

FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

- May 11 Providence Presbyterian/John Calvin Presbyterian
May 18 St. Alban Episcopal/Annandale-Immanuel United Methodist
May 25 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
June 1 St. Barnabas' Episcopal/Cornerstone Evangelical
June 8 St. Michael Catholic/Sambo Group
June 15 Annandale Ward, Latter Day Saints/Peace Lutheran
June 22 Providence Presbyterian/John Calvin Presbyterian
June 29 St. Anthony/Rotary Club of Annandale
July 6 CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
July 13 St. Alban Episcopal/Annandale-Immanuel United Methodist
July 20 St. Barnabas Episcopal/Cornerstone Evangelical
July 27 St. Michael Catholic/Sambo Group

UPCOMING ACCA MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 7

Culmore United Methodist Church, 5901 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church VA 22041

Tuesday, June 4

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3439 Payne Street, Falls Church, VA 22041

Tuesday, July 16

Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, 4329 Sano Street, Alexandria VA 22312

Meeting Time: Fellowship 7:30 pm and meeting 7:45 pm

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NEWS

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

Spring, 2013

ACCA REPAIRS TWO HOUSES ON REBUILDING TOGETHER WORKDAY

On April 27, over 60 volunteers from 11 ACCA churches joined together to work in the annual National Rebuilding Together program. In the twenty-four years that ACCA has participated in this effort, we have repaired 113 houses and group homes. This year, both of ACCA's houses were in Annandale, and both were owned by octogenarians. Churches participating were Annandale-Immanuel and Lincolnia United Methodist, Holy Spirit and Queen of Apostles Catholic, John Calvin, Providence and First Presbyterian, Latter Day Saints Annandale and Little River Wards, Ravensworth Baptist and St. Barnabas Episcopal churches. Two students from Bishop Ireton also joined us. Special thanks go to the "house captains"-- Brad Moffett, Jim Stewart, Ken Mittelholtz and John Clarke-- who put in countless hours scoping out the tasks and supervising the whole effort, and to Marie Monsen, our Rebuilding Together coordinator. We also thank the volunteers who gave so generously of their time and talents. Volunteers completed major yard work, made bathroom repairs, exterior repairs and painting at one house. Jim Dillon completed the specialized preparation work required before surfaces with lead paint could be repainted. At the other house, volunteers replaced a metal shed, repaired and replaced fencing, gates, carport fascia and gutters, and did major yard work along with some interior plumbing and electrical repairs. As always, the effort was as much a blessing to the volunteers as to the grateful homeowners, one of whom told the RT staff that she had a "team of angels" visit her. Rebuilding Together is truly love in action.

FURNITURE PROGRAM RECEIVES TRUCK FROM FAIRFAX COUNTY

Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross was instrumental in arranging for donation of a truck for the ACCA furniture ministry from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Our aging box truck served us well for many years, but had become unreliable and needed replacement. ACCA is very grateful to Supervisor Gross and to the Fire and Rescue Department. We also thank Furniture Committee Chair Don Di Spirito for his efforts to arrange for the donation. The truck has already been used to pick up a large donation of furniture and is in service for our furniture deliveries and pickups of donated furniture.

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ACCA THANKS CHALLENGE GRANT DONORS

Thank you to all the individuals, companies and churches that made donations to ACCA's Challenge Grant Campaign. The campaign was held October 2102 through the end of February 2013. The Washington Forrest Foundation provided \$18,000 toward the challenge, and anonymous donors gave an additional \$12,000. Individual, church and corporate donors gave a total of \$110,050, resulting in a grand total of \$140,050. We are very grateful for these grants and donations. Funds raised will help ACCA to provide services for vulnerable people in our community. We thank Mary Lee DiSpirito for her leadership in the campaign and Mary Anne Lecos for her support.

ROTARY CLUB OF BAILEYS MAKES DONATION

At the April meeting, President-elect Kevin Holland of the Rotary Club of Baileys Crossroads presented a generous check to ACCA. We are grateful to the Rotary Club for this donation.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO HOST FAMILY DAY

On May 11, 10 am-3 pm, the Child Development Center is sponsoring a Family Day and Mothers' Day Celebration. All are welcome to attend the event. This will be a day of fun, including entertainment, activities, and information about CDC enrollment. The ACCA Child Development Center is located at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA 22003. The CDC provides affordable, high-quality early education for children ages 3 months to 5 years.

VOLUNTEER FAIRFAX HONORS ACCA VOLUNTEERS

Don and Mary Lee DiSpirito and Mary Anne Lecos were recognized at an April 18 Volunteer award ceremony as volunteers who have contributed more than 500 hours in the past year. Supervisor Penny Gross named Ken and Camille Mittelholtz as the Mason District Community Champions, recognizing their work for ACCA ministries. Congratulations to these volunteers.

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Communications – ACCA is seeking volunteer to serve as chair of the communications committee. The chair would coordinate with people responsible for ACCA communications activities, including our electronic newsletter, print newsletter, website, and facebook. For more information, please contact Ken Mittelholtz at kcmittelholtz@gmail.com

Family Emergency- In March, ACCA provided \$21,515 of emergency assistance for rent, utilities, medical and other needs. Among others, ACCA assisted a family of three who needed help paying rent because the father had lost his job. ACCA also administered \$18,670 in Emergency Family Shelter Program Funds, helping 22 households; ACCA distributes these Federal Emergency Management Agency funds within and outside the ACCA service area.

Food Pantry -Volunteers made 70 deliveries of groceries in March. The Pantry needs donations of cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, tomato paste, crackers, toilet paper and bars of soap. Please keep these items in mind as you do your regular shopping.

Furniture -In March, ACCA volunteers made furniture deliveries to 35 households and completed 26 pickups of donated furniture. The furniture ministry needs donations of mattresses (all sizes except king), sofas, dressers, and tables and chairs. To arrange a donation or to volunteer, please call 703 256-9513.

Meals on Wheels – Volunteers delivered a total of 800 meals in March over 20 days. Deliveries include a hot meal and a cold supper for elderly shut-ins who are not able to shop or cook.

Transportation – In March, volunteer drivers provided 32 rides for 16 people who needed rides to medical appointments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCA is participating in an online fundraiser sponsored by the United Way of the National Capital Area called Do More 24 on Thursday, June 6. Do More in 24 is intended to raise awareness (and funds) for local nonprofit organizations. ACCA's human services ministries are entirely volunteer-run, with no paid staff.

Peace Lutheran Church and the Parklawn Civic Association are sponsoring a community yard sale on Saturday, May 11. The sale will benefit the ACCA Safe Cribs = Safe Babies project to help ACCA purchase cribs for needy families. The yard sale will take place on the church grounds at 6362 Lincolnia Rd., Alexandria. The cost to reserve a space or table ranges from \$10 to \$20 depending on size. Sellers keep the proceeds from their sales. Setup begins at 6:30 am. More information is available from Monica at the church office, 703-354-5233 or info@sharingpeace.org.