

Winter is upon us Grace Friends, and we have an incredible opportunity we want to let you know about. We are partnering with the Local Hypothermia Shelter run by a Ministry called "Hope for the Homeless". This hypothermia shelter – the only one in the City - is at the old Marsteller building on Sudley Road. Manassas Baptist has kept this ministry going during the pandemic on a smaller scale. Now They need US to help them to continue this important work. Here is a little of what is needed !

The shelter is ONLY OPEN when the weather is 32 degrees or lower and the hours are 6pm to 6am. They need : 1 – hot meal nightly for up to 24 souls, 4- Hospitality volunteers from 6pm-10 pm to serve dinner, chat and help the guests ; 2- Overnight Monitors from 10-6am. That means **we need 9 volunteers nightly during our assigned** 3 weeks this winter (depending on the temperature).. Our Weeks are Dec 12-19, Jan 16-23 and Feb 13-20. It may sound like a lot but What a fantastic way to give to our local community! Please consider signing up for a spot on our Sign up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4DADAF2AA31-hope>

To help us in our call to serve others, We have partnered with Manassas Church of the Brethren and our sister church, First AME to find volunteers for our weeks. Barbara has had the opportunity to speak at their congregations to ask them to help us. We know we cannot do this alone. God has given us other resources in our desire to love our brothers and sisters! Sometimes all it takes is the knowledge that someone loves you – that someone took the time to show you their love – to help a person get past a terrible moment in their lives! A simple smile. A handshake or a pat on the back. That is the breath of Jesus touching another person through you! God calls us in different ways to different paths – all unique to us as individuals! Please pray on this wonderful opportunity. Listen for His guidance as you discern what His call is for you!

After both services on December 4, Barbara Barrick with Grace's Local Transition Ministry and Debbie Cali are standing by to talk more about this, and answer any questions you might have!! Jesus said, "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me." What a way to think and live! Amen!