Another successful winter shelter concluded this week at Eastern Shore Chapel. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and our partners we were able to provide 385 safe and comfortable overnight accommodations for our unhoused guests. We were also able to provide 770 home cooked meals, distribute over 800 pairs of socks, supply over 85 large pots of coffee, and hand out a countless number of fruits, snacks, and bottled water.

The true story of shelter though is the story behind the raw numbers. It is the inspiring and humble engagement and interaction between volunteers and our guests. God's grace was visible every evening and every very early morning through all the actions of those present. Whether it was a heartfelt and cheerful conversation, volunteering to play music at dinner or taking the time after dinner to sit and play spades with our guests, the interaction was inspiring and loving. It was a true community each day.

A general thank you goes out to everyone for their donations and their time and talent. A heartfelt and special thank you goes out to our friends and partners- Galilee Episcopal Church, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and Parish Day School. We would not be able to have such a successful shelter program without their enthusiastic involvement. They are greatly loved and appreciated by the winter shelter program.

Looking forward to everyone's continued participation in this important ministry next year. Anyone who would like to become more actively involved in the future, please feel free to contact Scott Darnell anytime.