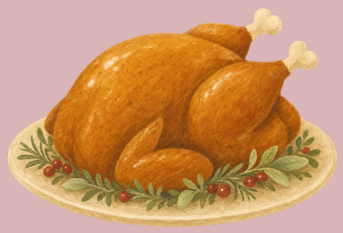
Winter Outreach Brochure

the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are all called to serve in ways that share God's love and make a difference in the lives of others. Whether you enjoy helping within the church, supporting local outreach efforts, or sharing your time and talents with those in need, there are many opportunities to get involved with The Presbyterian Church this winter.

November Opportunities



Thanksgiving Food Box Donations — Each fall we collect food to provide Thanksgiving meals for families in our Fredericksburg City Public Schools living with food insecurity. The list of items is on the church website and at the back of the sanctuary and Education Building. Leave donations in the Education Building lobby by November 8. Contact Natasha Taylor for more information.

Jeremiah Community Open House — Every Sunday from October 11 to December 20 from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m., Micah will have Open House hours at the prototype home at 401 Willis Street. No signups required, and anybody can come by during these two hours. It's a great chance to tour the house, ask questions, and experience our vision of a home for our neighbors. Our congregation's representative to the Micah board, Jan Erkert, will be hosting on December 6.



Alternative Giving — As we enter the holiday season, the Outreach Committee encourages our congregation to make gifts to partnering organizations in honor of your loved ones. Look for more information in November as we share blessings with gift giving that requires no wrapping. For more information about our support, contact Outreach Committee Elders Betsy Mathias and Jim Toler.

Winter Opportunities



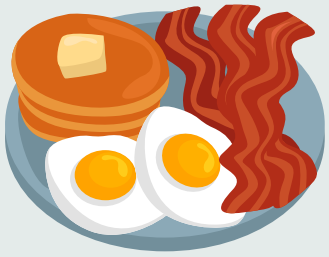
Clothesline Ministry — Want to help our neighbors during the cold winter months? Our Clothesline Ministry will be back starting December 6. Help keep our neighbors warm by donating hats, scarves, gloves, socks, and hand warmers. Both adult and children sizes are needed. Please put all items in a plastic Ziploc style bag before hanging them on the clothesline. A tub will also be available in the Fellowship Hall for donations. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Benn.

Micah
Cold Weather Shelter

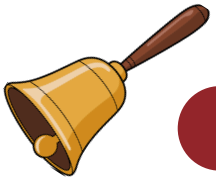
Mid-November to mid-March — Each year our congregation partners with Micah Ecumenical Ministries to provide support for the Cold Weather Shelter, a temperature-based overnight shelter for people who would otherwise be outside in freezing weather. Micah posts the shelters' operating status on its website at micahfredericksburg.org/.

Wednesday Check-In, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. — Work with Micah staff members to check in neighbors and get them settled in at the two shelter locations. We need four volunteers at the men's shelter at Rappahannock Adult Activities Center (750 Kings Hwy.) and three volunteers at the women's shelter at FXBG Baptist Church (Amelia Street entrance red door). You may sign up in Realm or contact Jim Toler or Amy Talmadge. Micah is offering optional orientation sessions for volunteers at both shelters on Sunday, November 8, 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. or Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

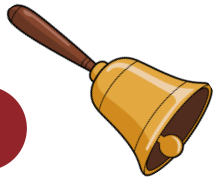
Men's Shelter Morning Drivers — Micah is seeking early-rising volunteers to drive its buses or 12-passenger van one morning per week. Volunteers will pick up the Micah vehicles from the downtown parking lot and arrive at the men's shelter by 7 a.m. on assigned mornings to take neighbors to the church hosting breakfast that morning. No CDL is needed and drivers can select a bus or van. Contact Micah directly to sign up for this opportunity.



Saturday Breakfast Hosts, 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. — Our church is the site for Saturday breakfasts each week CWS is operating. Volunteers meet the buses from the shelters, count guests, and help the teams from various churches set up and serve breakfast from 6 - 9 a.m. Three to four volunteers are needed. You may sign up for dates when you can serve on Realm or contact Jim Toler.



Christmas Joy for All



Toys for Tots — There will be a Toys For Tots box in the lobby of the Education Building through December 4. If you wish to participate and help bring smiles, warmth, and happiness to local children in need, please place an unwrapped toy in the box. This year, we are accepting all toys including stuffed animals and toys with batteries. Thank you for helping bring a little joy into the life of a child this Christmas. For more information, contact Sherman Brown.

Ringing in Joy — Our congregation will assist the local Salvation Army by ringing bells outside the two main entrances to the Walmart in Central Park on Saturday, December 6, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please consider signing up for a two-hour shift. Sign up in Realm or contact Steve Spratt for more information.

Coldest Night of the Year – Saturday, February 27, 2027 — Join Micah Ministries in the annual "Coldest Night of the Year" fundraiser at Riverfront Park. Registration for walkers and donations for this year opens on December 1 at https://cnoy.com/location/fredericksburg. Find the teams section and "The Presbyterian Church" to join our team. Our team leader is Jim Christie.

Micah Meals

Grab and Go Lunch Makers, monthly, flexible timing
We're scheduling teams to prepare the monthly 170 Grab and Go Lunches for 2027. Your team can provide and prepare lunches by the end of each month as your schedule allows. A shopping list is available. This year we're offering a shopping service, so your team will just have to schedule your lunch making date. All lunch supplies will be available to you on site in the Church House Kitchen where lunches are stored for Friday distributions. Please sign up in Realm or contact Judy Lowman or Jim Toler for more information.

Friday Lunch Distribution, weekly 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
These volunteers give out prepared bag lunches and drinks to Micah neighbors each week from the back porch of the Row Houses. Sign up in Realm or contact Judy Lowman or Jim Toler for more information.

Community Dinners, 3rd Saturdays year-round
Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner, arriving mid-afternoon as we host our neighbors at 4 p.m. Dessert donations are also needed: pies in November, cookies in December, and brownies throughout the rest of the year. Musicians are also welcome to provide entertainment each month. For more information, contact Karen Johnson.

Contact Information

Micah Ecumenical Ministries Opportunities
Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) – Amy Talmadge and Jim Toler
CWS Saturday Breakfast – Jim Toler
Coldest Night of the Year – Jim Christie
Grab and Go Lunches – Judy Lowman
Community Dinners – Karen Johnson
Jeremiah Community – Jan Erkert

To volunteer with Micah for additional opportunities, visit https://www.micahfredericksburg.org/give-help/

Other Opportunities
Thanksgiving Food Boxes – Natasha Taylor
Clothesline Ministry – Linda Benn
Toys for Tots – Sherman Brown
Salvation Army – Steve Spratt

Outreach Elders 2026-2027:
Jim Toler and Betsy Mathias