

## Cold Weather Shelter 750 Kings Highway

In winter 2023-24, the Cold Weather Shelter will operate on a temperature basis November-March. Whether the shelter is open each night will depend on temperature, weather parameters, and other factors. This ministry provides a place for homeless men and women to sleep when they would otherwise be outside at risk of freezing to death. Thirty-seven beds are available each night at a 3,000 square-foot building at 750 Kings Highway. It offers separate dorms for men and women, three bathrooms, a small kitchen, a gathering/intake area and a handicapped sleeping space.

### Criteria

- All guests must be homeless.
- The Cold Weather Shelter program does not exclude people based on criminal history, substance abuse, disability or other mental health condition, unless the person's behavior becomes a threat to themselves or others.
- There is no maximum amount of time that a guest may use the shelter.
- For safety reasons, shelter guests must ride the bus, drive themselves or come by taxi or police escort. Walking to the shelter is not permitted.
- Guests are not permitted to arrive before the shelter opens at 6:30 pm.
- Guests must leave the shelter during the day, when the bus leaves at 7:30 AM.

### • Access

- A bus picks up from each evening's community meal, sponsored by one of the downtown churches. The bus drops off at the shelter and returns in the morning to take shelter guests back to town.
- To catch the bus, neighbors should attend the community dinner to wait for the bus, which arrives for pickups between 6-6:30 PM.
- **Mondays:** St. George's Episcopal  
**Tuesdays:** Common Ground Meeting House (1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays);  
Masonic Lodge (2nd and 5th Tuesdays)  
**Wednesdays:** Christ Lutheran Church  
**Thursdays:** Fredericksburg Baptist Church  
**Fridays:** Shiloh Baptist – New Site  
**Saturdays:** Presbyterian Church (1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays); Fredericksburg  
United Methodist Church (2nd and 4th Saturdays)

- **Operations**

- Upon arrival at the shelter, guests are greeted by a team of church volunteers who set up cots, check people in, and provides a light snack. Searches are conducted upon entry for weapons, drugs, or alcohol. Staff remain on site overnight.

- **Support Services**

- Case managers conduct periodic visits and outreach at the cold weather shelter. Further assistance is provided daily from Micah's Hospitality Center at 1013 Princess Anne St or call 540-479-4116 10pm-2pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday or 3pm-5pm on Thursday.