

Warming Shelter Needs

A while back the Association of Springfield Churches (ASAC) was asked to see what could be done about setting up a shelter to be used in the times of bitter cold. This would be used to house people that needed a temporary place to spend the night. These would be individuals or families that found themselves without a warm place to stay. The reason could be that they could not afford to heat their home due to the cost of fuel or that they did not have a place of their own. There are many people in the area with this circumstance.

After much discussion and research the decision was made to do this. There have been a few starts in different directions but at this time it appears that we will be able to use the Family Center. The goal is to have this up and running in as short a time as possible. Bedding is being purchased and the food will be solicited. The idea is to have the area open from 5 PM to 7 AM. Food will be offered in the evening and again in the morning. There will need to be teams of two people to man each of the two shifts per night. The real need is for volunteers to work the two shifts. There also needs to be a coordinator for this. If you have questions or can help with either of these functions please contact Pastor Christine or the church office. There will be training provided.

Again, this need is urgent.