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FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 30	Latter Day Saints/Friendship United Methodist
October 7	Cornerstone Evangelical/St. Barnabas Episcopal
October 14	Peace Lutheran/John Calvin Presbyterian
October 21	Ravensworth Baptist
October 28	Closed for Annandale Parade
November 4	St. Alban's Episcopal
November 11	Providence Presbyterian

Next meeting

Tuesday October 3

Immanuel United Methodist Church

7901 Heritage Drive, Annandale

7:30 Fellowship/7:45 meeting



NEWS

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

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CROP WALK HELPS PEOPLE IN NEED AROUND THE WORLD. Ted Farrar, the regional director of the Church World Service/CROP Mid-Atlantic Region, was our guest for the September meeting. CROP events began almost 60 years ago, with the collection and shipping of grain contributed by Midwest farmers as part of Church World Service's work to help feed starving people in Europe and Asia. Today, CROP Hunger Walks raise awareness and funds to help provide relief, development, and refugee assistance around the world. In 2005, some 2,000 communities across the country participated in CROP Walks and received funds for local efforts to address hunger. Ted reported on his recent trip to Africa, where he saw first-hand projects funded by CWS, such as a foot-powered pump that helps farmers water their crops.

The Annandale CROP Walk will be held Saturday, October 21 at Lake Accotink Park. Registration starts at 8 am and the walk starts at 8:30. The ACCA Food Pantry will receive 25 percent of the funds raised by the Annandale Walk. Youth in grades 1-12 are invited to enter the CROP Walk poster contest. Posters should publicize the CROP Walk and have a hunger theme. Entries should note the artist's name, age and church, and may be delivered to the Child Development Center until October 6. For more information about the Annandale CROP Walk, please contact the recruiter at your church, or Camille Mittelholtz at 703 573-0074/ email kmittelholtz1@cox.net. Please see www.churchworldservice.org for more information about CROP Walks and CWS.

NEWS FROM THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER. The first day of the 2006-07 school year on September 5 went well. The CDC expected to be fully enrolled shortly after school started, with 183 children. Child Care Assistance was not fully funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia for fiscal year 2007, which affects subsidies to low-income families with children in day care. On September 11, the Fairfax County Board voted to continue funding the child care subsidies for the short term, while continuing to work with the state to find a solution. The financial support is important to families with children in the CDC and other child care centers, and ACCA is hopeful that funding will be found to continue the subsidies.



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HOST CHURCH. Bishop David Howe and Richard Magleby welcomed board members to the Annandale Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints for the September ACCA Board meeting. Bishop Howe spoke of a statue of Christ damaged during World War II. The hands were destroyed, but the statue was left standing as a reminder that the congregation acts as Christ's hands. He said that ACCA is like the church in the story, serving as Christ's hands in our community.

FRED RUFFING SCHOLARSHIP. ACCA is grateful to the churches which have already responded to the appeal for pledges and donations to support the Fred Ruffing Scholarship fund, and looks forward to more pledges. Students receiving scholarships for the 2006-2007 school year are Paul Reynolds, Dae Young Yoon, Marilyn Lockhart, and Jesse Baskin. The July-August newsletter mistakenly left Marilyn Lockhart off the list.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Holiday Baskets. Plans are underway for Fairfax County's Holiday Assistance Program. However, in order for ACCA to be able to participate, we need a coordinator. Because all applications will be completed electronically this year, the coordinator will need to have a computer and be able to receive emails. The coordinator's duties are to verify the applicant's address and other information, and connect sponsoring donors with families served. If you would like to volunteer to be the coordinator or have questions, please contact Mary Lee Di Spirito at 703 256-9513 or by email at ddmd@erols.com.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Family Emergency. ACCA assisted a total of 41 households in August, with total expenditures of \$20,693. Of this, \$9,128 was funded by a FEMA grant to ACCA.

Food Pantry. In August, Food Pantry volunteers made 50 deliveries, helping 146 individuals. Donations of cereal, canned fruit, vegetables and meat, and diapers are especially needed for the pantry.

Meals on Wheels. Volunteers delivered a total of 625 meals in July and 639 meals in August. In recent months there have been fewer clients. This has allowed coordinator Peg Frank to group clients for three routes, compared to the earlier five routes. ACCA thanks JoAnn Sieve for serving as interim treasurer, and Ray Walsh for volunteering to be the new treasurer.

Furniture Ministry. During the months of July and August, furniture volunteers completed 34 deliveries to needy households and 20 pick ups. Although the warehouse was closed in August, a number of donations were picked up. The Washington Hilton Hotel donated 87 mattresses and box springs to the furniture ministry in August.

Transportation Committee. Volunteer drivers provided 26 rides to appointments for 24 people between July 3 and August 4. Between August 7 and September 1, drivers gave 24 rides for 20 people.

THANKS TO BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

ACCA thanks the Washington Hilton Hotel for its generous donation of mattresses to the furniture Ministry.

IN MEMORIAM

The Reverend Bruce D. Tacy, pastor of John Calvin Presbyterian Church, passed away on August 9. Bruce was a strong supporter of ACCA, and will be much missed by his parishioners and the entire community.

