

IS THIS A HOMELESS DROP-IN CENTER?

No, while we hope the cafe reaches those who are food and housing insecure and provides for basic needs of hunger, thirst, escape from the heat or rain, and more, we have a much bigger vision for the cafe and hope it reaches a much wider group of people. Hunger for community cuts across divisions of race, age, gender, gender identity, socio-economic status, disability, sexual orientation and more. Our hope is that a recent widow, a middle-aged transplant, a queer teenager, or a recovering addict might find just as much of what they hunger for here.

In truth we aren't really seeking to be a charity at all. We want to be the type of community where the line between guest and host is permeable: where guests can easily become hosts and hosts become guests and all can find that for which they hunger.

PAY WHAT YOU CAN?

Community cafes are popping up across the country using a pay what you can model which recognizes that everyone has the right to eat and belong. At Beloved Community cafe, you can pay the suggested donation, give extra to pay it forward, pay what you can, or volunteer—like washing dishes—in place of payment.



WHERE IS THE CAFE?

We are opening Beloved Community Cafe in a storefront at 1940 Central Avenue in the Grand Central District of St. Petersburg, Florida. We are excited to be in the heart of the city and have a Central Trolley stop right out front!

For more Information
visit us at:
www.discovergoodsam.org/cafe

COME TO THE TABLE.
THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU!



COME AS YOU ARE
PAY WHAT YOU CAN
KNOW YOU BELONG

WHAT IS BELOVED COMMUNITY CAFE?

We are creating an epicenter of Beloved Community in Pinellas County!

Beloved Community Cafe is a ministry of radical hospitality and community-building responding to issues of loneliness, isolation, food insecurity, addiction, marginalization, and more.

In short, it is a hosted cafe space where free leftovers, pay what you can food/beverages, love and conversation are shared and no one eats alone unless they want to.

Did you know?

57% of Americans eat all of their meals alone

NEEDS WE ADDRESS

Beloved Community Cafe seeks to address peoples' needs for...

Food

Refuge

Divine
Connection

Belonging

Community

Justice

Connection

Recovery

Love

WHO STARTED THE CAFE?

Beloved Community Cafe is the dream of Good Samaritan Church and Recovery Epicenter Foundation. Both of us individually had a vision: a warm, welcoming spot where people could come together over food and build real community. Then we found each other—and the rest is history.

Now, we're teaming up to run the cafe. Recovery Epicenter Foundation will foster a recovery community and connect people to needed services. Good Samaritan will cultivate belonging, connecting people to community and spiritual care as well as opportunities for personal growth, service, and advocacy work.

SPIRITUALITY & BRUNCH CHURCH

The cafe will also serve as Good Samaritan's church home, hosting their meal-based, brunch worship on Sundays. All who seek to explore the Jesus way of love—for personal and community transformation—are welcome. Good Samaritan is a progressive, anti-racist, LGBTQ+ affirming faith community affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the United Church of Christ. Their unique way of worshipping around a meal, feeds both body and soul, fostering authentic community and connection not only with the divine, but with others.

*Receiving food is never dependent on attending worship.

RECOVERY CAFE

Everyone is recovering from something—addiction, mental health struggles, loneliness, loss of a job, housing, a loved one, or a relationship. Studies show recovery is most successful when rooted in a supportive community.

Half of the cafe hours will be designated recovery cafe hours. Those who are seeking recovery can join our recovery cafe after a “come and see” period. Members commit to creating a drug and alcohol free space, giving back, and attending a weekly recovery circle for support and loving accountability. Members also have access to classes that support personal growth and recovery.

Did you know?

The impact of loneliness on mortality is similar to that of smoking 15 cigarettes per day.

COMMUNITY CAFE

The other half of the hours will be community cafe hours for anyone wanting to drop-in, eat a bite, enjoy a peaceful, climate-controlled place to rest, or simply find connection. We will always have cafe hosts available to sit with our guests, eat with them, play a game, or just talk.