

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...Love your neighbor as yourself. “

About the ministry:

Provide for the homeless

Provide food

Teach the Bible

Serve our community

*Partner with others in
being the presence of
Christ.*

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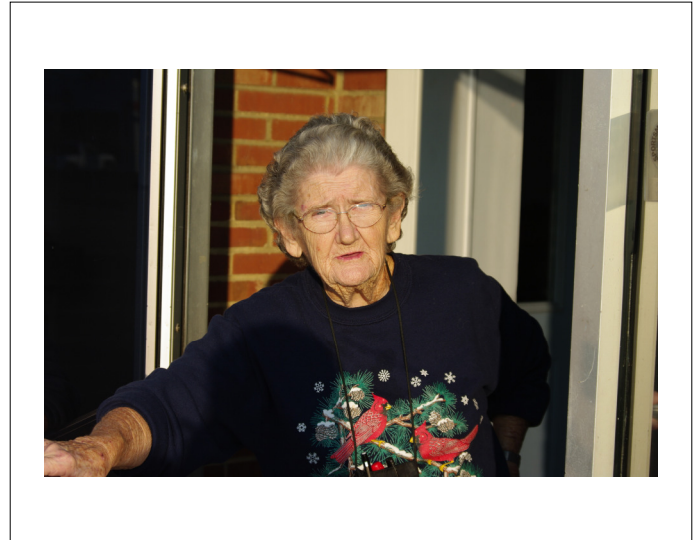
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WORK CONTINUES ON FACILITIES

We have completed installation of the shower facilities in our Men's Dormitory. Many thanks to churches, individuals, and partners in the completion of the task. A special thank you to Mr. Major Hatchell for coordination of the effort and his skill in making the showers beautiful with tile craftsmanship.

The cold weather has brought an unexpected repair. Our heating system in the dorm is not working properly. We are using space heaters but do plan to repair the system. Parts have been ordered and the cost for repair of the heating system will be approximately \$1,200.00.

Other repairs to be made in the future will be painting to our facility. We are grateful to church groups who are making plans to help us with painting. The first group, Enterprise Baptist Church, Littleton, NC will be working on May 1 as a part of the



Volunteer, Virginia Shell standing at the door to greet you as you enter.

church's *Operation In As Much*, a day long activity. Other church groups from around our state and surrounding states will be coming throughout the summer to provide needed repair to Union Mission.

Our main building will be organized to include a new li-

brary, new TV room for our residents, reconfiguration of our computer space, exercise room, new flooring in our kitchen and more room for beds.

Paint, volunteers to help, and financial support are needed in refurbishing our building. We are grateful for blessings.

I'M GRATEFUL FOR 1310!

Arthur Binn came to Union Mission in the fall needing a place to stay. We offered to work with him and he has found a place of service.

One evening several of us were talking in the dining hall about God's blessings. Arthur said "I have found my calling." I asked him for clarification and he explained. "I

am 60 years old and I have been looking for my calling all my life." He said for the first time in his life he understands what it means to serve God.

Arthur came for help and has found his personal ministry in assisting those who come for food, clothing, and discussion. In his seeking

help he found help and as a bonus he found a place of service. Arthur now participates in daily Bible study, decision making classes, personal Bible study as well as helping others who come to Union Mission for ministry. Arthur usually prays in our staff meeting "Thank you God for 1310 Roanoke Ave."

“I JUST CALLED TO SAY THANKS”

Every once in a while I receive a phone call. It happened last week and touched my heart. A young man who was in our program back in 2008 called to tell me Thank You. I must say he had been a real chal-

lenge and when he departed the Union Mission I had wondered if we had made any impact on his life. The story he told of getting a job down in Fayetteville and being able to purchase a new home

enables us to provide programming and support to people who find themselves in trouble. We attempt to help the men who come to Union Mission begin life again with God.



Resident, Arthur Binn and Cook, Chett Brown are thankful to be at Union Mission

made me proud of him. He then told me he had found my business card with a note I had written to him. It made him remember his time at Union Mission and he called to say Thanks. I further learned he was entering the University of North Carolina in the coming spring to further his education.

Your financial support

If you were at Union Mission during our Christmas Dinner on December 22 you may remember me attempting to help a homeless man who came to us. He was confused and disoriented. It appeared he needed medical attention and we called 911 and had him treated at the hospital. He was about to have a stroke. This man came by last week to say thanks for helping. -LaCount Anderson

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WE NEED OLD CLOTHES

We receive daily donations of clothing and other items that we sell in our two clothing stores and our thrift store. These donations provide income to help us carry out the ministry to Roanoke Valley.

You may think your clothing is not good for resale. Perhaps it is and perhaps it is not. Don't let this line of thinking

keep you from bringing your items to us for processing. If an item is torn or not usable we are able to recycle that piece of clothing too. We encourage you to not put items in the trash. Please bring them to us for recycling. We are able to turn even a torn and tattered shirt, pants, and jacket into dollars to help

us minister to others.

