



## The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs

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### **9th Annual Fundraising Concert to "Help Our Neighbors In Need" Welcomes Return Performer *The Lisa Fenstermacher Band***

The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs is sponsoring a fundraising Concert to benefit "Our Neighbors in Need" on Friday, November 6, 2009 from 7:00pm-9:30pm at the Frederick Church of the Brethren. Evening will include a variety of musical styles.

The event will be headlined by returning artist, Lisa Fenstermacher ([www.lisafenstermacher.com](http://www.lisafenstermacher.com)), who performed at last year's event with overwhelming reviews. "On behalf of the Lisa Fenstermacher Band, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you once again, for inviting us to participate in this very important evening to raise awareness and support for 'Our Neighbors in Need.' These are our neighbors, who need our compassion." Performances by Living Water and Gospel Travelers will open for Lisa.

Lisa Fenstermacher and her band are based in Ellicott City. She has three studio recordings, the latest titled "Pivot". Lisa's song "Peace", co-written with producer Michael Sauri (Fighting Gravity, Cinema 8), won a Silver Award at the 25th Annual Mid Atlantic Song Contest, and two other songs from "Pivot" received Honorable Mention out of over 900 entries from around the world. The "Pivot" CD was nominated for a WAMMIE award by the Washington Area Music Association.

Lisa's style and music cross over generational and denominational lines, while a powerful combination of faith, grace and persistence continues to open doors and direct her steps. Music industry consultant David Bunker observed that Lisa's vocals are "reminiscent of Amy Grant" and likened Lisa to "a female Rich Mullins" because of her authenticity and transparent way of communicating.

Lisa has opened for the Dove Award-winning group Selah. She received two WAMMIE nominations from the Washington Area Music Association for Best Female Gospel / Inspirational Vocalist, and placed as a semi-finalist at the international Christian Artists Seminar in Estes Park, Colorado. She has also performed at city festivals and events such as the Apple Blossom Festival, Laurel Main Street Fair, Perry Hall Town Festival and First Night Talbot in Maryland; the Piedmont Peach Festival and Hokie Spirit Tribute Concert in Virginia; Artomatic and the Fete De La Musique in Washington DC.

*Admission is free. A free will offering will be collected during the concert*

***Event Location: Frederick Church of the Brethren  
201 Fairview Ave  
Frederick MD 21701***

***Event Time: Doors Open at 6:00pm  
Event 7:00-9:30pm***

"The downturn in the economy has led to a 30% increase in the number of clients seeking emergency financial assistance for eviction prevention programs, energy assistance, prescription medications and emergency medical and dental care, and our 3 shelter programs. The 8 affiliated food banks, have experienced a 95% increase in the number of clients they are serving. Families are facing hard times and are unable to pay their bills. We are certain that we will experience an even greater increase in the number of clients that need our assistance in the upcoming months. All funds from this event will go directly into programs that help our neighbors in need." Commented Rev. Brian J. Scott, Executive Director

The Religious Coalition is the primary provider of emergency financial services for basic human needs; such as shelter, food, medical and dental care, and prescription medications. The Coalition manages the Alan P. Linton Jr. Emergency Shelter, which is the largest and only year round shelter for the homeless in Frederick. Emergency food assistance is provided through the Coalition's network of 8 affiliated food banks located in the Frederick, Brunswick, Jefferson, Middletown, Thurmont, Emmitsburg, Walkersville and Knoxville communities. They are largest provider of emergency financial assistance outside of the local government.

For more information on this event please contact 301-631-2670 or visit **[www.thereligiouscoalition.org](http://www.thereligiouscoalition.org)**