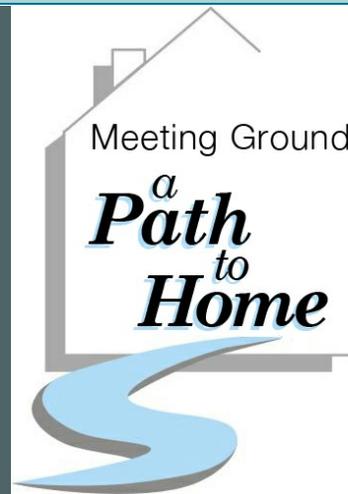


Meeting Ground

E-Newsletter

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Our updated website

Meeting Ground has had the blessing of help from University of Delaware student Danielle Callahan this spring semester. Danielle developed a [new website](#) for us, which is up and running. Thank you, Danielle, for all your good work!

You may need to clear your history and cache to be able to see the new site. Follow these easy instructions:

[CLEAR YOUR CACHE AND HISTORY](#)

And let us know what you think!

Thanksgiving prayers heard

[Emergency Rotating Shelter](#). During the we follow several steps to ready our guests for the evening stay. But in between the newcomer



paperwork, and the chore assignments, there is time for some good 'ole conversation -- the much needed heart-to-heart. One of our activities was the *Thanksgiving Alphabet: really*"What are you thankful to God for, that begins with

the letter..." As you can imagine, we started with the letter "A". Each evening, the guests would share with each other what they were grateful to God for. This was an exercise -- to follow God's command to be thankful and rejoice always and to test what would happen if we did. My! The discussions that ensued, the things we learned, the laughs we got, the wisdom we gleaned when we asked, "What does that word mean?" Gratitude became our platform for us to see God move.

The Word

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 *"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

Prayer is a constant in my life-- especially praying for all who touch and are touched by Meeting Ground and the Cecil County Men's Shelter.

I pray for our current guests and residents.

I pray for former residents and guests who have successfully secured housing.

I pray for the donors who give generously so that others may benefit.

I pray that we continue to do God's will, God's way.

I pray that the Board of Directors wisely guides the organization.

I pray that the staff demonstrate boundless

One evening, as we were discussing the letter "S", we got an uncommon interruption at that time of day: someone donating breakfast items for the [Mary Randall Center](#). While quickly writing a receipt for the donation, large tears started to well and roll down the face of our visiting friend. There was silence as more guests started to notice. In between the tears, our visiting friend shared that we all of us are broken. Then suddenly, one of the guests asked our friend if we might pray for whatever the situation was. "Yes!" was the response. So, we circled up and prayed.

Tears of despair became tears of gratitude. Our visiting friend was now crying out to God in praise because certainly there was no coincidence for dropping by. Our visiting friend felt spiritually blessed by visiting the Mary Randall Center that day. **Our guests, who are often the ones on the outside looking in, who can often feel like habitual receivers and not givers, gave a gift that no one can buy and only God could give.**

Matthew 18:20 says, *"For where two or three have gathered in My name, there I am in their midst."* Our visiting friend felt the much needed Presence of our God and received the much needed prayer, encouragement, and spiritual blessing needed. She came broken and weeping and left refreshed in faith -- sharing her own thanks, saying, "Thank you, Lord; You love me!" God answers prayer and is not finished listening and answering those prayers -- the prayers of both givers and receivers -- even when He reverses the roles to do so.

Housing prayers answered

The many prayers of our residents and faithful friends are being answered every day.

Recently, four of our residents have found housing through two different means. Two residents teamed up as roommates and are renting from a local landlord here in Elkton. Two other residents have each received a housing voucher through a VA housing program known as HUD-VASH. Both have moved to Perryville in different apartments.

Another resident has reconnected with a family member he has not seen or talked to in many years. This family member was a big part of his moral support growing up as a child. One resident informed staff that his

compassion and grace.

I pray And I pray And I pray

I am pleased that each Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. I meet with God in prayer to offer praise and thanksgiving for all that God is doing at, through, and with Meeting Ground. As part of my Monday morning prayers, I pray over the prayer box which contains the prayers of the guests at the Mary Randall Center. Some of the prayers request very basic needs, including housing. Most of the prayers are utterances of thanksgiving for God's grace, provision, and salvation. As I pray, I am reminded that God hears every prayer and responds to each prayer-sometimes in the most unexpected ways.



In the News

Check out these stories about Meeting Ground in the local papers:

[Orbital ATK donates computers for jobseekers](#)

Upcoming Events

May 21:

[North Elk Coffee House](#)

Doors open at 6:45 pm, show starts at 7:30 pm. Proceeds benefit Meeting Ground. This month: Chicago style blues

job is going so well that he has been offered another position in the company making more money. This will allow him to save more money and find housing faster. And still another resident will be starting the process of the CWT work program at the VA in Perry Point. From there he will be placed in a career setting that that will allow him to succeed, make money, and eventually find employment in that field.



Chris Wiley, left, director of Cecil County Men's Shelter, congratulates Joe, a veteran who is newly housed.

guitarist [Toby Walker](#). Last show of the coffee house year!

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