

At CTK, we value authenticity, simplicity, empowerment, relationship, and caring about the community we live in. One key way we serve is by empowering small groups to make a difference through our local partners who address important issues for those in the hardest life circumstances. The opportunity below is a chance to tangibly demonstrate God's care, compassion, and love for those around us. As your church, we hope this makes it easy for you to put the Great Commandment to love your neighbor as yourself into action!

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## BELLINGHAM FOOD BANK – CUP OF COFFEE WHILE YOU WAIT!

### Who are we serving?

Families who live within the Bellingham city limits and need some extra groceries.

### Who is helping connect us to their needs?

Bellingham Food Bank works to make high quality and health food available to anyone who needs it. Their motto is “HUNGER IS UNACCEPTABLE” and they believe in serving people with respect and dignity. We have three distribution locations: downtown on Ellis by Bellingham High, Alderwood Elementary, and CTK Bellingham.

### How are we serving?

Every Tuesday from about 4:45 to 5:30, about 50-60 families wait in the CTK commons until the food bank distribution is ready to open the doors into Base Camp. What an opportunity for us to host these guests, open the café with coffee, tea, and water. And offer folks a small snack while they wait. If your small group can send a couple folks ahead at 4:00 to make coffee and have at least a couple others arrive by 4:30 to set out the beverage service and bring snacks, then you're ready for an hour of mingling, offering goodies, and introducing yourselves to folks who are waiting.

You might look at the Tuesday before or after St. Patrick's Day and grab some themed cups or other details at the dollar store? Or you could do something Easter bunny themed? Be creative but not over the top 😊

### Who do you contact to commit to this opportunity and work out the details?

Have your group pick a Tuesday and a back-up Tuesday and then contact Melanie Danner, the Satellite Programs Coordinator, at (360) 676 0392 or [melanies@bellinghamfoodbank.org](mailto:melanies@bellinghamfoodbank.org) to figure out which works on their end. Then make your shopping list, pitch in some funds, and contact Wendy Powell at CTK (info below) to arrange the coffee part of things.

If you need help in the process, Wendy at CTK is available ([wendyp@ctk.church](mailto:wendyp@ctk.church) or 733-1337 ext 212  
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