Certain thrift store items we are not able to take. For example we just can't sell an old piano. We hope you will understand our position if we refuse an item. If we take an item we cannot use then we have to pay money to take it to the dump. That is not good stewardship of God's money.

OUR WISH LIST

Our Acting Director, LaCount Anderson, is working hard to help us do an even better job of meeting the needs of others in our community.

Here are some items we can use:

- Books for our library.
- Pillows for our dorm.
- New mattresses.
- Towels and face cloths.

- Donations of personal hygiene items for those who come to our center.

- Treadmill.
- All sizes of new tee shirts and underwear.
- New Bibles to give to

participants.

- Dress socks and crew socks.



Mrs. Dee Chandler, Stores Manager works with clothing.

These items we have to purchase and if you can donate them we would be grateful. Contact LaCount at lacount@umrr.org

BIBLE STORIES AND MUSIC FOR CHILDREN APRIL 23-28

During the week of April 23-28 we will be offering, for the children in our community, an after school program. We invite children to come to explore Bible truths and a special time of music. This is a time of Christian education open to every child in our community. Please watch our Web site and the newspaper for additional information as it comes available.

LaCount Anderson, our acting director, and our board of directors are excited to offer ministry to our community. There will be future plans throughout the summer in the area of Christian Education

available for anyone who wishes to participate.

Our hope is to offer after school programs including computer literacy as a part of our Christian education program to neighborhood children.

In order to do these programs we need volunteers to help in teaching.

Union Mission offers daily worship through our chapel program Monday through Friday. We meet at 5:00 PM for worship. It is designed for the family and we encourage you to come and worship with us. We also invite you to stay for dinner at 5:30, to continue



Studying God's Word is fun

fellowship with one another. Local pastors from our community lead our Chapel.

Contact Rev. LaCount Anderson for more details on Christian Education at Union Mission.

COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION SET FOR FEBRUARY 17 & MARCH 24

Our January Food Distribution was a great success as volunteers and staff of Union Mission distributed some 250 boxes of food and meat to community members.

To qualify for a 50 pound box one must have a valid picture ID, possess either a food stamp card or a Union Mission bread and pastry card.

Recipients of the food distribution must also be residents of Halifax or Northampton Counties. Mrs. Florence Williams, Intake Director, prior to distribution day, interviews new recipients

If you have a friend or family member that would benefit from the February and March Food Distribution please con-

tact Mrs. Williams at 537-3372, Extension 25.

Once approved, participants may come by on the day of the distribution and receive a ticket that will enable them to receive the gift of food. We are thankful to our donors and volunteers who make this possible.

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COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

Under the careful direction of Mr. John Haverstock we will this year become involved in developing a community garden. The results will be two fold. First, it will be a part of our ongoing Men's Program for homeless men. Men's Program participants will be involved in the day to day work of the garden. Secondly it is our hope that we can supplement the dinner plate of those who could use a little

help as well as sell produce to generate income for our Union Mission. Volunteers will have opportunity to participate directly in the ministry we offer through food distribution and education.

If you would like more information please contact LaCount Anderson at 252-537-3372 or by email:

director@umrr.org.



LaCount Anderson checking the garden.

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WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED ITEMS

Clothing	Antiques	Jewelry
Furniture	Collectibles	Housewares
Knick-Knacks	Large Appliances	Toys

*For a list of other items needed by Union Mission
please call 252-532-4450 , speak to David*

*Call today to schedule a pick-up
252-532-4450*

FROM OUR ACTING DIRECTOR

We have all been horrified by the events of the past few weeks in Haiti. My heart has been touched to see the outpouring of love from our entire country. I am grateful to be the citizen of a country that reaches out to those in need. Throughout the Bible there is mention of meeting the needs of the poor and needy. As I read the words of Jesus this issue stands out clearly to the responsibility of each Christian. So many of you do the same through our ministry here in the Roanoke Valley. You are there to reach out to those who need. We are so happy to partner with you in carrying out this Biblical mandate.

I believe that we at Union Mission need to go a bit further in our ministry to the



LaCount Anderson and Gloria Caudle speak about ministry to Halifax and Northampton Counties

poor and needy. That is why we have developed relationships with Faith House and other ministries in our area to strengthen the ministry in Jesus' name.

As we learn more about Haiti I will be updating you and asking you to pray with us about what we at Union Mission can

do from our perspective. I have colleague friends in Haiti who are there right now providing relief. I will be watching and listening so that if there is something we can do we will partner with them in providing for this enormous need. Secondly I have recently learned that the United States Government is placing refugees from the countries of Bhutan and Nepal in Atlanta, Ga. There are presently some 5000 families

who do not speak English and are placed in Atlanta for safety. There is the need for clothing for all size people. We will, in March, be sending some clothing to help with the relief of these people. If you would like to get involved with the Haiti relief or the Atlanta relief projects please get in touch. More later on both.