



SHIP'S LOG

The Voyage Continues



Nov 26, 2020!

SHIP's 31st THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY MEAL,
Will be provided to our guest's on a to-go basis

United Reformed Church, 100 West Main St, Somerville
Serving time: 12:00 NOON to 2:00 PM
Last to go meals: 1:30 PM



Once again, SHIP - the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program will be hosting our **31st Holiday Meal Program" on Thanksgiving Day,** Thursday, November 26th for those in need of a meal in Somerset County region. **This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Thanksgiving meal will be on a "to go basis."** We will try to provide each person with a complete Holiday Meal with all the traditional food items included. The meals are provided at no cost to the guests.

The "Holiday Meals" will be served from the United Reformed Church, 100 West Main Street, Somerville. The church, which has a long history of partnership with SHIP, has graciously consented to act as host for the "Holiday Meals to go services".



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2020 CLIENT's THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY MEAL NEEDS LIST

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| Turkey Gravy in Jars | Canned Yams |
| Stuffing Mix – Stove Top | Potato Chips & Pretzels |
| Spiral Hams 5 | 100 lbs. Fresh Potatoes |
| Chicken Stock for stuffing | Brown Sugar |
| Instant Mashed Potatoes 5 boxes | |

Please call us at 908-393-9545 to find out what we are most in need of.

P.S We have been opened since the pandemic started in March. We have served over 35,000 meals from our Mobile Soup Kitchen Disaster Unit's. Through the help of God!

S.O.S. from the Admiral!



WE NEED YOUR HELP! DUE TO COVID-19 WE NEED HELP WITH COOKING AND CARVING THE DONATED TURKEYS AND SPIRAL HAMS FOR OUR 31ST ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL FOR THE NEEDY.

- We are trying to gather the resources needed in order to hold our 31st SHIP's Annual Thanksgiving Day Holiday Meal.
- If you are able to donate a frozen turkey or a spiral ham for our guest's meal, please call Tom at 908-393-9545. If I am doing something else leave a message.
- **We need 30 people to roast or roast & carve up 1 or more turkeys or a spiral ham for Thanksgiving Day.**
- If you can donate a turkey or spiral ham – God bless you. If you need to get a frozen turkey from SHIP, it can be picked up at SHIP. – and God bless you also. Call 908-393-9545 before coming to SHIP to make sure we have donated turkeys to give you.
- The cooked and/or carved items can be dropped off at SHIP from Monday, November 23rd to Thursday November 25th.

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Dear SHIP-mates,

Through the Grace of God and the help of people of good will, we have been able to keep SHIP under sail during these trying times. There are more and more people arriving in their life boats and coming aboard SHIP looking for assistance. The increasing and unending request for emergency food rations has emptied our pantry, refrigerators and freezers. Hundreds more are coming to our Mobile Soup Kitchen looking for meals.

In the weeks and months ahead you may hear from a variety of groups asking for your support. These groups may be national or state wide in scope, funded heavily and primarily through federal, state and county dollars and are often required to financially support their parent organization in another part of the country. They usually have very polished and well-funded public relations programs that flood our mail boxes and messengers throughout the year. **This newsletter is as polished as SHIP will get!**

SHIP is glad to be known as the agency of last resort. It is not uncommon for many ministers, church secretaries, lawyers, agency directors and workers in this area to send people to SHIP if there is nowhere else to get help for the person. If SHIP has the resources available, SHIP helps anyone in need. **Please recognize that YOU ARE SHIP!** If you provide the resources we can help - but if we do not have resources, where will the homeless and hungry go?

Those of us at SHIP believe that the decision concerning which charitable organizations to support must be made by the individual faith community and personal donors in the community. However please remember that SHIP is a face to face, low overhead provider, operated by a formerly homeless person and is often the provider of last resort to the homeless and hungry in our region. In **God's name we pray that you please continue or start your support of our programs.**

Sincerely,

Tom O'Leary, Executive Director – AKA - The Admiral

Please go to our web site ship908.com. There is a box on the front page top right side that will let you donate through credit card or pay-pal.

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Adopt- A- Family

**Help Feed A
Needy Family
This
Thanksgiving
Families
throughout
Somerset
County
are struggling to
make ends meet**

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*Sponsored by the Somerset
County Board of Chosen
Freeholders*

**A \$40 DONATION will
provide
Thanksgiving Dinner
for a FAMILY OF
FOUR**

*if \$40 is difficult for you, any
amount will be gratefully
accepted*

**Please send your check
to SHIP and enclose this
page with your e-mail
address**

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: Most important _____

***Please postmark
donations by Monday,
Nov. 23, 2020.
Thank You for Your
Generosity!***

Captains Call for AmazonSmile donations

If you are shopping on Amazon this Christmas Season, don't forget to also Support SHIP the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program!



