

Episcopal Senior Ministries
Christmas Luncheon for Parish Contacts
St. Luke's DC December 10, 2009

Attendance:

Mary Ann Wilmer, ESM Board

The Rev. Cassandra Burton, Chaplain

Malachi Burton, Christ, Clinton

Otis Ducker, St. Timothy's DC

Jonnie Sue Hicks, St. Alban's, DC

Eleanor Hill, Calvary

Barbara Howard, Trinity, DC

Frances Jones, St. George's DC

Flo Knights, St. John's, Mt. Rainier

Barbara Ramos, St. Luke's DC

Diane Robinson, Trinity DC

Carrie Weaver, St. Philip's Baden

CB Woolridge, St. Paul's K St

Louise Young, St. George's DC

Sharnita Farrar, ESM

Annie Shaw, ESM

Welcome Toast by All

Opening Prayer and Grace led by Rev. Cassandra

Christmas Luncheon

Warm welcome to our newest Parish Contact: Barbara Howard, Trinity DC

Introductions of Parish Contacts with Brief Descriptions of Senior Ministries at each parish:

St. Paul's K Street is hosting a first Tuesday coffee and outreach. They are reaching out to residents of St. Mary's Court and discovering the residents prefer to have outreach come to them.

St. Albans' meal program for seniors is run by IONA. They have daily programs and also the "seniors" are not segregated but throughout the parish.

Calvary has a large group of seniors and recently celebrated the birthday of Mrs. Josephine Washington who remains active at 100 years of age. Eleanor Hill will be leading their Black History presentation in February.

St. Philip's Baden's transportation ministry is essential as that region is without public transportation. Their Saturday meals delivery and visitation program allows the church to really know when a frail individual requires additional assistance.

St. John's Mount Rainier is hosting a fundraising cruise, open to all.

Trinity's senior program has provided specific programming (2 exercise programs, Beads of Prayer, Scrapbooking, Culture & Cuisine quarterly lunches, so as not to duplicate the work of other ministries at Trinity. Although Diane will no longer lead these programs, she will remain on the Council. Barbara Howard had been the parish newsletter editor for 10 years.

St. Timothy's is requesting additional funds for an expanded senior ministry this year and would find helpful a list of the various ministries by parish on the ESM website. (Seconded by **St. Paul's, K St**). While ESM keeps a running list, this is not currently on the website but as we update, this page can be added with links to each parish's website.

St. Luke's has a large senior population in the parish, many of whom are "passing". Their Tuesday group has a long list of activities. They take a local trip at least monthly.

St. George's runs a monthly activity 9 months of the year which range from trips to special programs. Black History Month and Senior Sunday are two of their specific programs. Special Angels is a fundraising program meeting specific needs. It is expanding its scope to provide resources for the Bishop Walker School.

Thank you to attendees who provided hats/scarves or money to either the Bishop Walker School or to the Coats ministry of St. Luke's.

ESM Update by Mary Ann Wilmer, ESM Board
Name Change to Seabury Resources for Aging

Announcements:

Next Meeting – January 14, 2010 will be held at 11am
Friendship Terrace, 4201 Butterworth Place, Washington DC
Tenleytown Metro, or, street parking available
This is a one time meeting location.

Speaker: Mary Ann Buckley, Director, ESM Cares “We are all caregivers”

SpringVale Terrace, a senior living community in Silver Spring, MD – ESM’s newest addition to its family of services invites you to a special presentation on Tuesday, December 15th at 9:30am for an Open House featuring a program at 10:30am on “Laughter Therapy”.
Join residents, staff, families and the community for this free, informative and lighthearted presentation.

Sample News article on the “rides to church ministry” program series on transportation is available for you, upon request, to adapt for submission to your parish newsletter.

Dismissal Prayer given by Frances Jones

Reporter
Annie Shaw, Director of Congregational Programs
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