

# FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 24	CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
December 1	Annandale Latter Day Saints/Friendship United Methodist
December 8	Cornerstone Evangelical/St. Barnabas Episcopal
December 15	Peace Lutheran/St. Anthony Catholic
December 22	CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
December 29	CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY
January 5, 2008	Ravensworth Baptist/Annandale United Methodist
January 12	Providence Presbyterian/John Calvin Presbyterian

## NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, December 4**  
**Warner Baptist Church**  
**3613 Lacy Boulevard**  
**Falls Church, VA 22041**  
**7:30 PM Fellowship/7:45 PM Meeting**

**Combined Federal Campaign Agency Code # 58934**  
**United Way of the National Capital Area Campaign Agency Code #8058.**



# NEWS

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

## CHALLENGE GRANT CONTINUES THROUGH JANUARY

The Washington Forrest Foundation has made a challenge grant to ACCA to help the needy in the Annandale-Baileys Crossroads area. The Washington Forrest Foundation funds local non-profit organizations that respond to community needs. The grant is for \$17,500, and two additional grants from anonymous donors bring the total challenge grant to \$25,000. ACCA has set a goal of raising \$4 for every \$1 of the challenge grant. To count toward the campaign, ACCA must receive donations by the end of January 2008.

Donations to ACCA from individuals, churches, businesses, and groups are a critical source of funds that will enable ACCA to continue its programs to help the poor in our community. Please make checks payable to ACCA, designate "Challenge Grant" and send them to ACCA, Inc., 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

## ACCA RECEIVES NICE GUYS AWARD

The Acacia Federal Savings Bank selected ACCA for its 2007 Nice Guys Award, which recognizes success in helping others through hard work. ACCA tied in the nonprofit organization category. ACCA is grateful for this honor and the \$1000 cash award that came with it.

## WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS ARE UNDER WAY

Please consider a donation to ACCA when deciding about your workplace giving campaign contributions. These donations are an important part of the support that allows ACCA to continue to help our neediest neighbors. 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.

## HOST CHURCH

Don DiSpirito welcomed us to St. Michael Catholic Church for the November meeting. Don recognized many parish members who volunteer for ACCA ministries, including Meals on Wheels chair Peg Frank and Transportation Committee chair Madeline Crytzer. St. Michael's has served the Annandale area since it was dedicated in 1953 under Monsignor Thomas Scannell.



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## **2008 OFFICERS NOMINATED**

The nominating committee recommended proposed officers for next year at the November meeting. The Board will vote on this slate at the December meeting. The proposed 2008 officers are Norman Hicks, President; Nancy Hall, Vice President; Recording Secretary, Carol Weber; Sue Meekins, Corresponding Secretary; Stella Godbolt, Assistant Corresponding Secretary; Homer Christiansen, Treasurer; and Nancy Walker, Assistant Treasurer. We thank the nominees for agreeing to serve as officers. We thank Mary Anne Lecos, Susan Farris, and Richard Magleby for their efforts as members of the nominating committee.

## **ANNANDALE CROP WALK RAISES FUNDS TO FIGHT POVERTY**

On October 20, nearly 90 walkers and volunteers gathered at Lake Accotink Park for the 2007 CROP Walk. The walk raises funds for Church World Service programs in more than 80 countries for hunger and disaster relief, refugee assistance and self-help projects. CWS gives a share of the funds raised to ACCA to help us fight hunger and poverty locally. Fairfax County Board Vice Chair Sharon Bulova and Supervisor Penny Gross spoke at the opening ceremony about the partnership between the County and ACCA to meet local needs and congratulated walkers on their action to address worldwide needs.

A number of our walkers have participated for many years, including Nancy Boxall of John Calvin Presbyterian Church, who organized our early Annandale CROP Walks from 1979-1984 and has been an active volunteer since then. Sally Norris of United Baptist Church walked for the first time, and gathered donations totaling more than \$1,000 from friends, church members, neighbors, and relatives. Sally, an active volunteer at her church and at the Capital Hospice, said that she had seen poverty when stationed overseas and was happy now to raise funds to fight hunger and poverty. Two walkers "telecommuted"--Sylvia Campbell of Ravensworth Baptist Church again walked in Kuwait, and Ron Maree of Peace Lutheran Church walked while on a mission trip to Haiti. Sarah Turner of Bread for the World and Ravensworth Baptist Church gave walkers information on hunger policies and the pending farm bill. Church World Service regional director Ted Farrar came to greet some of the walkers.

## **CROP WALK POSTER CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

Congratulations to our poster contest winners and to all the children who made posters.

### **6-8 year olds:**

First place: Elli Makinon, Peace Lutheran  
Second place: Josh Wallace, Peace Lutheran  
Third place: Emily Pope, Ravensworth Baptist

### **9-11 year olds:**

First place: Jazlyn Hyde, Ravensworth Baptist  
Second place: Lucas Makinon, Peace Lutheran  
Third place: Kelly Wallace, Peace Lutheran  
Honorable mention: Nelson Downs, Peace Lutheran

## **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER REPORT**

Several teachers and children marched with director Judith Falkenrath in the Annandale Parade. The children enjoyed the Halloween parade at the Child Development Center. Center staff and children are looking forward to Christmas. Many of the children who attend the CDC need clothing, books and toys at home. Your support of church or group projects to adopt a class will be appreciated. Hats, mittens, underwear (sizes 4-8 boys and girls) are also needed. For more information, please contact the CDC at 703 256-0100.

## **NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEES**

**Family Emergency** - ACCA helped 63 households in October with emergency assistance that totaled \$25,653 for rent, utilities, medical and other needs. This month, ACCA gave rent assistance to a mother of four children with twins on the way, and helped a family who had been evicted move into new housing, among others.

**Food Pantry** – Volunteers made 52 food deliveries from the pantry for 168 people in October. The pantry has been very low on food, but the November 10 Boy Scout food drive is expected to bring in new supplies of nonperishable food.

**Furniture** – Volunteers completed a total of 31 furniture delivery or pick-up actions in October. The warehouse operated three weeks in October, and was closed the fourth due to the Annandale parade. We thank Goodwin House retirement community for its donation of 20 dining chairs. ACCA needs mattresses and box springs for single, double and queen size beds, bed linens, and dressers. To donate, please call Don or Mary Lee Di Spirito, at 703-256-9513 or email DDMD@erols.com.

**Holiday Baskets**- ACCA is not formally participating in the County's Adopt-a-Family program for Thanksgiving and Christmas. However, for donors who wish to adopt a family, ACCA will assign families to donors. To learn more about how to help or to adopt a family during the holidays, contact Mary Lee Di Spirito at 703/256-9513.

**Meals-on-Wheels**- Volunteers continue to deliver to shut-ins on three routes.

**Transportation** – In October, 27 rides were provided for 23 people.