

# NEWS

## Board Chair of Shepherd's Center Receives Community Champion Award

William "Bill" Farrell, Board Chair of Shepherd's Center serving Oakton-Vienna-Reston-Herndon (SC) received Hunter Mill District Community Champion Award.

As part of the annual Volunteer Service Awards, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects an individual to be recognized for their commitment to promoting volunteerism within their community while addressing specific needs. The award was presented to Mr. Farrell on video by Supervisor Walter L. Alcorn, Hunter Mill District during SC's Volunteer Appreciation event.

Farrell has been on the Shepherd's Center team since he signed on as a volunteer driver in 2006. Since then, he has held many roles and stepped in wherever needed. For the past five years, he has served as the SC Board Chairman. When he joined the Board of Directors in 2008, he assumed the position of Treasurer. He has been the co-chair of Development Committee and is currently on the Executive Committee (Co-Chair) and Advisory Committee.

W. Scott Schroth, SC Co-Vice Chair, Board of Directors, noted that "Bill's calm and thoughtful leadership not only drew me into service with the Shepherd's Center as a volunteer, but quickly enticed me to join the talented volunteer



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William "Bill" Farrell

Board of Directors. He is a pleasure to work with, collegial, and dedicated to our mission. I'm honored to call him a friend and proud of the work he does on our behalf in the local community."

Farrell's dynamic and friendly leadership style has transformed SC into a leading local charitable organization, recognized and honored both locally and regionally for outstanding community service. Farrell was also recognized and selected for a national leadership position with Shepherd's Centers of America where he served as national treasurer for six years. He provides the organization with strategic leadership, prudent financial management, and an infectious desire to help others.

Shepherd's Center is actively seeking new clients and Veteran volunteers. To donate or learn more about how you can help, visit [www.scov.org](http://www.scov.org). Or, contact the office at 703-281-0538, [office@scov.org](mailto:office@scov.org).

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church Becomes a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

The people of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Vienna ([www.elcvienna.org](http://www.elcvienna.org)) voted in June 2020 to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation and publicly affirm their welcome to all who are seeking God's love and grace, regardless of race, culture, national origin, citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, relationship or socio-economic status, addictions, physical or mental health, disability, imprisonment, age, or other circumstances.

The Reconciling in Christ Program, through Reconciling-Works.org, supports Lutheran congregations, synods, colleges, seminaries, and other organizations who have made a public commitment to welcome, include and celebrate lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) people.

"In light of increasing threats to our LGBTQIA+ siblings and attempts to erode the laws protecting them, Emmanuel Lutheran Church seeks to provide a safe, affirming and welcoming place for all people. Without limitation, it is intended that all of the activities, ministries, programs, and sacraments of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, including Holy Communion, Holy Baptism, marriage, and funerals, shall be available to all individuals, couples and families regardless of their circumstances. We believe our unity is in Christ, the church announced.

More information about Emmanuel Lutheran Church and the community they serve is available at [www.elcvienna.org](http://www.elcvienna.org). Online worship is available to all on Sundays at 9 a.m. Emmanuel is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (<https://elca.org/>)



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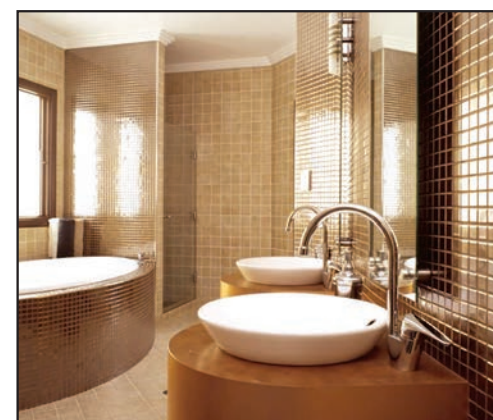
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