

BAKERS' DOZEN

Policy

The Bakers' Dozen is a branch of Metropolitan's United Church Women (U.C.W.) and has been providing meat pies to the sick and sad in our congregation since the 1970s. This ministry provides outreach to members of Metropolitan when they experience illness or the loss of a loved one. Our pies are also sold to members of the congregation two or three times per year.

Procedures

1. Between September and April a group of between seven (7) and fifteen (15) members of Metropolitan United Church meets weekly in the church kitchen to assemble lean beef pies with pastry in individual pie tins. Ingredients are handled and pies are made using Safe Food Handling procedures as published by the Middlesex-London Health Unit. The group works from 0900 hrs to 1100 hrs each week.
2. These pies are then frozen in the freezer in the vineyard. The pies are then bagged with written cooking instructions included with each bag.
3. A meeting is held each week to discuss those from within the congregation who might benefit from a visit following an illness or injury or the passing of a family member. A member of the group volunteers to make the visitation and to bring pies to the member of the congregation.
4. The visitation procedure continues between April and September each year with members of the Bakers' Dozen communicating with members of the congregation after the worship services on Sunday, by email, or by telephone.
5. Pies made by the Bakers' Dozen are sold at the Yuletide Fair each November. Proceeds of this sale are used to fund the ingredients needed for pies. Any remaining funds are given – in cash – to the U.C.W. at the close of the Yuletide Fair.
6. In the late winter or early spring there is another sale of pies made by the Bakers' Dozen. This sale is for the purpose of raising funds for ingredients needed for pies. Again, all monies in excess of what is needed for pie ingredients are given to the U.C.W. in the spring.
7. For the U.C.W., the Bakers' Dozen reports annually as part of the U.C.W.'s package of reports to the annual congregational meeting.
8. Yearly, at the first meeting of the new term, the Bakers' Dozen reviews this policy and select policies for which the group is responsible. If this policy is revised, it is then sent to the Board for approval.

Related Metropolitan Policies

- Visitation
- Risk Management

Related Documents/External Resources

[Food Handler Certification Program](#) – Middlesex-London Health Unit

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