

2018 Community Outreach & Advocacy @ SsAM

ANGEL TREE

The Community Advocacy Committee sponsors the Angel Tree ministry which provides Christmas gifts (4 each) for the children of families who are residing in the transitional housing provided by Friendship House. Angel Tree cards will be distributed on **November 18th and 25th**. All gifts or gift certificates must be returned to SsAM by **December 9th**. We will also be sending gifts to the Fitch family who recently returned to Oklahoma. Contact Alice Smith for more information. Please make sure your gifts are labeled with the Angel Tree information.

YYF (Youth and Young Families) – HOPE ON THE STREETS

For the winter months, YYF members are collecting SOCKS to distribute to people who come to Friendship House. Please drop off your donations in the box that is provided in the Narthex or in the Church Office. Label them "YYF". The deadline is **Friday, December 7th**.

"REMEMBER THE CHILDREN" – A PROJECT OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

Join the ECW for the Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 8th at noon. Tickets are \$20. ECW asks that you bring a donation of packs of socks, underwear, or undershirts for children between the ages of 3 and 10. The Clothing Bank of Delaware (part of Friendship House) will deliver these items to their partner agencies for their clients. Can't attend the luncheon? Your donation is still welcome. Just drop it off in the Church Office before **December 8th**. Please mark your donation "ECW."

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR OUR SUNDAY BREAKFAST PARTICIPANTS

Each year we give out gifts (valued \$5-7) to those who come to the SsAM breakfast. 95% of the community members are men. If you wish to participate but have no time to shop or are homebound, you may contribute funds from which the committee will purchase additional gifts. Please make checks payable to "SsAM" and put "Breakfast Gifts" in the memo line and leave in the collection plate or in the Church Office. The deadline for this ministry is **December 17th**. **Please make sure your gifts are clearly marked "Sunday Breakfast."**

The logo for Code Purple, featuring the words "CODE" and "PURPLE" in white, uppercase letters on a dark purple rectangular background.

Our general guideline for declaring a Code Purple Emergency continues to be a physical temperature below 20 degrees and/or wind chills below 15 degrees. Salvation Army, which operates the Code Purple overnight shelter in Wilmington, makes the final call. On Code Purple nights, Friendship House, which operates the Wilmington Empowerment Center, will open the SsAM auditorium from 2:30 to 8:30 PM. This Code Purple sanctuary will provide people in need with a shelter from the elements, restrooms, hot beverages and a light supper of soup and sandwiches. At 8:30 PM guests will move four blocks down Orange St. to the Salvation Army where they can spend the night. **Please contact Phil or Susan Murphree if you would like to help make soup either in advance or when the SsAM team is called.**