Meal Planning: The meal itself can sometimes be a challenge as well. What do you cook for 74 people? How do you do it? Who does it?

Durham Rescue Mission recommends providing a meat, 2 sides and bread. They also eagerly welcome dessert, and you should see the smiles on the women's faces when it is home made! A few menu ideas are listed below, feel free to tweek them for your groups abilities.

Possible Main Courses:		
Spaghetti	Lasagna (frozen is more than acceptable)	
Sloppy Joes	Pizza	
Chicken and Rice Casserole	Taco Bar	
Chili	Vegetable Soup	
Beef Stew	Baked Fish	
Kebab's	Fajitas	
Hamburgers (they do have a Gas Grill at Good Samaritan Inn)		
Chicken (baked, grilled, fried, BBQ)		
Fish (baked, grilled fried, BBQ)		

Sides:	
Green Beans	Corn
Baked Beans	Cole Slaw
Potato Salad	Pasta Salad
Salad	Fresh fruit (cut up or in a salad)
Cucumber Salad	Mashed potatoes
French fries	Sweet potatoes
Baked potatoes with all the fixin's	Rice

Desserts: (this is probably the easiest one for most of you!)

Cakes, brownies, cookies, all things sweet and savory apply here! Some groups have done fruit salad with whipped cream, some have made brownies and brought ice cream for Sundays. Some bring store-made, others bring home-made.

Also, you can find a lot of ideas online.

<u>http://www.recipezaar.com</u> has a specific section of recipes for large groups. If you search for recipes "for large groups" it will give you about 4,000.

<u>http://www.allrecipes.com</u> has several main dish and side dish recipes that are simple and easily multiplied.

<u>http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/</u> has several recipes as well. There is a special section of quick and easy recipes. Many of these can be made in large quantity