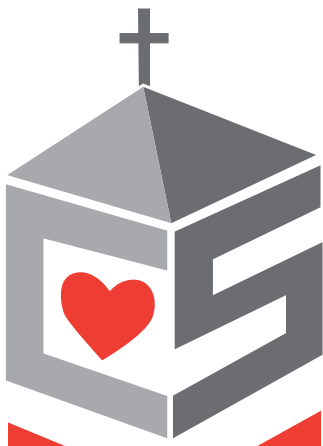




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EXCITING ADVENTURES FOR THE CHILDREN!



Kids at Trampoline Park

Our Spring newsletter told the story about a transition that became clear during the past five years at the Christian Shelter. We noticed that our typical guest profile was shifting from adults to young people. This trend continues today, as roughly 40 percent of our guests are children – many of whom are less than ten years old. This transition created a new set of priorities, so we prioritized keeping them safe, well-fed, suitably clothed, and actively engaged in the public school system.

Another area of adaption includes recreation, so we are thrilled to share news about two recent “field trips” for the kids! The first outing took them to Altitude Trampoline Park in Delmar, Maryland, where they spent two hours jumping and playing on trampolines, filling them with sheer joy and excitement. It was heartwarming to watch them let loose and enjoy themselves. After working up an appetite, everyone gathered to have a delicious lunch together, bonding over shared experiences and tasty food.

During September, our youth group embarked on a thrilling adventure to the Ocean City boardwalk for a day filled with arcade excitement. Guided by their

enthusiastic teachers, Miss Bre and Miss Stacey, the group entered a world of games, competition, and prizes! They enjoyed old-time Skee-ball and high-tech racing simulators. Laughter echoed through the arcade as the children vied for high scores, collected tickets for prizes, and discovered new games. They returned to the Shelter with smiles on their faces, prizes in hand, and hearts full of the shared bonds forged during their day of fun and games.

These outings provided more than just fun – they were also a form of therapy. Both trips provided an avenue for them to release pent-up energy, stress, or emotions, and to feel light-hearted and carefree. The field trips also afforded the opportunity to explore a different environment and create lasting memories.

We want to extend gratitude to our Youth Mentor for organizing two delightful excursions and for creating days filled with joy and laughter. And we thank everyone who supports the Christian Shelter. Your contributions allow us to provide meaningful experiences which uplift the spirits of those in our care.



OC Boardwalk Trip

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SANDY SPEDDEN'S GIFT FUNDS THREE NEW HVAC UNITS



New furnace

Sandy Spedden has been a faithful Christian Shelter donor for decades. Recently, when she heard about our need for several new heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, she quietly responded with a generous \$50,000 donation! Thanks to her gift, we were able to purchase and install three new HVAC components in crucial interior spaces.

A new "ductless split system" was installed in the Shelter's "Clothing Ministry" building. A new HVAC system was also installed in the dining room, replacing a 28-year-old system there, and a new dehumidifier unit also was installed within the dining room. Finally, we will work with a local contractor to replace the 26-year-old HVAC system serving the kitchen's east side. Ms. Spedden's gift will be a blessing to our staff and guests for many years to come. We are blessed!



New dehumidifier



Indoor Unit

COVENANT PARTNERS PROGRAM DRAWS NEW DONORS

In our summer newsletter, we unveiled the new Covenant Partners program. This new initiative was created to foster a community of financial support for the Christian Shelter. The idea is simple: supporters enroll to make recurring monthly contributions of \$20 or more. The monthly donations directly support our mission to provide safe shelter and meals to individuals and families experiencing recent homelessness. Since launching the program in June, the Covenant Partners donor base has grown to 66 generous people, pledging a combined total of \$8,500 a month!

These faithful donors strengthen the fabric of our local community and demonstrate Christ's love in action. Enrolling is easy. Visit our website christianshelter.org for information and click on the red Covenant Partners box in the upper right part of the screen. Or call us directly at 410-749-5673 and ask for Shanika Manuel, or send an email to her at shanikam@christianshelter.org



SHORT TAKES ON UPLIFTING DEVELOPMENTS

Bill Smith recently decided that it was time to give up riding his motorcycle. Bill has been a motorcycle enthusiast for decades, keeping his 1995 Honda Gold Wing bike in immaculate condition the whole time. He's also been a friend of the Shelter for a long time. He talked to his wife about selling the bike before posting it on a local social media platform. The posting made clear that any prospect willing to give a \$1,500 donation to the Christian Shelter would get the motorcycle. It didn't take long for local resident Ahmad McMillan to jump at the opportunity. Mr. McMillan made the donation, and he got the bike! We are so grateful to Bill and Linda Smith for their creative way of supporting our ministry.

In the photo are Bill (left) and Ahmad (right).



VOLUNTEERS RENOVATE THE MEN'S DORM



New Flooring

During August, volunteers from LiFT Church disassembled eight very heavy metal bunk beds and moved them to other rooms for temporary storage. They also painted the bathroom and shower room walls. During September, local business Value Carpet One installed new vinyl plank flooring in the dorm's main room. The flooring is a high-density plank that will withstand the weight of the heavy bunk bed legs.

Just last week, the bunk beds were returned to the dorm rooms and re-assembled. In the process, unique rubberized feet were placed on the bunk bed supports. These will prevent scuffs and scrapes upon the new flooring if the beds move about. Thanks are due to volunteer Ed Johnson for researching, shopping and purchasing the new bunk bed feet. We also thank volunteers Dr. Jim Martin and Richard Townsend – and Shelter board members Carlton Bradshaw and Jeff Downes for their hard work in making the renovations happen. It takes many hands to do God's work!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar Today!

Saturday, November 22

Magi Concert at Emanuel Church, 217 Beaglin Park Drive, Salisbury.

Tuesday, December 2

Giving Tuesday (a national charity event)

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Sheltering Hearts Banquet at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center

DAILY NEEDS TOP 12 ITEMS NEEDED

1. Breakfast meats (*bacon, scrapple, ham, turkey, eggs*). Breakfast cereals in large box sizes.
2. Toilet paper & paper towels.
3. Cold, flu, sore throat, heartburn, and headache remedies.
4. Bottled waters (*small & large size bottles*).
5. Small juices for kids' lunches, sliced or unsliced lunch meats.
6. Bleach, laundry detergents, clothes dryer sheets and fabric softeners.
7. Sliced cheeses, grated cheeses (*for spaghetti meals*).
8. Lysol disinfecting spray/wipes.
9. Non-Styrofoam paper plates and cups.
10. Baby care items: wipes, Pampers, skin care products.
11. Heavy cord (*to tie up bundles of waste cardboard for recycling*).
12. Cheese, sliced sandwich meats.

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