

St. Anne's Episcopal Parish

Outreach Ministries



Backpack Buddies Program

A surprising number of children in our community go hungry each week. The Backpack Buddies Program provides children at risk of going hungry with weekend meals and snacks during the school year, when school is not in session. The children receive a backpack containing six balanced meals and two healthy snacks at the end of every week. St. Anne's parishioners have joined with other local churches and volunteers to bring the Backpack Buddies program to Annapolis Elementary School (AES). AES serves a significant number of students who rely on the school cafeteria to feed them breakfast and lunch every day. Many of these children have very little food once they leave school and often suffer hunger when school is not in session on weekends and holidays. AES identified a group of 47 students (30 families) who are most at risk for weekend hunger and, through the Backpack Buddies program, they now receive a backpack filled with food every weekend.

This program is an all-volunteer effort and there are several ways to get involved. First, you can pack backpacks. Each week, volunteers spend about an hour packing backpacks for the kids. Second, sponsors are needed for each child. The cost of sponsorship is \$350 per child for the year and contributions are tax-deductible. You can choose to sponsor a child or give any amount you'd like. And finally, you can also be matched with a child (anonymously) and send that child notes and other small encouragements throughout the year so they know someone cares about them. If you'd like more information about this program or would like to be involved, please call Townsend McNitt at 410-267-0407.



Back to School Backpack Program

The Department of Social Services provides the names of 75-100 children who have signed up for assistance for school supplies. During the month of July a large bulletin board is set up in the Narthex, before and after each Sunday service, with the names of these needy students (grades K through 5) and a list of the supplies they will need for the upcoming school year (including a backpack). Parishioners take one or more of these name tags and purchase the needed supplies and backpack for the student(s) selected. The full backpacks are returned to the church or parish house by early August for delivery to an Annapolis area elementary school prior to the first day of school.

Volunteers are needed to collect and deliver backpacks and to help at sign-up tables after Sunday services.

Anyone interested in supporting this ministry should contact:

- Bill and Jeanne Malicki: 410-697-3429; billmalicki@comcast.net
- Ginny Hustvedt: 410-267-9333; ghustvedt@stannes-annapolis.org



Delivering backpacks.

Easter Basket Outreach

Too many people in our community are having difficulty putting food on the table for themselves and their children. How frightening it must be to be without food, to wonder if you can feed your children, to constantly worry if you can stretch what's in your cupboard until payday. Hunger and worry are quiet catastrophes that consume the mind, the heart and hope.

The Easter Basket Program to feed the hungry is a ministry to provide foodstuffs and small Easter-related gifts from St. Anne's parishioners to needy families in Annapolis and surrounding communities the week before Easter. Parishioners choose the size and type of family they wish to buy for, and our partners at Food Link select needy families from their clientele that match these requests. During Lent, parishioners volunteer to fill plastic laundry baskets provided by St. Anne's Parish with sufficient food for breakfast, lunch and a traditional dinner on Easter day. Most parishioners provide much more food than that required for a single day, a benefit which these families sorely need. Especially appreciated are Easter gifts and toys for children who often have none. Each basket contains a letter from the Rector and information about St. Anne's Episcopal Church of Annapolis.

This program answers God's call to feed the hungry during the time of Christ's Resurrection. It provides a vehicle for the involvement of St. Anne's parishioners in this charitable work. The Easter Basket Program spreads God's Word and enhances St. Anne's visibility as a caring church involved in the human concerns of our community. The program is designed to provide benefit to the donors, through the joy of giving to those in need, as well as to those who receive the baskets.

Anyone interested in helping Sue and Don Sullivan in organizing and operating the Easter Basket Program, please contact Sue at 410-798-8742.



Employment Assistance Program

An outreach program focused on aiding church members in their employment search and challenges.

