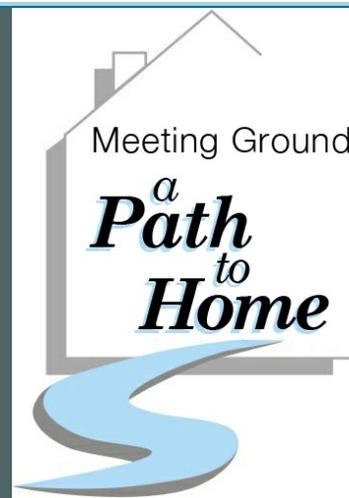


Meeting Ground

E-Newsletter

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One Room

A new resident moved into [Cecil County Men's Shelter](#) this past week, just in time to avoid the cold weather. AW had been living in the woods after a run of bad luck. His goals while he is a resident will be to work on health issues and continue to work on mental health concerns. Ultimately, finding a job and getting back to being self-sufficient is where he would like to be. Settlement House is giving him the opportunity to work toward his goals without being concerned about day to day survival. Below is a picture of where he had been living prior to securing a bed at CCMS. AW is very grateful for a roof over his head and people to assist him as he makes this journey toward feeling worthwhile again. This is what we are always trying to do with and for our residents at CCMS.



It looks bucolic, but this was AW's "room" for many months.

We bid a fond farewell to CCMS program director, Chris Wiley, this week, and wish him all the best in his new position at the Cecil County Help Center. The Meeting Ground is accepting applications for this position until October 21. [Click here for application information.](#)



Another Room

It is almost that time again -- another season of the [Emergency](#)

The Word

"In my Father's House there are many rooms; if it were not so I would not have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you."
John 14:2

While this scripture is often cited to talk about God's provision for us after death, I see this scripture as a model of hospitality and a reminder of God's provision.

Because of the the compassion of so many people in our community, we are able to continually welcome the stranger and sojourner to provide shelter for them at [Wayfarers' House](#) (shelter for women and children), the [Cecil County Men's Shelter](#) (shelter for men including veterans), the [Emergency Rotating Shelter](#), and places throughout the community. Through case management, we assist people with seeking and securing housing and the financial resources to pay for housing. We are grateful that our staff and volunteers are ready and able to assist those in need.

Each day we rejoice in God's provision through your gifts

Rotating Shelter. Meeting Ground Staff, Site Supervisors and their volunteers, church sites and hosts are all preparing to welcome whomever comes seeking refuge during the winter. For this upcoming season, there are additional preparations in the works, especially at the Five Rivers site where much of the season is held. Hopefully, the changes to the overnight space will make our guests feel more invited, loved, and at home in the space. One of our favorite verses as we think of what the ERS is about is Psalm 91:1 which states that "those who live in the **shelter** of the Most High, will find **rest** in the shadow of the Almighty." With our focus on ministry and the great improvements to come, **may our guests not only decide to enter our winter shelter, but ultimately find rest in His, year-round**. Please feel free to join us as we prepare for a season of rest for our guests.

Volunteers are vital to the mission. If interested, be in touch! The 16 to 18 weeks of transportation, food, fellowship, and overnight shelter offer a rich opportunity to:

- Love, serve, and provide for those in need in a tangible way
- Be the hands and feet of Christ Jesus in a broken world
- Work together as a community with one mind and purpose
- Be a part of making a positive and eternal impact on lives of men, women, and children
- Help us to clear and pave the path to home

No matter the commitment, each individual and group makes possible, not only refuge from winter weather, but also the path to hope and home for many -- one night, one week, one season at a time.

Feel free to [email Shenise](#) if you are interested in volunteering.

Free Training for ERS Volunteers

The Cecil County Health Department is offering FREE training to provide volunteers the tools to learn about and work with individuals with addition or mental health disorders, including how to get help and respond to emergencies. All participants will be certified in Overdose Prevention & Mental Health First Aid. [Click here for more information and registration.](#)

One Who Helped Provide Rooms

The Meeting Ground recently lost a dear friend, Dewey Newman. Dewey (with his wife Renie) was a much-loved and faithful supporter of Meeting Ground for many years. As noted in his obituary, he was instrumental in creating and supporting the Settlement House, also known as the Cecil County Men's Shelter. The Newman family support was not limited to Dewey and Renie. Son Scott made videos of the work of Meeting Ground a number of years ago. If you would like to honor his support of Meeting Ground, [click here](#).

as well as the gift that we are engaged in following the example Jesus has set for us to prepare a place for those most in need.

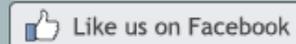
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Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 15, 1-4 pm. [Lee's Landing Bike Show](#). Proceeds benefit Meeting Ground

Saturday, October 15. Doors open at 6:45 pm. [North Elk Coffee House with Scott Birney](#). Proceeds benefit Meeting Ground

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