

# FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 23 -30 Closed for Christmas and New Year's Holiday  
January 6 2007 Ravensworth Baptist/Annandale United Methodist  
January 13 Providence Presbyterian  
January 20 St. Alban's Episcopal  
January 27 St. Michael Catholic  
February 3 Latter Day Saints/Friendship Methodist  
February 10 St. Barnabas Episcopal/Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church

**The ACCA newsletter editor and officers wish all our readers and supporters a Merry Christmas and a blessed new year.**

## Next Meeting

**Tuesday January 2**

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church**

**6800 Columbia Pike, Annandale 22003**

**7:30 Fellowship/7:45 Meeting**



# NEWS

ANNANDALE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR ACTION  
7200 COLUMBIA PIKE, ANNANDALE, VA 22003

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## CHALLENGE GRANT CONTINUES THROUGH JANUARY

ACCA's Challenge Grant campaign will continue until January 31, 2007. Our challenge has been offered by the Washington Forrest Foundation and an anonymous donor. The Washington Forrest Foundation funds local non-profit organizations which respond effectively to community needs. To receive the grants, ACCA must receive at least \$20,000 in donations responding to the challenge by the deadline. Our goal is to raise \$80,000 in response to the challenges.

Donations to ACCA from individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations go directly to help the less fortunate in our community. Please send checks payable to ACCA and marked "Challenge Grant" to ACCA, Inc., 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003, or give checks to your church Official Representative, who will pass them to ACCA.

## HOST CHURCH

The ACCA Board was warmly welcomed to Warner Baptist Church by Juanita and Burton White, Official Representatives Virginia Bradby and Sara McCotter, and other church members. It's an ACCA tradition to meet in December at Warner Baptist and to sing Christmas Carols to open the meeting.

## HOLIDAY BASKETS

ACCA has received requests for assistance with the Holiday Adopt-a Family program. Mary Lee DiSpirito (703/256-9513) will connect people who would like to adopt a family at Christmas with families ACCA has been asked to serve.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

The CDC is planning for "Operation Santa Claus" on December 14. Santa's helpers from businesses, churches, school groups and other groups provide gifts so that each child receives toys, clothes and coats. The CDC will provide many families with food certificates, in part provided by groups or individuals who want to help center families. The Center will also receive gifts of underwear, socks, books and cars. The Center is grateful to all of the churches whose parishioners provided gifts and money to help make this Christmas a blessing for the families. Work under the School Readiness Collaboration Grant will begin again soon.



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## **ACCA OFFICERS FOR 2007**

The 2006 officers agreed to serve a second year, and the Board elected them at the December meeting-- President, Nancy Hall of Ravensworth Baptist; Vice President, Norman Hicks of St. Anthony Catholic; Treasurer, Hank Schlenker of Providence Presbyterian; Recording Secretary, Pat Donahue, Our Lady of Good Counsel; and Corresponding Secretary, Sue Meekins of Annandale United Methodist. We thank the officers for their work in 2006 and for their continuing support. We also thank Stella Godbolt of Mt. Pleasant Baptist, who has agreed to serve in a new position of Assistant Corresponding Secretary.

## **NEW WEBMASTER**

We welcome our new webmaster, Al Lambert. Al is a member of Lincolnia United Methodist and has extensive experience with websites. He has volunteered for ACCA's food pantry and furniture ministries. Our Website is at <http://www.accacares.org>.

## **FLU PLANNING**

ACCA participated in a County-sponsored meeting to help plan for changes that may be needed to respond to a pandemic flu situation. Although our operations are already very dispersed, the Board will give consideration to any new or changed procedures.

## **REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES**

**Family Emergency-** ACCA provided assistance to a total of 40 families in November. Although our operations are already very dispersed, the Board will consider whether any new or changed procedures will be needed. ACCA assisted a family with small children in which the husband was caring for his wife who had been seriously injured in an accident. Another family received rent assistance that allowed them to avoid eviction.

**Food Pantry-** The Boy Scout food drive collected over 10,500 pounds of food, and the Pantry is now well stocked. During the month of November pantry volunteers made 47 deliveries which served 121 people. The pantry also gave out 30 Thanksgiving baskets.

**Furniture** –The furniture ministry served a total of 50 clients in November. Families that received furniture included a family moving from a shelter to an apartment, an Iraqi refugee family, and a family that just moved to the area from Puerto Rico.

**Housing-** Several churches have agreed to participate in the Rebuilding Together home repair program. ACCA has participated since 1990, when the program was known as Christmas in April. The 2007 Rebuilding Together workday will be Saturday, April 28.

Volunteers can sign up through their churches or by contacting ACCA Housing Liaison Marie Monsen at [mamonsen@cox.net](mailto:mamonsen@cox.net). House assignments are made in the spring.

**Meals on Wheels-** In November, volunteers delivered 518 meals in 19 days.

**Transportation-** Volunteers provided 22 rides for 22 people in November.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tax Assistance Volunteers Needed.** You can help working families with their basic tax preparation using software sponsored by IRS. The program is offered through Fairfax County CASH Volunteers in Tax Assistance. Serve weekday evenings from 6 to 9pm and/or Saturdays from January 19th through April 15th. For more information, visit the CASH web site <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/partnerships/> or contact Tom Meagher at [tom.meagher@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:tom.meagher@fairfaxcounty.gov)

**Mental Health Center-** A Drop-in center for people with mental health disabilities has been started in the Falls Church/Seven Corners area. The address is 6245 Leesburg Pike.

**Teen Mental Health Support-** The Youth Suicide and Depression Task Force would like to work with churches in the Baileys' Crossroads area on prevention and support activities. Please contact Susan Lydick at 703 324-5292 or [susan.lydick@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:susan.lydick@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Hypothermia Program-** FACETS is again coordinating a hypothermia program to shelter homeless people. FACETS is working with 21 churches how are taking turns hosting the temporary shelters. Churches or individuals interested in helping out with food and manpower should contact Joel Yarvis at 703 352-5090.