



By now, you might have seen the word (RE)CHARGE on the calendar or in the bulletin, but you may not know what this ministry is. I wanted to write a special article explaining the purpose of this great ministry as well as the impact it is already making in our church and community. In May 2018, our church relaunched a monthly free community meal to help meet the needs of our town and surrounding communities. There was moderate success with this event each month with attendance ranging 20-40 every month. This ministry continued and adapted to meet our community more effectively. During the season of Lent, we began a new discipleship ministry called (RE)CHARGE that met weekly for the following purpose: to create a space where we sought to reconnect with God through community and spiritual formation. There was a shared meal that was followed by a Bible study and other ministry team gatherings. During this ministry season, God opened doors that led to those participating in (RE)CHARGE, “Can this ministry grow into our church and community in radical ways to reach the church and unchurched?” The answer has been, yes.

(RE)CHARGE officially took over the existing Community Meal Ministry and has been growing each month. **Attendees are inviting their friends and neighbors, all age ranges are present around the tables, and, most importantly, God’s spirit is at work in our midst. People are growing in their faith while some are beginning to explore faith for the first time.**

Our prayer for this great ministry is that more doors will open and we will see amazing transformation occur within our church and community through us opening our door and seeking to be the hands and feet of Jesus in radical ways.

You might be wondering how you can help? Here are just a few of the ways.

- 1) **Pray.** Nothing is possible without our hearts and our labors abiding in the love and presence of God. God is the main driving force. Pray that this ministry will be anointed by God so that others may come to know Christ.
- 2) **Join a volunteer team.** We have two great volunteer teams helping provide meals twice a month. Our vision is to build a third volunteer team. Don’t disqualify yourself from this great opportunity! We need folks who can make lemonade and drinks, people who can bring in a side dish or dessert, and people who want to help serve attendees. If you want to help we will find a way!
- 3) **Join/start a small group.** We currently have two small groups that are meeting following the meal time. One is a Bible Study led by Erin Doerstler and another is a prayer group led by Pastor John. We will be also offering another bible study starting following the meal time this summer but would love to create more opportunities for individuals to grow in their faith.
- 4) **Come to Meal and/or stay for a small group.** If you are interested but not sure how God is calling you to participate in this great ministry please come to one of our (RE)CHARGE nights on every **first and third Wednesdays with the meal beginning at 5:30pm and small groups beginning at 6:30pm.** Invite a neighbor, coworker, or friend to come with you.