The program will:

1. Provide resume editing. This service would ensure proper spelling, grammar, formatting and work with individuals in a limited scope to increase their market-ability by offering suggestions about alternative ways to arrange or highlight their expertise.
2. Offer quarterly networking opportunities to give members the opportunity to discuss openings, connections and sharing of advice in order to get ahead in the current economic climate.
3. Hold occasional seminars on particular employment-related topics for individuals to learn how to improve their self-marketing and feel more confident in navigating the job market. Potential topics may include: job interviewing techniques, salary and benefits negotiating, the utilization of social marketing in the job hunt, etc. We are working to set the first seminar date in February 2012 which will focus on Constructing One's Job Search.
4. Set up a job board to be located at the church or parish hall where parishioners could share opportunities that they are aware of with the church body and for others to find potential openings.

This is a program that could cater to all levels of job hunters, including students, young professionals, mid-career searchers and executives as well as those retired individuals that would be looking for a second career or part-time work.

Anyone interested should contact Evelyn Eury at stannesolutions@gmail.com.

Friends of Clay Street



Teen Camp at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC

St. Anne's presence in and friendship with the Clay Street Community and at the Stanton Center is built first and foremost on prayer and relationships. These relationships began fourteen years ago. Currently, we participate in a homework club, support and help to run a teen camp, and provide Christmas gifts for over 100 children. Other St. Anne's outreach that impacts the same community Back to School Backpack Program for children at Annapolis Elementary School.

Homework Club at the Stanton Center:

Members of St. Anne's volunteer their time each weekday, providing 4-8 hours a week of homework help for an average of 20 children and a few teens. In addition to the help with their school work, they have opportunities to use computers, have interactive learning from a Smart Board, do arts and crafts, and to be encouraged by caring adult volunteers who remind them that they are precious to God who loves them and has dreams for their lives. New volunteers are always welcome to help with homework, computer learning, arts and crafts, cooking or to share a particular talent or skill. Contact: Sharon McElfish at 410-990-0294.

St. Anne's Stanton Center Teen Camp:

This camp for teenagers living in this high-risk neighborhood meets daily for six weeks in the summer. The activities include swimming, kayaking trips, photography, speakers, workshops, visits in homes, inspirational talks, field trips to museums, and building relationships built on honesty, trust, respect, loving and caring for each other. Funding currently comes from gifts of parish members, friends and grants. Opportunities for parishioners to get involved include donating funds, providing bag lunches, opening their homes for a day, chaperoning field trips, sharing a skill, or giving inspirational talks. Also, we help to provide scholarships to the Stanton Center summer camp for elementary children through funds donated by parishioners. Contact: Deede Rivers at 410-268-8279.

Christmas Gift Giving:

At Christmas our church family provides over 100 children with at least 3 gifts each for a total of 330 gifts as well as food gift cards for the families in the Clay Street area and Hilltop Elementary School in the northern part of the county. To volunteer to help collect and distribute the names of the children and collect the gifts, please contact: Katie Harris and Sylvia Lohr at 410-224-2036.

Joining the Friends of Clay Street Committee is another way to get involved. The committee meets 2 or 3 times a year to plan and dream of new ways to partner with our Clay Street neighbors. Please call Sharon McElfish at 410-990-0294 if you would like to join us.



Light House Shelter Outreach

Annapolis Area Ministries, Inc. Board:

St. Anne's initially began what is now known as the Light House Shelter in the early 1980s and served as the host church to many community individuals in need of shelter. Today, the Annapolis Area Ministries, Inc. (AAMI) Board provides oversight essential to operate a thriving shelter. AAMI is a non-profit inter-faith organization comprised of 13 member congregations and additional community members that serves people who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless in the Anne Arundel County area, working in conjunction with other agencies and area ministries of its member congregations. Elizabeth Kinney is the Executive Director of the Light House Shelter and Milford Marchant is our AAMI Board representative. Joyce Nay conducts a psychotherapy group for the Shelter guests and also facilitates fund-raising functions for the Light House Shelter.

Friends of the Light House Shelter:

The Friends of the Light House Shelter serve in a fund-raising capacity to help meet the financial needs essential to this ministry. Our St. Anne's representative on the Friends Board is Carolyn Hauck. Additional shelter support is provided by Nancy Greeley who facilitates stocking the shelter pantry during the month of September for food distribution to the nearby community and facilitates food preparation for shelter guests the first Wednesday of each month.

