

Welcome Church Resources:

- Art Street Colorintg Book pdf
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:us:bbf3c717-8251-4279-a964-6b1674b8f29c>

<https://www.amazon.com/art-street-artist-without-address>
- Healing Chocolate Chip Cookies: an in-production podcast, found wherever you get your podcasts
- Questioning Homelessness 1 page document
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:be289b65-bd5b-43eb-bc69-babao6171bd1>
- Questioning Homelessness This is a small printable book. Fold the book into eighths, cut on the middle crease, leaving the sides closest to the edges of the paper untouched. Fold into an X to create a simple 8 page booklet.
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:f807e7b9-2492-49a2-acb1-6c7cba158f97>

Homelessness can be a complicated conversation, but kindness isn't.
Make kindness a way of life.

Imagine the world as a
giant Potluck, where
everyone has space at the
table, where everyone has
something to share,
where everyone has enough-
What are you bringing?
What do you feel
grateful to receive?

What follows are some suggestions on ways to spread love to people who are unhoused. Yet we encourage you to recognize and share your own gifts- are you a barber?, know how to fix zippers?, love making egg salad sandwiches?, singing opera?, etc. Like all people, you have unique and valuable gifts that the world needs you to share.

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*Through genuine connections
& compassionate hospitality,
the Welcome Church of Philadelphia
is committed to making the shift
from feeding people
to sharing food.*

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2

The Welcome Church of Philadelphia



The Welcome Church
is an ELCA congregation
proclaiming the
hope and love of a gracious
God to all people and
especially to people
experiencing homelessness.
All are welcomed to join this
dynamic ministry.

**You are
welcome here.**

Blessing Bags:

Reach out to organizations supporting people who are unhoused to see what supplies are needed or in demand. Assemble bags. Little love notes are always a nice touch!

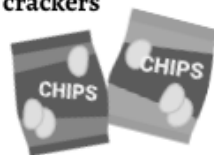


Ideas may include:

- Snacks.....Socks
- Chapstick.....Sunscreen
- Pocket Tissues..... Cough Drops
- Lotion.....Small First Aid Kits
- Hand Warmers.....Gloves
- \$5 gift cards for coffee/food
- Toothbrush.....Toothpaste
- Instant drink mixes..... Teabags
- Mints.....Hand sanitizer
- Small Sewing Kits.....Deodorant
- Gum.....Tide Sticks
- Hats.....Sunglasses
- Body Wipes.....Combs

Snack Ideas:

- Granola bars
- Jerky
- Candy
- Individually packaged treats
- Pocket peanut butters
- Microwaveable foods
- Small cans tuna & crackers
- Instant Oatmeal
- Dried Fruit Bars
- Trail Mix
- Protein Bars
- Drinkable Applesauce



Street Art Kits:

Reach out to organizations supporting people who are unhoused to see what art activities folks are interested in. Assemble bags. Little love notes are always a nice touch!



Ideas may include:

- A ball of yarn and a pair of knitting needles or a crochet hook
- A notebook and some pens
- Coloring material and an adult coloring book
- Coloring materials and a sketch pad
- Beads and string
- Several reams of embroidery floss for bracelet making
- Watercolor paint and paper
- An art activity that contains all necessary supplies
- Little sewing kits
- Composer music paper
- Model Magic Sculpting
- A simple embroidery set



Coffee Hour/Tea Time:

- Coffee.....Asst. Teas.....Instant Decaf
- Hot Chocolate Packets
- Sugar.....Fake Sugar.....Creamer
- Cups.....Lids.....Spoons
- (On hot days, cool drinks would be appreciated)



Welcome Home Kits:

- Dishes: set of 4-8, including glasses
- Utensils: set of 4-8
- Pots/pans: 2 frying pans, 2 pots, 1 soup pot
- Dish towels/dish cloths
- Bath towels/wash cloths (4 each)
- Bed linens (queen size): 2 sets (fitted & flat) + 1 blanket
- Pillows: 2 (new)
- Toiletries
- Shower curtain/liner
- Bathroom accessories
- Waste baskets: 2 & 1 garbage pail
- Ice cube trays: 2
- Plastic food storage containers"



Start a Pay It Forward:

- Connect with local restaurants.
- Participating restaurants will offer a tailored menu where patrons can choose to pay a little extra to help someone get something to eat.
- Guests will be able to come in and enjoy delicious food in a respectful and dignified manner.
- This model supports local businesses, helps reduce food insecurity, and is a simple reminder of our commitment in caring for one another.
- Making the shift from feeding people to sharing food is the goal. Our challenge is to find a place at the table for each honored guest.