

# NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



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A word from Madelyn Sutton  
Director of the Christian Caring Center

LUKE 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

It's almost the Christmas season, and the greatest event in history had just happened. The Messiah had been born! For ages the Jews had waited for this and when it finally occurred, the announcement came to humble shepherds. "The shepherds were in the business of their calling, keeping watch over their flock. We are not out of the way of Divine visits, when we are employed in an honest calling, and abide with God in it. Let God have the honor of this work." (Matthew Henry)

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God chose to reveal this wonderful news to a little group of simple shepherds on a hillside, who believed the prophecies of old and continued to be steadfast by faithfully tending this little flock of sheep. The good news about Jesus is that he comes to all, including the plain, the poor and the ordinary. He comes to anyone with a heart humble enough to accept him. And what about Joseph and Mary. Joseph has been one of my heroes of the Bible. Through all the circumstances he faced he chose to listen and obey God. Sometimes we think to ourselves, I'm being obedient, so why aren't things going better? We face discomfort or inconvenience and immediately think either that we have misread God's will or that God has made a mistake. But watch this quiet couple as they head toward Bethlehem. God did not soften Joseph's bumpy road. God did not provide a luxurious inn for Joseph and Mary but He brought His Son into the world in humble surroundings. I think about all our clients especially at this time of the year. All that they have endured and are still enduring. My seniors on fixed incomes are facing whether to choose to eat or heat their homes. Single parents are facing the same choices or choosing to stay home with a sick child or go to work because they won't get paid if they stay home. My homeless out on the street in 35 degrees and raining praying for 32 degrees so they can come to the Code Blue Shelter. The list goes on and on. Their bumpy roads of today, but many are still choosing to trust God. When we do God's will, we are not guaranteed comfort and convenience. But we are promised that everything has meaning in God's plan! He will guide you and provide all you need. Like Joseph, live each day by faith, trusting that God is in charge. Whoever you are, whatever you do, you can have Jesus in your life. Don't think you need extraordinary qualifications. He accepts you just as you are.

Thank you for sharing your prayers, time, and financial gifts to spread this wonderful Gospel to the people we serve at the Christian Caring Center.

Abiding in Him,  
Madelyn Sutton, Executive Director



# The Christian Caring Center's **IMPACT** on our community!



CHRISTIAN CARING  
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## EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center helped 231 households 198 Adults + 195 Seniors + 159 Children totaling 552 individuals with meals in the month of October 2022-PTL!!!

## COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center served 898 hot cooked lunches and continental breakfasts in the month of October, 2022. We also go out to the streets/woods on Wednesday and Friday to deliver 60 lunches and outreach to the homeless, alcoholic, addicted or mentally challenged men and women in 2 area motels. One of our motels, Red Carpet, Browns Mills has been flooded with children. So, we have had to increase our lunches that we take out. We want to thank Protestant Community Chapel, Medford for supplying casseroles for over 15 years now! Please continue to pray for the people still out there homeless and struggling as well as the staff and volunteers.

## BRIDGE OF HOPE



We had families on the waiting list and we now are serving 4 families. We are still looking for neighboring teams. You might have a Bible study, your church or you might want to join a team of others. We will provide all the training you need and you will have so much fun while changing the lives of children and parents. If you're interested, please drop us an email at christiancaringcenter@yahoo.com.

## EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter: We have 1 man in the shelter right now. Tom is working at a local High School and looking for housing.

Holman House: We have 4 men in the shelter right now. Brandon the Resident Mgr., Jack, Alex and Eric. Eric is still working and looking for housing. Jack has started a part time job with Path Stone ( a federal work program for seniors) at the Christian Caring Center! Alex is working at Acme part time and looking for another part time job.

Marion House: Our single mom with 4 children has graduated into permanent housing-PTL!!! We are also going to be placing a new mom with a child next. Please pray for this family as they seek a rental.

## SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT AND GRANTS:

The Christian Caring Center serves as a volunteer service unit for the Salvation Army. They placed 4 families into motel rooms.

SSH helped 6 families with security deposits, 6 families with first month's rent and 5 families with prevention back rent assistance.

# Ask God... How can I help?



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## OPENING HOURS:

We are now open Monday-Friday from 10 am-3 pm. Only 2 people are allowed in the Outreach Center at a time and for case management, we prefer an appointment. Lunch will be served at 12 noon and we go out on Street Outreach every Wednesday and Friday 12:30 pm-1:30 pm. The drive through food pantry is in operation Monday-Friday 10 am to 3 pm.

The Village Thrift Shop, 87 Hanover Street, Pemberton is now open Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 3 pm. They are accepting Fall and warmer clothing, jackets, coats, blankets, etc. Donations are excepted on Mon. Wed., Fri., 10-2pm only. They supply the Outreach Center in Browns Mills clothing as needed there. Praise the Lord!

## NEEDED ITEMS

1. Peanut butter & jelly 2. Tuna & soups 3. Instant Potatoes & stuffing 4. Cereal, Breakfast bars, Nutra grain bars 5. Juice, shelf milk 6. Pasta & sauce 7. Macaroni & cheese 8. Warm clothing- sweatshirts & pants, sweaters, coats, sneakers, gloves.

## INVITE ME

I would love to come and visit your church or group and update you on the Christian Caring Center. We have a video or power point **presentation that is very informative as a mission moment in a church service or Sunday School class.** If you would like to schedule a visit, please give me a call at

- 609-560-0743.

## SAVE THE DATES:

### 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY CELEBRATION!

We will be holding a dinner in April 2023. WE ARE GOING TO BE 40 YEARS OLD--PRAISE THE LORD!!

## 6 MOST VOLUNTEERING WANTED LIST

1. Village Thrift Shop sorting
2. Board Trustee (monthly zoom meetings)
3. Fundraising Committee (making baskets for auction, mailings, decorating, etc.)
4. Volunteers to work with homeless clients locating housing and jobs
5. Volunteers for Bridge of Hope Neighboring Teams
6. Volunteers for our (set up, clean up, seeking restaurants, basket auctions, parking, table hosts, etc.)

As we are open 5 days per week, we desperately need volunteers. We only have 7 regular staff to run 12 programs. We have opportunities to fit your schedule: Weekly, monthly, virtual, project oriented like Holiday baskets, food pickups, food or basket shopping, events such as our Corn Hole or Sleep Out fundraisers, etc.

If your family is ordering from Amazon please use AMAZON.SMILE.com first and choose Christian Caring Center-Pemberton, Inc. (EIN# 22-2637999) and then do your order and AMAZON SMILE will donate to the Christian Caring Center at no extra cost to you-PTL! We just received our 1st donation of \$7.19, so we can build on this. The Christian Caring Center also receives from YOUNGIVEGOODS.COM. You can purchase items and they will ship them to us.