On October 14th we started our 27th season as an emergency shelter. Our appreciation goes to the following hosting sites who transformed their facility into a shelter for the week. Many sites were assisted by other churches, synagogues, and organizations and although impossible to list, our gratitude extends to them as well.

Agape Deliverance Ministry
Annopolis Evangelical Presbyterian
Ark & Dove Presbyterian
Arundel Baptist Church
Arundel Christian Church
Asbury Annapolis UMC
Asbury Arnold UMC
*Asbury Broadneck UMC
Bay Area Community Church
Bay Ridge Christian Church
Broadneck Baptist Church
Broadneck Evangelical Presbyterian
Calvary UMC
Cape St. Claire UMC
Chesapeake Christian Fellowship
Community UMC
Eastport UMC
*Ferndale UMC
First Baptist Church Annapolis
First Presbyterian Church
Fresh Start Church
Glen Burnie UMC
Gloria Dei Lutheran
Good Shepherd Catholic
Harundale Presbyterian Church
Holy Family Catholic Church
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
John Wesley UMC
Congregation Kol Shalom
Linthicum Heights UMC
Magothy UMC
* Hosted twice

Mid Atlantic Community Church
Mt. Olive AME B2:B26Church
Mt. Zion UMC Eastport
Mt. Zion UMC Magoth
Nichols Bethel UMC
North Glen Church
Our Lady of the Chesapeake
Our Lady of the Fields
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Pasadena Assembly of God
Pasadena UMC
Riva Trace Baptist Church
Severn Christian Church
Severn Covenant Church
*Severna Park UMC
St. Andrews by the Bay
St. Andrews Episcopal (Pasadena)
St. Bernadette Parish
St. Christopher’s Episcopal/Rejoice Fellowship
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
St. John the Evangelist Parish
St. Joseph Odenton Catholic Church
St. Margaret’s Episcopal
St. Martins in-the-Field
St. Mary’s (St. John Neumann)
St. Paul’s Lutheran
St. Philips Episcopal
Temple Beth Shalom
The Church at Severn Run
*Tritinity UMC
*Woods Memorial Presbyterian

This season has brought some very positive changes to our program, including participating in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Coordinated Entry system. The goal is to focus on reaching those who are at highest risk due to homelessness. In this new process, we are working with multiple organizations including Department of Social Services (DSS) Emergency Response, Crisis Response, Sarah’s House, Light House Shelter, and Community Action Agency, to name a few. This is an important process through which people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness can access the crisis response system in a streamlined way. Standardized assessment tools and practices are used to take into account the unique needs of those who are experiencing homelessness, thereby quickly connecting them to appropriate, tailored housing and mainstream services within the community. The most intensive interventions are prioritized for those with the highest needs. This translates into the DSS sending our shelter those that are most vulnerable and getting them off the streets.

We are also in the beginning stages of transitioning to a housing-focused model as outlined by the National Alliance to End Homelessness. This is an efficient and coordinated process that moves people through the crisis response system from homelessness to housing as quickly as possible.

We are a mission of grace and mercy - striving to keep those experiencing difficult times in the Baltimore/Annapolis corridor from freezing to death during the winter months and to show them God’s love in simple practical ways.
A very special thank you to St. Bernadette’s for the use of their facility this evening!