

Dear Pastors and Mission Leaders,

As we prepare to begin our **fifth season of Code Purple @ the Cape**, I am writing to invite your congregation to help us spread the word about an important opportunity to serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness this winter.

What began five years ago as a single men's shelter has grown into a remarkable community ministry supported by churches, volunteers, businesses, healthcare providers, and community organizations throughout eastern Sussex County. This winter, we are especially pleased to announce the opening of our **third Code Purple shelter**, as **Bethany Beach Christian Church** joins St. Jude the Apostle in Lewes and the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Rehoboth Beach as a shelter partner.



The addition of the Bethany Beach location will allow us to provide safe overnight shelter to more men while extending our reach into southern coastal Sussex County. It is an important next step for Code Purple—and one that would not be possible without the extraordinary commitment of our volunteers and partner congregations.

At the same time, our ministry to people experiencing homelessness has continued beyond the winter months. **Tharros Village is now completing its third and most successful season**, operating at full capacity here in the Cape Region. Tharros provides a safe, dignified and structured environment where residents can work with community partners to address the barriers standing between homelessness and greater self-sufficiency. Together, Code Purple and Tharros Village are allowing us to serve our neighbors throughout much more of the year.

But none of this happens without volunteers.

Our annual **Code Purple @ the Cape Information Night** will be held:

Tuesday, November 10, 2026 - 6:30 PM

St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, Lewes

[Sign Up Here!](#)

Information Night is designed for both **new and returning volunteers**. We will introduce this season's three-shelter network, explain how Code Purple operates, review the many

volunteer opportunities available, and help people find a role that fits their interests, abilities, and schedules. There are opportunities to serve directly in our shelters as well as behind the scenes with transportation, meals, laundry, supplies, storage lockers, and other essential ministries.

We are asking for one simple favor from your congregation: please help us publicize Information Night.

Over the years, I have heard something remarkable from many of our volunteers. They begin serving because they want to help someone else, but often discover that **they themselves are changed by the experience**. There is something very special about sitting with another person, hearing their story, sharing a meal, offering hospitality, and simply being present.

For those of us who approach this ministry through our Christian faith, the words of Christ in Matthew 25:40 remain at its heart:

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Code Purple is an opportunity to live those words in a very tangible way, right here in our own community.

Thank you for considering this request and for all that your congregation already does to serve those in need. We would also be pleased to **visit your congregation, mission committee, or ministry group** to speak about Code Purple, Tharros Village, homelessness in our community, and ways your members can become involved.

Together, we can help ensure that **no one in the cape community has to face a winter night alone.**

With gratitude and hope,
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