

Last chance for Easter dinner!

JUST \$1.96 FOR AN EASTER MEAL!

Easter is early this year, on April 4. Your last-minute gift for Easter will provide a meal and care for just \$1.96.

Resurrection Sunday would be the perfect day to give someone a brand-new start. If you'd like to give toward an Easter meal, there's still time, but you must hurry. We're expecting to serve about 58,000 meals between February and April this year, with well over 600 meals expected to be served on Easter Sunday alone.

Invite someone to lasting change. Your gift of a meal and care will be so appreciated on Resurrection Day!

THANK YOU!



This is a season of miracles, thanks to you.

At Easter, a miracle happened: a crucified Jesus rose from the dead!

Jesus still performs wonders through your gifts at the Mission. YOU provide a place for people to come in off the streets and hear the good news of the Cross. As it says in 1 Corinthians 1:18:

"For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (NIV)

You make it possible for our students and guests to hear about that Resurrection Power. When they choose to believe, God rolls away the stone of their hearts and changes their lives for good. Starting with a meal and care for \$1.96.

Give an Easter feast for \$1.96 and change a life.



3 WAYS TO GIVE

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Visit us online at ugmtc.org and give right away.

To give by phone, please call 651-789-7558.

STAY CONNECTED



My EASTER GIFT to feed hungry people

YES! I want to help transform lives of people experiencing homelessness this Easter. Here is my gift to provide hot meals, safe shelter, and other vital care:

- \$39.20 to feed and care for 20 people at Easter.
- \$78.40 to feed and care for 40 people at Easter.
- \$107.80 to feed and care for 55 people at Easter.
- \$_____ to feed and care for as many people as possible.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Email address _____



Easter dinner: \$1.96! Give today!

THANK YOU! Please make your tax-deductible check payable to Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities. Mail it with this form in the enclosed envelope to P.O. Box 64389, St. Paul, MN 55164-0389. Questions? Call us at 651-789-7558. Give online at ugmtc.org. Gifts received above a specific need level are used for local Mission programs where the need is greatest.

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MESSENGER

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OUR MISSION IS CHANGING LIVES

"...GOD LED ME HERE..."

Your gifts introduced Gabe to the power of the Cross

For Gabe, Easter used to mean attending church, enjoying holiday dinners, and going on Easter egg hunts with his family. Today the day means so much more: truly embracing a new life because of the Cross. That's important to Gabe, who spent years trying to get out of the vicious cycle of alcohol abuse.

"I went to treatment in my home state," Gabe explains. "When I got out, I searched the internet for the best cities for someone in recovery. The Twin Cities came up! So my cousin drove me 1,100 miles just after Easter last year so I could live in a sober house in the west metro."

An unfortunate choice sent Gabe back to the streets, but someone recommended that he come to Union Gospel Mission. "I didn't have fare for Metro Transit, so I walked to the Mission all the way from Minneapolis," Gabe says. "There I was—a former law student with a solid work history, but foggy headed from drinking."

After a week in the emergency shelter, Chaplain Kim marched Gabe over to the Christ Recovery Center for help. With her encouragement, Gabe began his journey back to hope—and a newfound faith in Jesus.

"I used to believe that God was distant," Gabe says. "Here, my belief in God has totally changed. I can't explain how I have access to clothing, meals, mental health support, medical care, education, and alcohol recovery without

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believing that God led me here and provided all these things for my benefit. There’s no other explanation other than God provided these resources for me.”

“I have purpose...now.”

Your gifts have given Gabe a new outlook on life. He has learned that whatever he goes through, in good times or bad, he needs to take everything to the Cross, embrace the Resurrection, and let God change him.

“That’s what I’ve clung to,” Gabe says. “The impersonal God I believed in before would not have come down to earth, become a man, and died on a Cross. Am I going to believe Jesus really did that, or believe in the God I made up in my head?”

“Jesus would have gone to the Cross even it was just me. Because of Jesus and his sacrifice for me, I have purpose and encouragement now.”



YOUR GIFTS LEAD PEOPLE OUT OF THE TOMB AND INTO NEW LIFE IN CHRIST!

\$1.96: A REAL VALUE MEAL AT EASTER!

When you provide an Easter meal and care for just \$1.96, your gift will go further than you can probably imagine. See what YOUR gift can do:



The promise of the Cross is alive at the Mission



Pam Stegora Axberg, CEO

The short story of the Bible? The Cross is everything.

On Calvary, Christ bore your sins and mine. On the Cross, he reconciled the world to himself.

And through the Crucifixion, Jesus revealed the essence of his character: love so strong it would bear the sins of the world for all time.

Jesus’s loving act sets the stage for someone to find a new life. This gift is available to all, back when Jesus died in 32 A.D. and even now in the midst of COVID-weary 2021.

You make it possible to share Resurrection Power.

That’s great news for you and me! You’ll see proof of what that good news can do in Gabe’s story. And in the lives of all the men, women, and children here who embrace God’s truth and love.

Your gifts make it possible to share this message with people who are hungry and broken. We share it in our Chapel services held every day since 1902, in our Bible studies and devotions, and in spontaneous conversations in hallways and common spaces.

This Easter, thank you for your continued support that makes changed lives possible. Your partnership provides opportunities to share Resurrection Power with people who need to hear it most, during the Easter season and throughout the year.

THANK YOU!

Pamela J. Stegora Axberg

YOU GIVE EASTER HOPE!



“God led me to the Mission. It’s either do this or die.”
—Mike



“If it hadn’t been for the Naomi Family Residence, I don’t know where I would have gone.”
—Cietta



“The Mission has a lot of good programs, like job preparation. What more can you ask for?”
—Michael



“I like the cool meals and the homework help at Naomi Family Residence.”
—Sierra

