Harvest Table

The Harvest Table is a warm, no-cost meal served weekly for anyone in the Brookings area community. This ministry was started in November, 2000 as a way to reach out locally to those in need. Over the years a variety of different organizations from the Brookings/SDSU community have served. The meal is served every Monday, except major holidays, in the Community Life Center of the First United Methodist Church.

1. Workers/servers must arrive by 4:00pm on their serving date. The meal is served from 5:30 to 6:30pm with clean-up following. The kitchen, however, is open and available all day for whoever is preparing the meal.
2. The serving group is responsible for providing the main course, a vegetable, fruit, and dessert. The community donates the milk and also breads when available. The serving group is responsible for planning the menu, providing the food, preparing and serving the meal, and clean up. According to state health guidelines, the main course must be prepared on-site.
3. You will need not more than 12-15 servers at a time for the meal. If you have a large group, you may choose to split your group into shifts. Your group will also eat with the guests so we suggest you prepare your meal for approximately 175 people (15-20 children). If you are scheduled for the last Monday of the month, please prepare the meal for 225-250 guests.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Vonda Kirkham, our Harvest Table coordinator, at the First United Methodist Church at 605-692-4345.

Thrivent Opportunity

Any Thrivent member can apply for a Thrivent Action team, including a $250 gift card as “seed money” to be used serving the Harvest Table. Application is done online at Thrivent.com. Applications need to be made 17 days in advance of serving. If Thrivent members have questions or need additional information, they can call Michele Smith at the Thrivent office in Brookings, 605-692-6643, or 1-800-847-4836 and say ‘Action Team’.