

The Phinney Ridge Winter Shelter is operated jointly by Seattle's Union Gospel Mission and Emmanuel Church. The professionals at UGM are responsible for the bulk of shelter operations and the social services that are offered to our guests, but Emmanuel and our friends commit to serve a prepared dinner each night from November 1 – April 30... and we couldn't do it without you!

Instructions for Meal Providers

- ✓ The person(s) providing the meal will prepare a dinner that can serve about 18 men. There is great flexibility in what you can make – just think about something that would be comforting and filling after a potentially long day outdoors!
- ✓ You can use whatever meal format works for you, and serve a dinner that is as simple or as complex as you desire. If you are less familiar with cooking for groups, feel free to follow the standard format of “main dish + side + bread or salad” and you'll be sure to have your bases covered. There are no dietary restrictions in the group that we are currently aware of, but it's usually a good idea to offer a vegetarian option for 2-3 people... and the guys always appreciate a dessert 😊
- ✓ There is a kitchen attached to the shelter, but it is generally used for reheating and plating food that has been cooked at home. We suggest doing cooking in your own kitchen, and then arriving at the shelter between **7:00-7:30pm** for any last-minute food heating or prep. UGM staff will be on-site beginning at 7:00pm, and you can enter the space by knocking on the shelter door (located on N 50th St, at the far-left-hand side of the Emmanuel building).
- ✓ Compostable plates, bowls, napkins, and cutlery will be available in the shelter kitchen. When you arrive you can locate whatever items you need for plating your particular meal, and begin assembling individual meals that can be passed-through the serving window between the kitchen and the shelter space.
- ✓ The shelter doors will open for guests at **7:30pm** each evening, and the guys typically eat first before settling into their space. Try to have a consistent flow of plates going out the window between 7:30-8:00pm. If you have time and energy for it, you are more than welcome to sit with the men at the dinner table and build relationships with our guests – this is one of the most meaningful aspects of the shelter program!
- ✓ You can pack up your supplies, clean up the kitchen space, and head home after setting out all meals at 8:00pm. Please wash and dry any serving materials or other dishes that you used from the kitchen before leaving for the night.



Thank you for serving!

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