

# Meeting Ground E-Newsletter August, 2016



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## Love Week



When [The Journey Church](#) says, "We want to partner with you," they aren't kidding around. The church celebrated Love Week, August 7-13, by descending upon Mary Randall Center with tools, paint, porch railing, and tons of love. Offices and the program room were painted, the entrance doors got a facelift, and the rotting porch railings were replaced.

The Journey spreads its love throughout the year, faithfully serving those whose own journeys lead them to Meeting Ground. Members prepare and serve lunch at the Men's Shelter with our free Lunch Program regularly. They also collect and donate food and supplies. We are continually blessed and grateful that The Journey so generously weaves the three strands of Love, Hope, and Faith in support of our guests and staff - providing us with a bond of strength not easily broken.

You can see a slide show of The Journey at Mary Randall Center on the [home page of our website](#).

## #WeCanAllPitchIn

## The Word

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-12: Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.*

*But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

I continually marvel at how God works! Each day I see evidence of His inspired word. Today was a "typical" day-if there ever really is a typical day-of interacting with staff, volunteers, community agencies, and donors on behalf of our guests and residents. Interactions included the donation of fresh hamburger and hot dog buns which were a blessing as the Men's Shelter had very recently received a donation of meatballs!

The first strand in our cord of strength are our programs and staff to guide our guests and residents toward needed services. We also often talk about our partnerships with other community organizations and agencies - our second strand. The third strand are our donors and volunteers who provide their financial support, encouragement, and prayers-especially your prayers.



We are super appreciative of the partnership with Wawa for our breakfast sandwiches, hashbrowns, and pretzels each day and the partnership with the community for our much loved donated cereal.

However, nothing beats the homecooking of fluffy scrambled eggs, a hot batch of pancakes and fresh OJ -- all served with a smile. Jenn Podos and her daughter Ceci Giedzinski have been coming throughout the summer to serve hot breakfast to the ladies and gentlemen at Mary Randall Center.

We thank Jenn and Ceci, the awesome mother-daughter duo, and all those within the community who partner with us in the ministry of sharing God's love and provision to those who need both their hearts and bellies filled. #we'reallpartners

## The Cupboard Was Bare...



And Then It Wasn't

AND...we're ready for laundry duty, too!

Without our donors' support and prayers, women and children would be unsheltered in harm's way. Without your support, men, women, and children would go hungry during the day. Without your support, persons waiting for employment opportunities and stable housing would spiritually and emotionally languish.

Later in our "typical" day, there was another donation of bread, and this time Meeting Ground blessed a sister organization out of the abundance. Linkages with other organizations, our staff and volunteers, and our donors ensure that guests and residents have the resources to make progress on their individual goals including housing, employment, and lawful living.

Remember, God is smiling about you!

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### You Are Invited

**Meet the new pastor of  
Five Rivers Church**

Pastor Jim Chase & his wife  
Lucy  
Thursday, September 22  
4:30 - 6:00 pm  
Mary Randall Center  
401 North St, Elkton, MD  
21921

Five Rivers Church is a steadfast partner in the Emergency Rotating Shelter.

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