

# The Good News from Social Ministry



**The Social  
Ministry  
Community leads  
the congregation**

**as we act out our faith in  
concrete ways in order to  
see Christ incarnate in the  
people around us.**



Jericho Project (45-50 ex-offenders). We have done special collections of men's clothing and footwear so the men have clothes to wear for interviews and/or their first jobs. We also cook an annual dinner for them.

Collington Square - Safe House After School program for 45 children. We do a quarterly refill of healthy food and snacks for the pantry.

Summer Pool Party (85 – 100 elementary and middle schoolers). Our high school graduates and some parents were enthusiastic supporters of this August event. We took

the Godly Grille and provided hamburgers and hot dogs and other summer picnic food for the children and their families.

Fall Neighborhood Event – we

take the Godly Grille and as many volunteers from St. James as wish to

participate. We organize games, juggling, and a picnic in conjunction with the neighborhood organization.

The Ark - the only state-accredited preschool for homeless children in Baltimore City.

<http://www.ecsm.org/>

Ms. Jean Cushman, Exec. Director, preaches annually at St. James.



## Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Peter Claver Church

We typically serve 900 – 1000 people on Thanksgiving Day. The parish and Academy are great stewards with more than 10 parish and Academy families helping at the dinner: decorating, serving, driving, and cleaning up. Many more parishioners drop off cooked turkeys and desserts at St. James, as well as decorations and personal hygiene items.



Pigtown outreach program: Meal Prep and Delivery -Early on the second Tuesday of each month a group of 15 women cook huge pans of pastas or stews that are delivered to Paul's Place later in the week for an evening meal.

### Summer Camp –



Our camp participation truly demonstrates the generous spirit of St. James. The Academy coordinates the work of the teen counselors with the



50 plus children from Baltimore and organized special daily programs (Parish

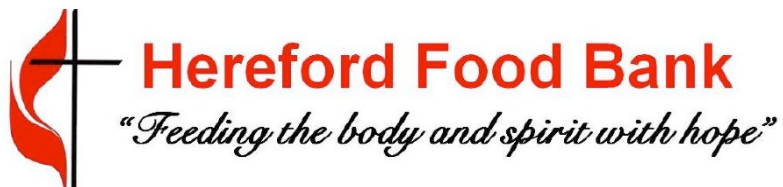


members come to entertain



with juggling, puppets and to provide a hayride). A parish team prepares and serves a healthy and generous lunch every day as well as packing snack bags for the children to take on the bus. On Friday, the Men's Organization joins with many Social Ministry members to provide a great picnic at the Lunch House. Over 50 people participate during the full week of camp every July.

<http://www.paulsplaceoutreach.org>



Parishioners contribute **non-perishable foods** on a regular basis and several volunteers take the donations to the Food Bank located at the Methodist Church at the corner of York and Monkton Rds.

The Social Ministry Community also works closely with the **Academy patrons** to ensure that the abundance of food supplied for school lunches and other events is distributed in the local community to those who might otherwise go hungry <http://site.herefordfoodbank.org/>

The Caroline Center offers free job training to Baltimore women for CNA, Pharmacy Technician, and GED to help provide careers. We collect bus passes, uniforms, and adult school supplies when Sister Pat visits. [www.caroline-center.org](http://www.caroline-center.org)



**15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year Sister Pat will preach on February 26, 2012**



We collect warm clothes for the seafarers who often are from Southeast Asia and board the ships without winter clothing. A parishioner is a member of the Board.

<http://www.baltseafarers.org-md.org/>

**Exec. Director, The Rev. Mary Davisson, will preach on November 20, 2011.**

### **As Needed Assistance**

We often are asked by other non-profits to take the Godly Grille to their events: we helped after a Walk for the Cure at the Inner Harbor, and a South Baltimore coalition of churches' fundraiser.

Social Ministry also works with the Academy on the **Faith in Action** program and with the St. James Sunday School on an annual Social Ministry project that has included gift bags for seafarers and fleece blankets for hospitalized children.

“As I tell my boys, it’s about giving back...”  
David Babcock,  
Chair