Also, many St. Anne's parishioners volunteer in support of these functions listed below:

- Golfing tournament in June.
- Stocking the Pantry for the local community in September.
- Run for Shelter in mid-September.
- Pumpkin Patch and sale of pumpkins, baked goods and crafts in mid-October.
- Bountiful Harvest in early November, a dinner and dance with local merchants providing their restaurant's specialties.
- Christmas ornament sale.

Family Cooking for the Shelter

The Strang family facilitates family meal preparations for shelter guests the third Monday of each month. All helpers are welcome - adults, parents and children, and teens. They begin cooking at 4:00 p.m. in the Light House kitchen, join in prayer at 6:00 p.m., then serve all the shelter guests and sit down to a delicious dinner. If you'd like to check out the fun, stop by the kitchen at the Light House during the next preparation time. For more information, call Heather Strang at (410) 757-6893 (thestrangs@verizon.net).



Cooking Dinner for the Shelter

St. Anne's parishioners prepare and serve the evening meal for the guests at the Light House Shelter the first Wednesday of every month. Nancy Greeley and John Merrick, of the Men's Huddle, coordinate the preparations for the meal and arrange for parish volunteers to prepare the various menu items in their homes. The volunteers meet at the Lighthouse kitchen at 5:30 p.m. to set up. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. and is usually completed by 7:00 p.m. The volunteers eat with the guests. For additional information, contact Nancy Greeley at (410) 224-2975 or at momgreeley@aol.com.

Shelter Pantry Food Collection

Each of the churches that make up the Annapolis Area Ministries takes a month to supply the pantry at the Light House Shelter. St. Anne's has the month of September. We collect food every Sunday in September and take it to the shelter. There is always a need for food. During months other than September there is always a need for food and donations can be made at the Light House at 10 Hudson Street. For information, contact Nancy Greeley at 410 224-2975 or at momgreeley@aol.com.

Habitat for Humanity



Interfaith Coalition

Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake (formerly Arundel Habitat for Humanity) is a non-profit, Christian ministry which works in partnership with people from all walks of life to provide, through new construction or renovation, simple, decent and affordable housing for low-income families in Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties. St. Anne's Church has a history of helping Habitat families in Annapolis and the Brooklyn area of Anne Arundel County through donations of money and volunteering our time, talent and labor to help build low-cost homes for families living in substandard or inadequate housing. St. Anne's participates in building homes with other faith partners as a member of a coalition of churches. Our commitment to help our neighbors is a way to put our faith into action and to "seek and serve Christ in all persons". Parishioners can get involved by helping at the build site or by providing lunches for the workers at the site. More information will be available a plans become final. Contact Linda Silva at 443-249-0129.

KAIROS Prison Ministry



KAIROS is an ecumenical Christian effort to help inmates in prisons. It is modeled on the Cursillo "short course" in Christian discipleship. St. Anne's has supported the Kairos prison ministry for several years. Last year ten parishioners and their families

wrote letters to each of the inmates who participated in the Kairos weekend at Maryland Correctional Institution - Hagerstown. That's a total of 420 handwritten letters that inspired the incarcerated men on their faith journey. This coming year the Kairos ministry is planning weekends in the women's prison and at MCI-H, so additional volunteers are asked to serve on teams (and go into the prisons) and/or to write letters to the inmates. Kairos has also just launched a mentoring program for inmates who are released back into society. Volunteers are needed. For further information contact Ford Rowan at fordrowan@comcast.net.

Winter Relief Program (WRP) for the Homeless

- Under the auspices of The Arundel House of Hope <http://arundelhoh.org>

Many people less fortunate than we are being left out in the cold and turned away from shelter during the most physically invasive winter months. Every year hundreds of the homeless go underserved during the winter months of November through March when many suffer and, unfortunately, die during extremely cold weather conditions. St. Anne's Outreach Ministry partners with First Presbyterian Church to shelter and provide food for 25-30 homeless guests for one week in February. Forty or more volunteers from St. Anne's sign up to provide essential services such as hosting, preparing and serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, transporting guests to and from the sponsor church, picking up supplies, running errands, and providing coverage during the evening hours for this one week period. Anyone interested in supporting this wonderful service should contact Joyce L. Nay at 443-458-5052, or wrnay@comcast.net.

