bowl event - it happens every other year (in even numbered years) and is our best known fundraising event. Potters from all across the region - the Berkshires, southern Vermont, the Pioneer Valley and New York - donate beautiful bowls they've created and restaurants from the area donate their signature soups. YOU purchase a ticket, which gives you your choice of a bowl and samples of all the soups you want to try. And all proceeds go to the Berkshire Food Project. Traditionally this event has been held at the First Congregational Church in Williamstown, a congregation with a long history of supporting the Berkshire Food Project. This year we are going to try something new and hold the event right at the Berkshire Food Project, inside the First Congregational Church of North Adams.

More details, including how to purchase tickets, will be coming during March. Follow us on Facebook, check our website or stop in during lunch to get the details.

This is a favorite event of many in the region - if you haven't been to one, be sure to join us this year!

# The Downtown North Adams Lunchtime Concert Series

Free Concerts • Free Lunch

Inside the First Congregational Church, 134 Main Street  
Downtown North Adams, MA  
Lunch from 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM  
Concerts 12:30 - 1:30 PM

No Food or Drink Allowed Inside Concert - Eat First!



**Friday March 13**  
The Swinging Palms  
Hawaiian Swing & Tiki Music



**Friday March 20**  
Dueling Saxophones  
Irish Saxophone Extravaganza



**Wednesday April 22**  
Tom Corrigan  
Acoustic Classic Rock



**Wednesday May 6**  
Lustre Kings Duo  
American Music of the 50s & 60s



**Friday May 15**  
Maria Z and Sten  
Flamenco



**Monday June 1**  
Kevin Maul/Mike McMann  
Bluegrass

**FREE**  
No Tickets  
or  
Registration Required

For More Information:  
413-664-7378  
or  
[info@berkshirefoodproject.org](mailto:info@berkshirefoodproject.org)

Presented by:

**The Berkshire Food Project and The First Congregational Church of North Adams**

with support from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation's Arts Build Community Initiative with funding from the Barr Foundation

We served  
over 5,000  
meals in  
January!

Volunteers  
logged over  
1,000 hours  
in January!

We did not  
have a single  
snow day in  
January!

Are you coming from **Williamstown**?  
Volunteers and Diners Can get a FREE RIDE from Williamstown!  
You arrange A FREE ROUNDTRIP RIDE any Tuesday or Thursday.  
Call by Monday of the week during which you want a ride -  
413-458-9831.  
Tell the operator you want to arrange a  
free ride to the Berkshire Food Project.  
Use the ride service Tuesday AND Thursday if you would like -  
there's no limit!  
For more information you can also  
call Kim at 413-664-7378.  
For a ride call 413-458-9831.  
Rides provided by a grant from  
the Fund for Williamstown  
of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

We serve lunch every weekday  
from noon until 1 PM.  
Our doors open at 11:30 AM  
for snacks and beverages.  
There is NO criteria and  
no questions asked.  
Join us any weekday!

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