

How to Make Service Part of Your Routine

Outreach options* to volunteer monthly or weekly (including hands-on help):

#8 On the second Monday of each month, Christ Episcopal Church provides a hot midday meal at Grassroots' Day Resource Center (DRC) and drops off dinner for 70 residents of the Emergency Shelter. Participants can prepare a dish to be handed off at church, provide grocery items such as milk and fruit, and/or serve homeless guests in person. Our [DRC online signup form](#) describes the procedure. Drop-off time is 12:45 p.m. in the Christ Church parking lot near Old Brick. In-person volunteers for the team of at least four people depart at 1 p.m. to carpool to 10390 Guilford Rd., Jessup. For details on the 3:15 p.m. evening meal drop-off, go to our [Grassroots online signup form](#). Next dates: Oct. 13, Nov. 10, & Dec. 8.

#4 Columbia Community Care (CCC) calls for volunteers who make home deliveries in several roles including translator, help on Saturday mornings at three walk-in distribution sites, and sorter at a pantry shared with FISH of Howard County. For info go to [learn how to volunteer](#). The pantry in the Long Reach Village Center at Suite 107, 8775 Cloudleap Ct., Columbia Md., accepts volunteers on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. or on Saturdays between 9:30a.m. and 12:30 p.m. On your own schedule, purchase items to donate at church in a shared CCC/FISH bin in the Parish Hall or in an altar basket. Wanted: non-perishable groceries, diapers, baby-care, personal-care and household supplies.

#7 FISH of Howard County is recruiting phone volunteers to take calls from people who need help making ends meet. For info, ask parishioner and FISH board member Andy DeLong at andydelong.fish@gmail.com. On your own schedule, donate non-perishable groceries, diapers, baby-care, personal-care and household goods to the CCC/FISH collections.

#9 The Lake Elkhorn Partnership Committee calls on volunteers during the school year to bring items or to help during the school's Kindness Pantry for families of students at Lake Elkhorn Middle & Cradlerock Elementary, typically once a month. Other activities involve students. In the summer, the church conducts a supplies drive. For information, email parishioner Cathy Whittaker at lems@christchurchcolumbia.org.

#20 The Interfaith Refugee Ministry has numerous opportunities ranging from transportation to English-language learning to help seven Afghan families who have been resettled in Ellicott City, Elkridge, Catonsville, Laurel, Sykesville, and NE Baltimore City. You can join the interfaith group, which meets on Zoom for one hour in the evening every fourth Monday of the month. Email parishioner Ann Barnes at info@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Several options for periodic service:

#3 For Community Action Council of Howard County, we hold a food drive outside a local supermarket, asking shoppers to donate groceries for the Howard County Food Bank and its partner, SAFE Food Pantry. At Thanksgiving, we collect holiday sides for CAC meal kits.

#14 DreamBuilders offers hands-on construction projects locally and nationally, such as a June 2025 trip when teens and adults traveled for the third summer in a row to rebuild in flood-damaged Hazard, KY. DB holds an annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction fundraiser in which volunteers participate, and we sell coffee, tea, and chocolates before holidays to raise funds for supplies. Contact parishioner Cathy Gold at heycathy@verizon.net.

#19 Somos Amigos welcomes volunteers in January, April, July and October.

#11 For Salvation Army's Angel Tree, we brighten Christmas with gifts for middle-schoolers.

**Please refer to organizations' # on the Christ Church Outreach "Want to Help" list.*



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<http://www.christchurchcolumbia/outreach>

2025

CHRIST CHURCH

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS	CONTACT	PHONE #	EMAIL
1 Baltimore International Seafarers' Center led by Women of Christ Church (WOCC) Project of Episcopal Diocese of MD	Carolann Sawyer	410-381-0123	sawyer@acm.org
2 Bridges to Housing Stability CAC's FOOD BANK Howard County Food Bank	Melanie Yaksich	410-908-3520	myak@comcast.net
CAC's partners Prepare for Success and SAFE Food Pantry incl bin at CEC	Michon Semon, supermarket drives; M.Yaksich Thanksgiving	443-983-3363	michon.semon@gmail.com
	Patricia Fanning	443-691-8212	pafanning@verizon.net
3 Community Action Council (CAC) of Howard County (food; early childhood ed)	Melanie Yaksich	410-908-3520	myak@comcast.net
4 Columbia Community Care (shares pantry with FISH (see below))	Leigh Smith or Melanie Yaksich	410-908-3520	myak@comcast.net
5 Christian Jail Ministry (spiritual guidance at Howard County Detention Center)	Patricia Fanning	443-691-8212	pafanning@verizon.net
6 Christ the King's RISE (Baltimore County)	Michon Semon	443-983-3363	michon.semon@gmail.com
7 FISH of Howard County (shares pantry with CCC)	Andy DeLong	xxx-xxx-xxxx	andydelong.fish@gmail.com
8 Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center (providing monthly meal and more)			
Grassroots' Day Resource Center (DRC) at Dorsey Ctr & its Emergency Shelter	Shahra Toth	443-538-1464	shahra.toth@gmail.com
Housewarming kits for Grassroots' clients	Shahra Toth	443-538-1464	shahra.toth@gmail.com
9 Lake Elkhorn Middle School (LEMS Partnership Committee)	Cathy Whittaker	845-901-2468	lemspc@christchurchcolumbia.org
10 St. Luke's Youth Center (SLYC) Balt City	Michon Semon	443-983-3363	michon.semon@gmail.com

11 Salvation Army/Howard County	Melanie Yaksich for Angel Tree drive at Christmas	410-908-3520	myak@comcast.net
12 Springfield Hospital Center led by Women of Christ Church (WOCC)	Cathy Gold	410-440-4178	heycathy@verizon.net
13 Special Challenge summer camp at Claggett Center , ministry of Episcopal Diocese of MD)	Michon Semon	443-983-3363	michon.semon@gmail.com

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

14 DreamBuilders Fundraisers to support interfaith disaster relief group (see below)	Cathy Gold	410-440-4178	heycathy@verizon.net
15 Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)	Dione Mahoney	xxx-xxx-xxxx	storycrone@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

16 CCD-USA (Christian Care for Disabled Children (Thailand)	Michon Semon	443 983 3363	michon.semon@gmail.com
17 Friends of Sabina (FOS) (Uganda)	Sonni Aribiah	202-569-2736	saribiah@gmail.com
18 Philip's House (Uganda) HFF	Sonni Aribiah	202-569-2736	saribiah@gmail.com
19 Somos Amigos Medical Missions (Dominican Republic)	Dione Mahoney	xxx-xxx-xxxx	storycrone@gmail.com
Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)	Dione Mahoney	xxx-xxx-xxxx	storycrone@gmail.com

INTERFAITH MINISTRY LED BY CHRIST CHURCH

20 Refugee Ministry resettling Afghan families w/ St. John's Episcopal, Patapsco Friends Meeting, Columbia Jewish Congregation, Wesley Freedom United Methodist, New Hope Lutheran & more	Ann Barnes	xxx-xxx-xxxx	info@christchurchcolumbia.org
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INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP

DreamBuilders Teens & adults who build and repair. Partners: Trinity-Elkridge, St.Mark's-Highland, Temple Isaiah-Fulton, Ascension-Westminster	Cathy Gold	410-440-4178	heycathy@verizon.net
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