Partners in Mission in Guatemala

A Partnership between St. Anne's Episcopal Church and Mayan Communities in the Rural Highlands of Guatemala since 1992

MINISTRY HISTORY

- **1992:** Partnered with Mayan Episcopal Seminary to fund training of 12 Mayan men and women for deaconate/priesthood and basic education classes; sponsored adult literacy groups in several rural communities.
- **1992-2005:** Sent multiple U.S. medical and dental teams to provide direct services in Mayan communities; **2006**-changed to in-country medical team visits in place of U.S. teams.
- **1999:** Refocused our partnership to one key community, Chujulimul I, led by Fr. Jose Morales y Morales (graduate of Mayan Episcopal Seminary) and three adjoining communities.
- **2000 - Present:**
 - (1) **Education:** Funded scholarships--80 elementary and 20 secondary school scholarships annually. Annually donated \$1000 in books & teaching materials and donated several computers and printers.
 - (2) **Health:** Funded ongoing public health and midwife training in four communities.
 - (3) **Construction-** a partnership was established with **Building Goodness Foundation (BGF)** of Charlottesville, VA, which has resulted in: one new classroom (2002), a school security wall and paved courtyard (2003-2004), and a community building (2007-2008). Over 200 wood stoves have been funded by PIM and built by local Mayan workers since 2010.
 - (4) **Commitment:** Over 150 different individuals from St. Anne's, friends of St. Anne's, and affiliates have participated in the ministry by traveling to Guatemala. Over **\$300,000** in direct funding and donated materials have been given to communities in Guatemala since 1992.

EVIDENCE OF IMPACT

- **Education:**

Elementary school (Chujulimul I) enrollment increases: 1999- total=156; 2011-total=426. School previously had no books; now has reading and teaching resources including two laptops with printers. 1999-No high school graduates; 2011- more than a dozen total high school graduates.

Educated young people are moving into local and regional leadership positions and careers.

A substantial number of men in community have learned construction skills. They have donated labor for all new school and community building construction.

- **Health:**

Maternal and infant mortality rate reduced to zero; birth rate dropping.

The 200+ wood-burning stoves built have had a very positive impact on health of women and young children and have reduced cost of firewood for families by 30 percent.

Local doctors report this community's population is healthier than neighbors. Percent of vaccinations in this community is the highest in the entire country of Guatemala.

- **Construction:** Community building constructed with St. Anne's funds (\$25,000 for materials) now hosts meetings, trainings, and elementary classes

GOALS: 2012

Education:

Continue on-going scholarship programs for primary and secondary students.

Work with principal of Chujulimul elementary school and Guatemala Ministry of Education to develop instructional guidelines and materials for elementary school use.

Initiate program of computer literacy in local community and assist with Internet access for local scholarship students, utilizing existing Internet resources in the area.

Financially assist in completion of new elementary school building in Chujulimul I.

Health:

(1) Fund materials for wood-burning stoves in the community of Las Trampas.

(2) Involve additional Episcopal churches in funding health training in other communities.

(3) Continue public health program for midwives and health guardians.

Volunteers are needed: For further information contact Linda or Wayne Adamson at 410-269-7538 or wladamson@comcast.net or Kevin Hays at kevin.hays@ngc.com.



Outreach Ministries' Mission Statement

It is the mission of St. Anne's Outreach Ministries to provide many pathways to live the whole-hearted love of God that shows itself in active caring for our neighbors locally and globally. We carry out these partnership ministries to build understanding, help those in need, work for justice, and expand Christ's Kingdom in the world, which in turn enriches our own lives of faith.



There are many ways that members of St. Anne's Parish can reach out to our neighbors here in Annapolis or around the world and make a difference. We encourage you to get involved and to support these Outreach Ministries by volunteering your time and talents or by making a donation.

"For it is in giving that we receive." — St. Francis