

FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 26	St. Alban's Episcopal/Warner Baptist
March 5	Peace Lutheran/John Calvin Presbyterian/Mt. Pleasant Baptist
March 12	Ravenworth Baptist/ Annandale United Methodist
March 19	St. Barnabas' Episcopal/Friendship Methodist/ Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church
March 26	EASTER HOLIDAY- Warehouse closed
April 2	St. Michael/latter Day Saints



Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

6477 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria

Fellowship and Refreshments, 7:30 p.m., Meeting 7:45 p.m.



NEWS

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

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The Reverend Kathleen Kline Chesson welcomed the ACCA Board to First Christian Church the for the February meeting. She led us in an opening prayer, and introduced us to our hosts Penny and John Farris and Mel Cotner. Chuck Woods commended the church for hosting a homeless drop-in center on Tuesdays.

CHALLENGE GRANT A SUCCESS

ACCA was able to generate \$53,306.83 in funds to meet the \$10,000 challenge offered by the Washington Forrest Foundation. We received donations from six member churches, 128 individuals and two community organizations. We surpassed the prior years' response to challenge grants. ACCA is very grateful to all the donors who helped us reach this goal.

FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our February meeting featured a special presentation on the Food Pantry by Jean Rackowski. The pantry is located next to the Child Development Center at 7200 Columbia Pike. It provides groceries to clients needing assistance, who are referred by Fairfax County social services staff, schools and churches. Volunteers are needed to deliver food. Drivers pick up food weekdays from the pantry, following posted guidelines, and deliver to needy families in the Annandale, Lincolnia and the Bailey's Crossroads area. The pantry committee also needs food captains, who contact drivers on the volunteer list to arrange for deliveries. Please contact your church official representative or Jean Rackowski at 703 914-8066 if you would like to volunteer.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATED AT CDC

Judy Falkenrath told the group about the big Chinese dragon that paraded through the Child Development Center in observation of Chinese New Year. The children had great fun with the celebration. The County has begun work to replace the playground water fountain that was damaged in the same 2003 snowstorm that destroyed our former food pantry building. It should be ready in the spring. Judy noted that the Center is fully enrolled. She reported that the Center has



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been able to arrange for testing for several children with special needs. Judy has been following the Virginia General Assembly session bills affecting childcare and mental health services for children.

CROP WALK

Church World Service returns a share of CROP Walk funds raised to communities for local hunger programs. CWS sent ACCA a check for \$2278.25 as part of our local share of the Annandale CROP Walk funds. Our local share is designated to the ACCA Nutrition fund, and will be used to help the Food Pantry purchase fresh food. ACCA expects to receive the balance of the local share later this year. The Annandale CROP Walk had sent Church World Service \$15,055 as of the February meeting, including \$14,720 raised by the 2004 walk and additional funds from the 2003 walk. Fifteen churches participated in the 2004 walk. CROP Walk coordinator Camille Mittelholtz thanked all the walkers, volunteers and sponsors for helping to make the 2004 walk a success.

Church World Service is working to help with shelter, medicine, food, water and recovery projects for tidal wave victims in Asia. CROP Walks are important in helping CWS be ready to respond to emergencies such as the tsunami. For further information about needs around the world to which Church World Service is responding, please visit www.churchworldservice.org or call the CWS Hotline, (800) 297-1516.

HOME REPAIR WORKDAY APRIL 30

The annual workday organized by Rebuilding Together with Christmas/Sukkot in April is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. If you would like to volunteer for this project, please contact your church representative to ACCA.

BUS DRIVER NEEDED FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Child Development Center is seeking a new school bus driver. Applicants must have a commercial driver's license with a school bus driver endorsement, and must have no violations on their driving record. For more information, please contact the CDC at 703 256-0100.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Family Emergency - ACCA assisted 53 households in January 2005. Of these, 38 households received rental assistance, and others received help with utilities or medications. ACCA was also able to help two individuals with car repairs and helped with car insurance expenses for a family who is moving from a shelter and who has a newborn. Emergency assistance in the month of January totaled \$21,799.

Nutrition -The food pantry made 34 deliveries of food to a total of 91 people. The Meals on Wheels weekday program delivered a total of 718 meals over 18 days in January, averaging nearly 40 deliveries per day.

Furniture and House Wares -The furniture program completed 60 pickups and deliveries, with an average crew of 13 church members on Saturday mornings and an average of 20 furniture actions per week. The warehouse operated for three weeks in January.

ACCA received 18 tables and 38 chairs from the Staybridge Suites Hotel in Herndon. Our weekday crew was able to respond quickly and take the furniture to our storage space sponsored by Fairfax County.

We continue to need bedding, mattresses and box springs in all sizes but king.

During the month of January, the house ware ministry serviced 7 clients, one of whom was in transition from the homeless shelter to a subsidized apartment. To make a donation or refer a client, please contact Betsy Pankey at Glen Carlyn Baptist Church, telephone 703-820-6919; fax 703-820-1287; email grbc01@fcc.net.

Transportation – ACCA volunteers provided 30 rides in January.

Grants - ACCA has applied to be listed for designations in the United Way and Combined Federal Campaign. ACCA submitted a 6-month report to the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service fund, reporting how we are spending funds from the grant to the CDC and Family Emergency program. We are preparing a grant application for funding from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Impact Fund (UW) for the Family Emergency program and the CDC. We thank the grant committee for their work on the challenge grant from Washington Forrest Foundation.

