

NEW LIFE

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A Newsletter of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – Easter 2026



Andy's future
is **Bright** this
Easter!

Thank you for sharing
hope in his darkest time.

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A Message from ANDREW PORTER

A SEASON OF *Possibility...*

A lot changes this time of year. We're moving into a new season. Days are getting longer, and new life is springing up around us. It's a reminder that even in darkness, beauty and hope are just around the corner.

The Easter season is also a reminder of Christ's sacrifice... and the hope for new life and renewal.

Renewal is happening inside Tri-City Union Gospel Mission as well – in the lives of the men and women who come to us in their darkest hour. Each person who walks through our doors is a story of resilience and possibility, like Andy, whose story you can read on page 3.

Through the support of friends like you, these men and women can rise above their circumstances and rebuild their lives. Because our recovery program is more than meals, safe shelter and care. It's about finding faith that a new life is possible.

Thank you for empowering our guests along their journey from darkness to light... from despair to hope. Your generosity gives them the tools they need to move from the shadows of homelessness or addiction, into the light of stability and hope.

Andrew Porter
Executive Director



Celebrating Thomas' Next Chapter!



Case Manager, Jose,
with Thomas, TCUGM
client

Please join us in celebrating Thomas as he moves out of the Mission and **into his own home!**

Before coming to the Mission, Thomas was living on the streets, struggling with addiction. **He came here searching for himself and – more importantly – for faith.**

At the Mission, Thomas found support... and the courage to reach out when he needed help. Working closely with his case manager, Jose, he:

- Regularly attended recovery meetings
- Saved and budgeted wisely
- Established a supportive church home
- Built computer skills
- Found long-term, sober housing

Now, with assistance from the transitional program at Washington Monitoring and the comprehensive recovery services at 4th Dimension Living, Thomas is stepping into sustainable, supportive housing he can call his own!

Thomas has expressed his **gratitude** for our staff, volunteers and donors... **to everyone who gives time, resources and prayers** to make stories like his possible!



This Easter... **EVERY MEAL MATTERS**

Just \$2.75 for a meal & hope for a new life!

Each meal served with love at the Mission is so much more than a plate of food. It can also open the door to life-changing services like safe shelter, Christ-centered care and healing in our recovery programs!

For just \$2.75 each, you can provide a hot, nourishing Easter meal to someone in need... and share hope for a new life in Christ.

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

🌟 Give online anytime at tcugm.org.

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“God is
moving
in this
place.”



Andy’s childhood was full of upheaval... with heavy drinking in the home and verbal and physical abuse. After his parents’ divorce, **Andy faced instability and struggled to simply grow and learn.**

Dodging his father’s constant threats of abuse led Andy to become timid and turn inward. “I couldn’t cope, so I gravitated to what was familiar: drinking... and later, drugs.”

Years of broken relationships and lost jobs followed. Andy bounced between unstable living arrangements – including sleeping in a garage and on the streets. **At one point, he felt like giving up.** Despite everything, though, he still prayed and attended church.

After a severe overdose, Andy knew he needed real help. He turned to his church for advice, and the elders reminded him to pray. “I felt God urging me to trust Him,” he shares.

“*The Mission helped me face my challenges head on.*”

Andy found safety and serenity at the Mission, where his life began to change for the better. The structure and support he experienced through our Christ-centered recovery program, classes and counseling helped shape his new mindset and habits. **“The staff kept saying, ‘Come on, you can do this!’”**

Through our New Life Program, Andy devoted himself to Bible study, which deepened his faith and helped him find a purpose. “I got my priorities straightened out and learned how to be the man God wants me to be,” he says. Steady mentorship and case management helped him prepare for his next chapter.

Andy has enjoyed giving back by serving meals, helping with laundry and simply checking in with his fellow residents. Now, as a recent program graduate, he looks forward to spending time with his daughter, sharing the joy of his new life.

This Easter, Andy has a new direction for his life. Thank you for lighting the path forward for him to experience a future of hope and peace!

“The love and mercy I’ve felt at the Mission have given me what I need to move forward. Hope was poured into me, and I’ll always be grateful.”



May we shine the light of Christ.

“In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” — John 1:4–5



At the Mission, ✨ ✨ Laundry Never Sleeps

Imagine if your laundry at home looked like this... Every. Single. Day.

- **Over 24 loads of clothing**
- **More than 24 bedding sets**
- **100 pairs of pajamas**
- **...and towels... let's not forget the towels!**

Who could possibly tackle such a mountain of laundry? That would be our Laundry Team Leader, Jacob, who has practically earned a black belt in folding fitted sheets – a rare and powerful skill!

There's only one problem: our detergent bottles look emptier than Jacob's patience whenever someone leaves socks in the dryer!

We need liquid laundry detergent to keep things fresh, clean and running smoothly. If you can add an extra bottle to your cart during your next shopping trip, you'll be a hero to Jacob... and to every load of laundry that comes through our machines.

Drop-offs are welcome at the Mission Monday - Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Our washers and residents – and Jacob's sanity – all **THANK YOU!**

A Year of Hope... Because of YOU!

Every story of recovery, renewal and service made 2025 a year of true impact!



Rockstar volunteers who lead with faithfulness and generosity.



Master barbers donate haircuts to help our residents feel their best!



Brandy (left) and Sara (right) celebrate a program milestone.



Mark H. (program director & chaplain), Wayne C. (recovery graduate) and Armando C. (case manager) Jesus saves!



Chick-Fil-A's Dawn Hodges made Tri-City Union Gospel Mission a "Shared Table" partner.



The Central Plateau Cleanup Company – life-changing donors in our community!



Congrats to our grads!