

THE BEACON

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF NEW BEGINNINGS OUTREACH CENTER

A Message for YOU

It is not the clock or the calendar that motivates or inspires us to change. If I do what I have always done I am bound to stay exactly where I have always been. Our greatest battle is within ourselves, within our own minds. It matters not what they say about you; it is what you say about yourself. What you speak is your destination. A new car, a new house or a new job; those things will not change you. Nothing will until YOU change YOU. This is a new year and a new you, if you only seize the opportunity. Do not walk into this new year putting one foot into tomorrow while one foot is still stuck in yesterday. You must renew your mind. A new mind equals a new life. Transformation produces change. The canvas is blank for you TODAY -- a fresh new story hands you a pen to write a new beginning and to reinvent ourselves and to achieve the very best version of YOU. Every sunrise drives away the darkness of the night..the sun dispelling the blackness. But darkness my friend, never overcomes the light. Embrace the change and face your fears to drive out the darkness. Turn that last ending into YOUR new beginning. This is YOUR year!

Exciting News!

FROM CHURCH OF GOD

We are very excited to share the news that the Church of God has committed to paying the rent of the space at The American Legion Post 247 for the next 12 months! Although we have been very blessed that the Legion has been so gracious to us to use their space at a very reasonable rate, the commitment from COG to pay that expense means that we can use the funds that would normally be spend on the rent, in other programs and further outreach.

Mid-Year School Supplies Drive

MARGARET PIERCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Supplies are needed all year round. Many drives are completed just prior to the start or a new school year. Unfortunately, those supplies often do not last all year long and the children are in need of more at the mid-year point. Collections accepted through February 4th for Margaret Pierce Elementary.

Healings & Miracle Rallies

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Jesus commanded his followers 2,000 years ago to heal the sick. Many times it is physical, sometimes it is spiritual and emotional. Over more than 30 years of ministry we have seen multiple healing that defy description. In Ghana, India, Cuba and China in the early 2000's, we witnessed the blind see, the lame walk and the deaf hear. Less evident and dramatic are those with inner healings that are very deep. Healing from damaged emotions or trauma can be more powerful than the physical.

Over the past several months we have been asked for praying over the ill, the dying, families suffering loss and those experiencing emotional trauma and turmoil. This has led us to believe that there is more need than what currently can be attended to.

We need Prayer Warriors! Be on the look out for more details on this and the power of mass group prayer coming this Spring!

O.R.C.A. Work Continues to Make an Impact

BY FAITH SMITH

We continue to make strides with community connections, direct outreach to the homeless and other vulnerable population. We have been able sustain our commitment of the “Grab & Grub” bags through the Linda’s Lunchbags Program. Thanks to the generous donations from our Center Community! The demand remains high for the need of ready to eat food. From your contributions we have been able to donate them monthly to Culpeper Human Service and within the community directly as well. In partnership with Culpeper Human Services, we spent three evenings on our coldest nights in December passing out blankets, hats & gloves, hand warmers and bagged meals. We even stopped one evening and got everyone a fresh hot cup of coffee that we encountered.

We have future plans of single served hot meals throughout this winter for those who are unable or unwilling to go to an emergency shelter. These meals will be easy to make and deliver (we are hoping to do all crock pot style meals). They will be pre-served in disposable containers and offered on a day when no other meal options are available.

If you are interested in being a part of ORCA, can offer support, time to volunteer, specific donations or resources, please see or contact Faith.

Angels Among Us

OUT OF THE WILDERNESS

When Jesus emerged after 18 years with no word, He presented himself to John at the Jordan River to be baptized. John declared there’s the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. And he was announced publicly for the first time as the Messiah. A voice from Heaven spoke and said “This is my beloved Son in whom I am pleased.” A dove landed on his shoulder representing the Holy Spirit. But he did not go immediately to the large city to hold meetings and perform miracles. Matthew 4:1 The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the enemy. And then, there, in his greatest moments of temptation, stress and struggle the Bible says the Angels came and ministered unto him. If Jesus needed angels to minister to Him, certainly you and I need the same.

Community Connection & Breaking Bread

CULPEPER WARMING SHELTER

Culpeper Warming Shelter is being run this year by Encompass (formerly RRCSB). They are still seeking volunteers to sign up to make dinner and pack lunches in the for the next day for their shelter guests. They provide the food and all prep and cooking is done on location at St. Luke’s Lutheran on Main Street in Culpeper. If you are interested in helping, you can access their calendar through Facebook at Culpeper Winter Heat Shelter.

Upcoming Events

JANUARY 2024

Services 10:15am 1/7/24 & 1/21/24

FEBRUARY 2024

Services 10:15am 2/4/24 & 2/18/24
4th - Margaret Pierce School Supplies

MARCH 2024

Services 10:15am 3/3/24, 3/17/24 & 3/31/24



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