



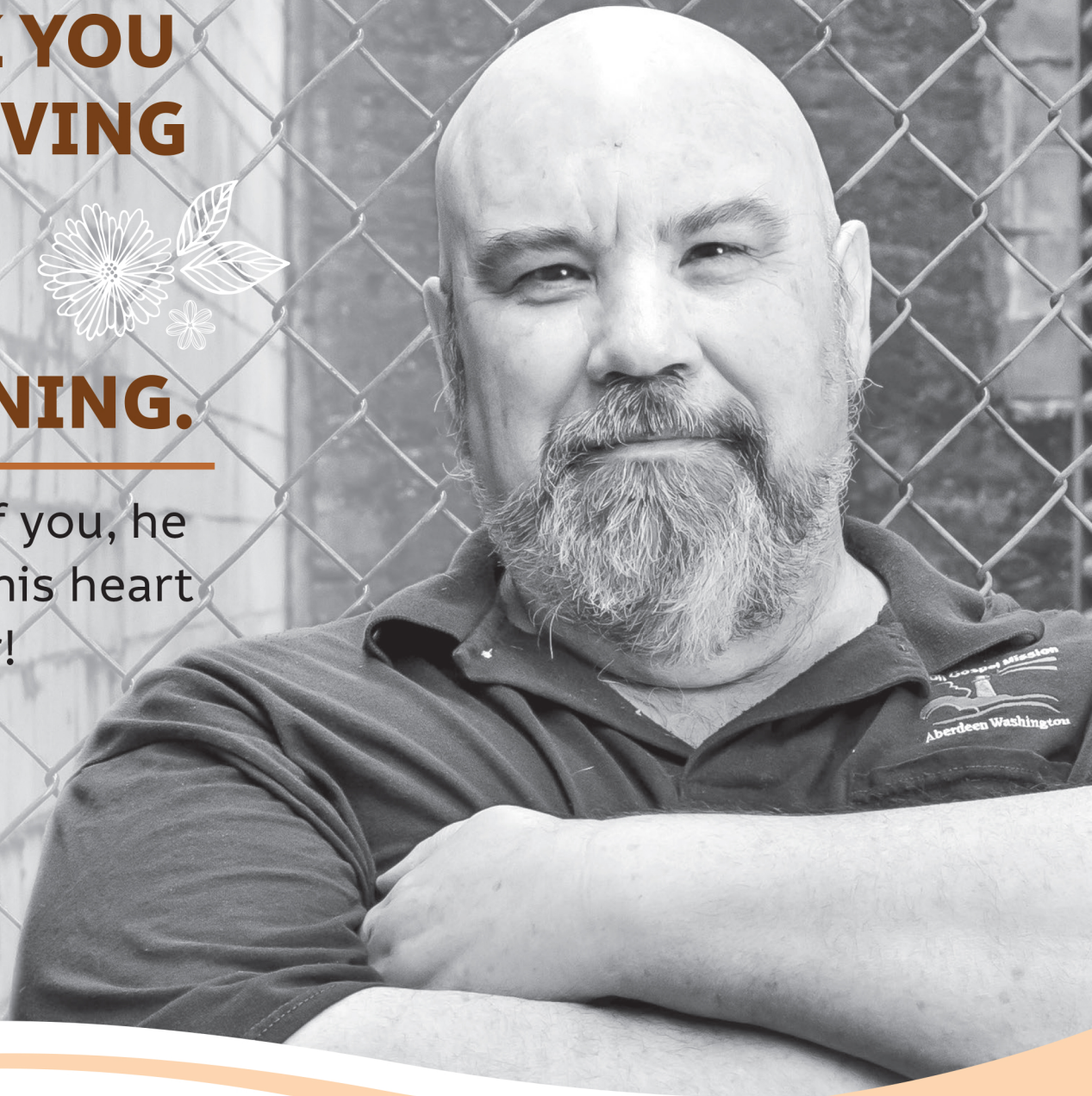
HARBOR of HOPE

A newsletter of Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor
EASTER 2023

THANK YOU FOR GIVING *Doug* A NEW BEGINNING.



