

February 10, 2015

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

This coming Saturday, February 14 marks the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Pennyworth Shop, our thrift store in downtown Silver Spring.

Sixty-two years!

Wow.

The Shop had its background in the work of parishioner Alice Maud Jones who gathered up clothes from other parishioners and took them in her car to distribute to the needy in Montgomery County. After a while, it was decided a permanent home was needed for this growing ministry, and the Pennyworth Shop opened on Thayer Avenue.

Today, parishioners and members of the larger community donate their gently used clothing, books and other household goods to the Shop, dropping them off at the church where they are sorted and priced by volunteers. The items are then taken to the Shop where they are sold at incredibly reasonable prices.

For sixty-two years, the Pennyworth Shop and its countless volunteers have been committed to serving the parish, the community, and those in need. The Shop has sent clothes to Hungary, Puerto Rico, Greece and Israel. Financial support has been given to the victims of natural disasters, to Montgomery Hospice, Shepherd's Table and Bread for the City. Years ago, the Shop paid off the church mortgage, and during our recent capital campaign, the Shop contributed over \$100,000, enabling us to upgrade our HVAC system, renovate the undercroft and bathrooms, and refurbish the organ.

Wow.

If you would like to help those in need and make a difference in the community, there is no better place to volunteer your time than the Pennyworth Shop. To get involved, all you have to do is email Grace Shirey at [gwsms@gmail.com](mailto:gwsms@gmail.com).

Thank you. And, thank you, Pennyworth!

See you at the Shop,  
*Andrew*