The holidays are approaching & everyone will be busy shopping for gifts, decorations & more. Be mindful that if you shop at smile.amazon.com, SHIP can increase its AmazonSmile donations. By shopping for everyone on your gift list at smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2971220 Amazon donates to SHIP

AmazonSmile is a program through Amazon.com, which allows you to shop their site - at no cost- and a portion of the purchase price is donated to your chosen charity.

It's easy to use:

- Go to smile.amazon.com.
- First time visitors to the site will be asked which organization they would like to support.
- Select SHIP Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (we are already on their list of charities).
- If you already have an Amazon.com account, that's fine too. You do not need to set up a new one, just visit the **AmazonSmile** page to select your organization.
- There are no additional costs and the cost of items is still the same.

Please consider this option as you plan to purchase your holiday gifts. It's a simple way that you can help SHIP and do your shopping too! Merry Christmas,

PLEASE SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS AS POSTAGE COSTs ARE SO EXPENSIVE
It's possible that we currently do not have an email address for you and we want to make sure we stay in touch. So please share your email address with us. Also, please share this issue of SHIP's Log with your friends, family and colleagues. If you know of someone who would love to get their own copy of SHIP's Log electronically, tell them to write to us at ship908@optonline.net. Thank you!

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- Service (1): **Food:** Collect individual portion pop-up of pull-top cans of meats, tuna, etc. (for drop-in clients) Collect cans of vegetables, beans, etc. for the soup kitchen in #10 size cans. Your group can make Casseroles. Nothing fancy - mac n' cheese, franks and beans, sliced ham is fine or whatever your specialty. SHIP requests that you prepare the items in (2) 1/2 tray sizes of the same meal as opposed to one full (turkey sized) aluminum tray size. The ½ size trays fit in our convection ovens.
- Service (2): **Hygiene Kits:** Make up individual small hygiene bags (3-day supply) with a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, etc.
- Service (3): **Decorations for Special Events:** Make placemats, table decorations, and seasonal decorations: SHIP's Holiday Meals – Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and Easter Sunday and client Christmas Gift Distributions to Families and single adults with no children.
- Service (4): **Clothing:** Collect winter gloves, new socks & underwear (adult men's sizes) OR run adult coat drive. (While SHIP does not have the facilities for large scale sorting of used clothing, some winter coats are needed at this time of year, especially adult men's sizes.)
- Service (5): **Participate in SHIP's Holiday Meal Programs:** Help serve meals & other duties (held on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas).
- Service (6): **Run a Holiday Toy Drive** for our children, women and men in need.
- Service (7): **Assist with SHIP's Annual Night of Celebration:** set up; greet guests and honorees and other chores Each year, date TBD.
- Service (8): **Help with Client's Christmas Gift Distributions in December** – will be a children only party with face painting, games, toys, treats (make cookies, cupcakes, other Christmas treats), etc. for approx. 200 children
- Service (9): **Help with SHIP's Mobile Soup Kitchen – Disaster Unit** (must be 16 ½ years old.) see website for additional information. SHIP908.com
- Service (10): **Help with summer picnics at our Tic Tock's Grove** during the months of June, July and August.
- Service (11): **SHIP's Brown Bag Lunches:** Make sandwiches (60) in brown bags, labeled appropriately: Ham & Cheese (HC), Bologna (B) Tuna (TU) Turkey (TC) American Cheese (C) Peanut Butter & Jelly (PJ). Also include: one piece of fruit, juice box, snack (chips, cookies etc.) and napkin per bag. NO MUSTARD, BUTTER or OTHER DRESSING.

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Final Roll Call

ADD YOUR LOVED ONES TO OUR MEMERIAL PAGE WHICH WILL SOON APPEAR ON OUR WEB SITE SHIP908.COM

We are in the process of establishing a Memorial Page on our website to honor those who have passed and have served the needy through SHIP. If you know of anyone who has served on any of our crews, please let us know the crew they served on and the date of their passing.

Become a friend at Facebook at:

Samaritan Homeless Interim Program

**A great way to keep informed about what we do to help the
poor among us.**

We're on the WEB:

ship908.com

**For more information or questions about anything in this
newsletter feel free to contact us at:**

- **Our website: ship908.com**
- **Phone: 908-393-9545**
- **Facebook: under Samaritan Homeless Interim
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