

church. Please come and be a part a frank discussion about homelessness in Fairfax County. Representatives from the county including Penny Gross, members of non-profit organizations who work with this population, and the local faith based community will be joining us. To pre-register, please go to http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=JMu8Q3aRhTZpa9UlgfVf3A_3d_3d or go to www.Annandale-umc.org and click on the Community Dialogue, or contact JoAnne Jennings at 703-324-3453. Questions may be emailed to: aumcmissons@yahoo.com

FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 15	Providence Presbyterian/John Calvin Presbyterian
September 22	St. Michael Catholic/Immanuel Methodist
September 29	Latter Day Saints/Friendship Methodist
October 6	St. Barnabas Episcopal/Cornerstone Evangelical
October 13	Peace Lutheran/St. Anthony Catholic
October 20	Ravensworth Baptist/Annandale United Methodist
October 27	CLOSED FOR ANNANDALE PARADE

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 2, 7:30 PM
40th Anniversary Celebration
Queen of Apostles Church
4329 Sano Street, Alexandria

Tuesday, November 6
St. Michael's Catholic Church
1 St. Michael's Lane (off Ravensworth Road)
Annandale
7:30 PM Fellowship/7:45 PM Meeting

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NEWS

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

July-August-September
2007

ACCA CELEBRATES FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

This year is the Annandale Christian Community for Action's fortieth year of helping the needy in our community. You are invited to participate in ACCA's 40th Anniversary Celebration on October 2, 2007 at 7:30 PM. The celebration will take place at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, 4329 Sano Street, Alexandria VA 22312. An ecumenical choir will provide music. The offering will benefit the Fred Ruffing Memorial Scholarship Program. ACCA began its work in 1967 when Fred Ruffing and others were concerned about children of working poor families who became ineligible to attend subsidized day care. In response, a group of Annandale clergy and lay people decided to establish a day care center. ACCA's work has since grown to respond to other community needs.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Congratulations to Garrett Girmus, the 2007 recipient of the Fred Ruffing Memorial Scholarship. Garrett is a 2007 graduate of James Madison High School and will attend William and Mary College. Garrett received his check at the July meeting, and he thanked ACCA for the assistance. Several donors who have contributed to the scholarship fund also were at the meeting. The scholarship is in memory of the late ACCA founder Fred Ruffing and honors young persons who have risen to special challenges of a disability.

NEW NUMBERS FOR WORKPLACE GIVING

Please remember ACCA when considering donations through giving campaigns. These donations are an important part of the support that allows ACCA to continue to help those in need in our area. To designate ACCA through the United Way of the National Capital Area campaign, please use agency code #8058. To designate ACCA through the Combined Federal Campaign, please use the new 2007 agency code # 58934.

CROP WALK TO BE HELD OCTOBER 20

CROP Walks are held around the country to raise funds for Church World Service that help fight hunger and poverty around the world. The Annandale walk is



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scheduled for Saturday, October 20, at Lake Accotink Park, 8 AM. The 2006 CROP Walk raised \$16,243 for CWS-sponsored hunger, disaster and refugee assistance programs, and of this, ACCA received \$4036. Youth through grade 12 are invited to submit posters to the CROP Walk poster contest. Posters should have a hunger theme and advertise the CROP Walk. Please mark the artist's name, age and church on the back. Entries are due October 5 at the CDC. For more information, please contact Camille Mittelholtz at kmittelholtz1@cox.net.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The school year began successfully on September 4. The CDC is participating in Governor Kaine's Start Strong Pre-K Initiative to provide high quality learning experiences for children who will be going to kindergarten in the fall of 08. Teachers will receive training and guidelines to support their work with the children. Wolf Trap will be providing 2 Baby Arts Play residencies in the Infant/Toddler Center this fall. Teachers will learn how to provide meaningful music experiences that promote learning for babies and their families. Kool Smiles, a nonprofit organization, provided dental screenings for all the children this summer. The CDC plans to continue this program every year. Center Director Dr. Judith Falkenrath has been elected Chair of the Fairfax County Child Care Advisory Council, which advises the Board of Supervisors on child care issues.

HOST CHURCHES

The ACCA Board is grateful to Hope Lutheran Church for hosting the July meeting. Pastor Glen Sea and Mona and Harold Ottoson welcomed us and told us that the congregation will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. In September, Bishop David Howe and Richard Magleby welcomed us to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Sarah Turner of Bread for the World spoke to the group in September about Bread for the World's work to advocate on behalf of programs to address hunger and poverty. She led a discussion on causes of hunger and ways we can respond.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Family Emergency- Requests for funding toward rent, utilities and other expenses were especially high in June and August. In June, 68 households received a total of \$31,456; in July ACCA helped 57 households with assistance totaling \$19, 862; and in August, 81 households received total assistance of \$30,651. Among others, ACCA helped families who were behind in rent due to serious medical issues, helped families move into apartments, and helped buy medical equipment.

Finance- ACCA has adopted a budget for the 2008 fiscal year, which began July 1.

Food Pantry- The pantry needs donations of cereal, pasta, soup, juices, canned fruit and vegetables, jello, rice, canned meats and tuna. In June, the pantry made 56 deliveries serving 177 individuals. Pantry volunteers made 108 deliveries in July and August to 323 individuals.

Furniture- Fifty ACCA furniture volunteers completed a total of 80 pickups or deliveries during July and August. The furniture crew annual meeting held in August reviewed FY 2007 operations and planned for the year ahead. The new schedule includes 14 churches. We thank Sweet Water Tavern for its donation of 97 dining chairs.

Grants- ACCA has completed update of its strategic plan. We will receive \$12,200 for Basic Needs (Family Emergency) and \$17,390 for the CDC (Special Needs and Scholarships) in FY2008 from the United Way Community Impact Fund. Thanks to a nomination by John Calvin Presbyterian, ACCA received a grant of \$4,656.85 from Alternative Gifts International for support of our food ministry. In addition to distributing FEMA funds for emergency assistance in Fairfax County, ACCA will administer \$3500 in FEMA funds to Falls Church residents.

Meals on Wheels- Monday to Friday Meals-on-Wheels volunteers delivered an average of 25 meals a day, a total of 532 meals in June, 548 in July and 537 in August.

Transportation- Volunteer drivers provided 43 rides for 40 clients in June. In July, 35 rides were provided for 31 clients, and 34 rides were given to 30 clients in August.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUES.

The Interfaith Communities for Dialogue is presenting a program on How We Worship in the Abrahamic Faiths. The dialogue will be held November 7, 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Ravensworth Baptist Church, 5100 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Guest worship and briefings on Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths are offered before the dialogue. John Calvin Presbyterian offered a briefing on September 9. On Tuesday September 25, there will be a 6:30 PM briefing on the Muslim service and Ramadan prayers at the Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center, 3159 Row Street, Falls Church. A briefing on the Jewish service will be held at the Congregation Olam Tikvah, 3800 Glenbrook Drive, Fairfax on October 25, 7:30 PM, and the service is on Saturday, October 27, 10 AM. Please rsvp one week prior to each event at 703 324-3453 or CILUSER@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Annandale United Methodist Church will present a Community Dialogue on Homelessness which will be held on Sunday, September 30, from 3-5:30 at the