

PRESS RELEASE: STRASBURG CROP WALK ON Sunday, Oct. 18

- Walk Begins at 1:30 p.m. from First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Decatur St., Strasburg
- Sponsored by Strasburg area churches
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Putting Heart & “Sole” Together: CROP Hunger Walk in Strasburg

Strasburg churches are joining together to put their “soles” on the line: they will take steps to fight hunger on National CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 18. Walkers are currently collecting supporters for their trek of either 2 or 5 miles that day. The walk will begin and end at First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Decatur St. Walkers from various churches will be commissioned with a Third World Meal of beans, rice and water at the church at 1 p.m. and then will begin the walk about 1:30 p.m. Registration starts at 12:15 p.m.

Walkers will travel one of two routes: a two-mile walk along Strasburg’s main streets or a five-mile journey that promises beautiful scenery south of the borough. Both will return to the church for fellowship and refreshments: ice cream and drinks kindly provided by Turkey Hill and Clayt Frackman’s ready-for-fall apples!

Last year it had been about ten years since Strasburg’s previous CROP Walk. Judd McConnell, a Willow Street resident who attends First Presbyterian, became a driving force to reinstate the Strasburg area walk. A seasoned CROP walker and organizer, McConnell has led walks at Willow Valley. For him, the power of the walk is seen in its impact both globally and locally. 25 per cent of monies raised in the Strasburg CROP Walk will go to the Lancaster County Council of Churches’ food bank which serves all of Lancaster County. Church World Services, which leads the CROP walks, provides food, water, shelter, farming training and literacy training where needed around the world. A donation of \$50 can provide the startup of a community garden; \$110 provides emergency food supplies for a family of five for a month; \$20 gives a nutritious startup for a child for a year.

“We are walking in solidarity with those who are struggling to exist,” says McConnell. “It is typical daily living for hungry people to walk as many as six miles a day to get food, water and fuel and to take their goods to market.” The Strasburg CROP Task Force is readying for October 18 and has already received support from the Strasburg Lions Club. If you would like to end hunger—one step at a time—by walking with your Strasburg neighbors and friends or by sponsoring a walker, call Alice Eisenhooth at 687-7623.
