

# SAVING GRACE

A newsletter of Union Gospel Mission • Easter 2023

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to be here."*

As a volunteer,  
Dottie is sharing  
Christ's love with  
our guests.

Read more about her  
experience inside!



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**DON'T MISS...**

**2** Help our hurting  
neighbors this Easter

**2** Gospel transformation  
starts with YOU!

**3** "I needed  
to be here."

# Sharing the **Light of Christ** at the Union Gospel Mission

*This Easter season, Dottie is honoring Christ's victory over death by volunteering and sharing His love for "the least of these."*

I've always wanted to actively do something for the Lord that I knew really mattered, especially if it involved serving people who were less fortunate and in need. So, when I heard that the Union Gospel Mission was looking for volunteers, shortly after the pandemic, **the Lord impressed on my heart that I needed to be here.**

The first Wednesday I came, I walked into the Women's Clothes Closet and I was totally impressed. I looked forward to whatever they needed me to do. I've been helping to sort the clothing donations and stock the shelves ever since.

It's such a blessing to serve the Lord here. I feel like I'm making a difference, extending the love of Christ to all the women and children at the Union Gospel Mission. Whenever I hear reports about the women who come here looking for clothing for themselves or their family and what they have to say about the items they found, I feel so blessed. And I know they find more than clothing – they're also receiving the Word of God. So, they go away with far more than they came for. Then they come back again and again.

**I also have to say it's such a joy to work alongside other volunteers who have the same focus on Jesus and serving Him.** Together, we just want to allow the light of Christ to shine through us.

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I thank God for using me as His servant. Even more, I thank God for showing His love to others who are so desperate, not just for physical, tangible things, but spiritual things.

**If you're looking for a nonprofit organization to support, Union Gospel Mission is one that lives up to Christ's command to love "the least of these."** If you want to help an organization that is genuinely extending the love of Christ to others, this is the place to go.







A Message from PASTOR TIM LANE

# THE GIFT OF *Eternal Life*

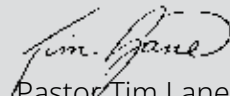
Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? A day when we're both humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and lifted up as children of the King. It still amazes me that God goes to such great lengths to make you and me part of His family!

**That's why we're committed to making local men, women, and children feel welcome here at the Union Gospel Mission.**

We invite them to be part of *our* family... and share with them the Gospel message of eternal hope that Jesus freely offers us all when we accept Him as our Savior.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you give them the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward new life in Christ.

Thank you for making this Easter a season of rejoicing. **I hope your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing how lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's unending grace.**

  
Pastor Tim Lane  
Executive Director



## HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for more men and women this Easter!

- ♥ **A hot meal for \$1.92 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**
- ♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter
- ♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs
- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at [ugmsac.com](http://ugmsac.com).

  
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## Gospel transformation starts with YOU!



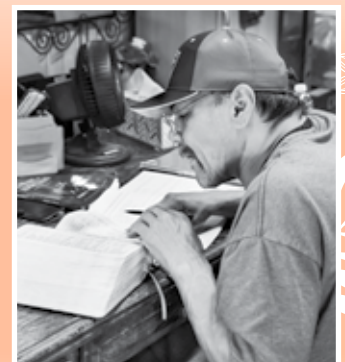
Women's Clothing Closet to minister to women and their children



Men's emergency shelter, showers, clothing, and many essential items around the clock



Men's 9-Month New Life Program to help transform lives



Biblical guidance and aftercare support for continued success with their lives

**Thank you for blessing those in need this Easter!**

# Ready to Volunteer?



Volunteers (like Dottie, whose story is on the cover) are a vital part of achieving our goal of making sure everyone we serve is equipped to be a productive citizen who enjoys lasting success in Christ. We rely on our community to come alongside us and help accomplish what God has called us, as believers, to do for those in need.

We could not complete this significant work without the energy, enthusiasm, and compassion of our faithful volunteers.

Donating your time to the Mission will give you the privilege to demonstrate the unconditional love and acceptance of Jesus to our guests and residents.

For more information about how you can help, check out all the ways to volunteer here: [ugmsac.com/be-a-volunteer/](https://ugmsac.com/be-a-volunteer/).

*“Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” - Romans 6:4, NKJV*

## HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE LATELY?

Get to know us better, see how your support makes a difference in the lives of our neighbors facing homelessness and addiction, learn about volunteer opportunities, read about the latest news and events, and donate securely at **[ugmsac.com](https://ugmsac.com)**.

You will find ongoing pictures and posts on our Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn. If any of the posts inspires you, please share and help bring awareness to the community about the Mission.

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