

HOSTING CHURCHES & PASTORS

- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ PASTOR DEAN PENROD
- EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION ~ REVREND EILEEN O'REILLY
- CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ PASTOR TODD MILLS
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ~ PASTOR TIM DOTY
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ PASTOR KEN FEY
- SPRING HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ PASTOR BOB STACY
- BREIEL BOULEVARD FIRST CHURCH OF GOD ~ PASTOR TERRY ROLEN
- HEALING WORD ASSEMBLY OF GOD ~ PASTOR DON SHEPHERD
- YANKEE ROAD FIRST CHURCH OF GOD ~ PASTOR KEVIN COLLINS

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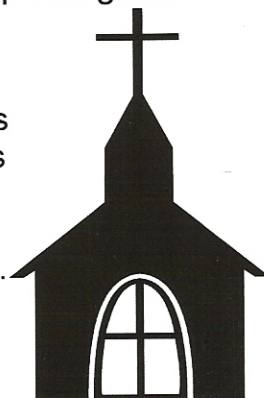
SHALOM FACTS

SHALOM stands for Serving the Homeless with Alternate Lodging Of Middletown. SHALOM was formed in 2003 as a network of area churches of various denominations to provide temporary shelter, food and a safe and Christian environment for homeless individuals in the Middletown area. SHALOM normally operates during the months of December - March to provide these homeless individuals with warm and dry shelter from the winter time weather and elements. Each week, on a rotating schedule, a member church provides meals and housing for all of our SHALOM guests. Though the participating churches have different traditions, worship styles, outreach programs and ministries, we have found a common ground in enthusiastically serving the less fortunate and homeless of our community through this shared ministry.

SHALOM 2008 - 2009 - Due to the prayers, support, effort, contributions and God's continued blessings SHALOM was enabled to provide food, safety, shelter and ministry to 71 individuals who were in desperate need of our services. Everyone at SHALOM sincerely thanks all of our coordinators, volunteers, contributors and our churches and their entire congregations for their continued faithful service to God's word and SHALOM. As we begin to prepare for the 2009-10 season please keep SHALOM in your prayers. We continue to need more churches, volunteers, clothing, furniture, household items and financial contributions to continue this effort. Please continue to pray that all these needs are met and that our work continues to honor God and provides a very needed service to our communities less fortunate.

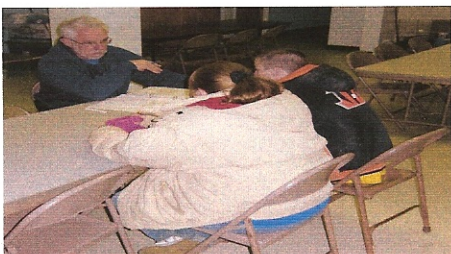
SHALOM LEADERS

Pat & Roy Ickes, (photo, right) are pictured in the SHALOM Office at F.U.M.C.. They are considered by all that know them to be the heart & soul of SHALOM. Pat & Roy have been at SHALOM since its inception in 2003. They are both great examples of faith and belief and have dedicated much of their lives to serving the homeless and less fortunate of Middletown and the surrounding area. SHALOM and it's guests have been blessed to have Pat & Roy as faithful and effective leaders for so many years. All of us within SHALOM are thankful for leadership and guidance.



SHALOM IN ACTION

Walker Williamson, SHALOM Coordinator, Christ United Methodist Church is pictured (left) performing a new guest in-take interview. All new guests at SHALOM are interviewed prior to admittance into SHALOM. This interview process allows us to determine how we can most effectively assist our guests in their present situation and circumstances. Our goal is not only to provide food and shelter to our guests but to also share God's word with them and assist them with other needs, concerns and problems they may be experiencing.



SHALOM HEADQUARTERS

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"share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house" ISAIAH 58:7