Because of you, he
has joy in his heart
this Easter!



Union Gospel Mission
of Grays Harbor

Reaching Hearts & Changing Lives of People in Need

**DON'T
MISS...**

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Help our hurting
neighbors this Easter

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"God put me here,
and I'm grateful."

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Help meet our
Easter needs

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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's amazing that God goes to such great lengths to make us part of His family!

That's why we're committed to making local men, women and children feel welcome here at Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor. We invite them to be part of *our* family... and share with them the eternal hope that Jesus freely offers us *all* when we accept Him as our Father.

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.

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

*Your friends at Union Gospel Mission
of Grays Harbor*



HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



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

- ♥ **A hot meal for \$2.35 – 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 ugmgraysharbor.org.

Easter²⁰²³
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Life transformation starts with YOU!



3,689 meals
\$2.35 for a meal!



1,239 nights of shelter



10 men & women in our recovery programs (on average)



Countless hours of education & counseling

Thank you for blessing those in need this Easter!



“God put me here, and I’m grateful.”

Doug is most comfortable in a kitchen. He’s been a professional cook for 45 years; finding work was rarely a problem for him. But there were hard times in Doug’s life – like when his marriage ended in divorce, and when his brother was killed. Alcoholism ran in Doug’s family, and he, too, used it to cope.

“There was a lot of self-loathing... blaming myself. I felt I couldn’t do anything right, so I buried myself in drinking. I lost my job,” he shares.

Doug came to the Mission a few times, but each time he soon found a job and moved out. But then his addiction would take over, and Doug would come back. He didn’t stay long enough to address the root of his problem – until God intervened.

“One time I was at the Mission, and I could not find a job – no matter how hard I tried. That’s when I realized God wanted me to stay,” he says. “I started

paying attention during Bible studies after that.”

It was hard for Doug to open up about his past at first. He lacked confidence. But when he was put in charge of our kitchen, that changed. By getting back to what he loved – cooking and serving others – he found himself again.

“I started to relate to others and share my witness about how drinking affected me. A lot of us are going through the same thing.”

Doug has been our head chef for four years, and he still loves his job. A large portion of the food served at the Mission is donated, so Doug doesn’t know what ingredients will come through the door each day. He has to be creative, and that excites him.

With Jesus’ love in his heart and hope for the future, Doug is grateful for your support this Easter. “I’m thankful for the family here and I just want to do right by the Lord.”

“I felt the Holy Spirit talking to me. I felt the twinge of conviction and realized God wants me here.”

HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS



Sunday, April 9: Our Easter Celebration

Easter is a day of joy and celebration. But right now, far too many of our neighbors are struggling with the rising costs of housing and food. They're turning here... and YOU can help welcome them with love and a special meal!

Drop off donations at the Mission, 405 E Heron St, Aberdeen.

No time to shop? Donate now!

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URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items **by Friday, April 7:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SPIRAL SLICED HAMS | <input type="checkbox"/> POWDERED MILK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INSTANT MASHED POTATOES | <input type="checkbox"/> DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUTTER | <input type="checkbox"/> COFFEE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED VEGETABLES | <input type="checkbox"/> CREAMER |



YOUR PRAYERS CHANGE LIVES!

Prayer is powerful. That's why we covet your heartfelt prayers and faithful support of our work in Grays Harbor.

Here are some of the ways you can pray for our ministry!

- Pray that God will lead people in need to the Mission.
- Pray that our guests' hearts will be open to God's Word.
- Pray that our staff will have strength to lead & speak His truth.
- Pray that our community will be healed & strengthened.

Thank you for lifting up our guests, staff, volunteers, neighborhoods and country. God bless you!

"Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." - Romans 6:4, NIV

Here's my Easter gift to feed & care for homeless neighbors:

- ☐ \$21.15 to feed & care for 9 people
- ☐ \$51.70 to feed & care for 22 people
- ☐ \$75.20 to feed & care for 32 people
- ☐ \$91.65 to feed & care for 39 people
- ☐ \$_____ to help as much as possible

helps a lot!

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