



## Meeting Ground Vision

*Everyone in Cecil County, Maryland, will have a place to call home.*

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**December 2015**

### **THE WORD**

*"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

Thank you for spreading cheer this holiday season. By sowing your financial gifts into Meeting Ground you have sowed hope into the lives of our guests and residents.

As we commemorate Homeless Memorial Day and remember all those who have died this year we will note the passage of eight guests and residents who died this past year. We will also commemorate the life and death of Derrick Lowe who was an

advocate for services for persons at risk of or experiencing

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**Please join us  
as we remember those who have died this past year  
and strengthen our resolve to work for a  
world where no life is lived or lost in homelessness.**

***Cecil County Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Service***

***December 21, 2015***

***Wesley United Methodist Church  
41 Justice Way, Elkton, MD 21921***

**Service will begin at 4:45 pm  
Dinner follows immediately**

**Jessie is Home for the Holiday**

experiencing homelessness.

Derrick is best remembered for his constant smile and cheerfulness. His smile was augmented by his sparkling eyes which seemed to always see the best in life. By spreading cheer, Derrick changed lives. He brought the community together to share his love of bluegrass music and support Meeting Ground's services.

Please join us in honoring Derrick Lowe and the eight guests and residents who have died this year.

## PRAYER LIST

*Please join us in our prayers of thanksgiving:*

C&S Wholesale Grocers who have provided an awesome corps of volunteers who are making profound differences at all our programs. Their cheerfulness is contagious.

For all those who pray regularly for Meeting Ground especially at our designed time of Mondays at 10:00 am

Food from Wawa

Meet Jessie Morton, a Men's Shelter success story! Jessie, a veteran, is 60 years old and a student at Cecil College. He has shown how a person can change his life for better with the help and services offered at Cecil County Men's Shelter.

The Cecil County Men's Shelter is a transitional housing program designed to give a person a chance to get off the streets and housed within 3 to 6 months, as long as the resident follows the service plan the case manager and the resident formulate. The resident service plan is designed to layout the goals of the resident so he may be successful in saving money, budgeting money, fixing credit, finding employment, securing any needed mental or physical health, finding housing, and reconnecting with family and friends.



*Welcome home, Jessie!*

Jessie worked his plan diligently so that he could be in his apartment before the holidays.

Jessie continues to come back to Cecil County Men's Shelter to volunteer and help every week for the reason of giving back to the community. He has always talked about the importance of residents at the Shelter working together and helping each other. His success is an inspiration to others. The Cecil County Men's Shelter is proud to have him as part of our family.

## Mary Randall Center Decorated for Christmas

**Merry Christmas!**



Volunteers, site churches, and host churches at the Rotating Shelter

Upper Bay for counseling services for guests & residents in need

Affordable housing for guests & residents who are ready for permanent housing

Cash donations to cover day to day expenses

All who touch and are touched by Meeting Ground

Meeting Ground staff, the Board of Directors, and all our volunteers

***Please join us in prayers of supplication:***

Strength for our guests and residents to continue successfully on their path to a home

Guidance for the Board of Directors as

we lead Meeting Ground into a new year

The Congregation of Baldwin United Methodist Church



*Guests of Mary Randall Center and staff from C & S Wholesale Grocers put us all in the Holiday Spirit decorating the Center this week!*

### Volunteers Feed Body and Soul at Lunch Program

The Lunch Program at Cecil County Men's Shelter serves a hot lunch four days a week to anyone in need of a meal in the community. Our volunteers who come into help serve and/or prepare the food are a vital part of this important part of this important ministry. We have regular volunteers who come in on a regular basis and groups who come in on a weekly basis and groups who come in periodically.

If you, a church, or work group are interested in volunteering please call Jeannie Tracey at 410-392-8066 or contact her by email at [jeannie@meetingground.org](mailto:jeannie@meetingground.org). We always have room for volunteers. Our soup kitchen also needs prayers so that we may continue to serve those who need us.





*Check out these smiles! Lunch Program volunteers from Journey Church.*

Find current  
volunteer  
opportunities at  
[Cecil Volunteer](#)  
or at  
[Meeting Ground](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

***Saturday, January 16, 2016: [North Elk Coffee House](#) with [John Lionarons](#) . Doors open at 6:45 pm. St. Mary Anne's Episcopal Church, North East, MD***

***Saturday, February 20, 2016: [North Elk Coffee House](#) with [Kate MacLeod](#) . Doors open at 6:45 pm. St. Mary Anne's Episcopal Church, North East, MD***

***Saturday, March 19, 2016: [North Elk Coffee House](#) with [Pam Ortiz Trio](#). Doors open at 6:45 pm. St. Mary Anne's Episcopal Church, North East, MD***

***Friday, May 6, 2016: Taste of Meeting Ground***

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