
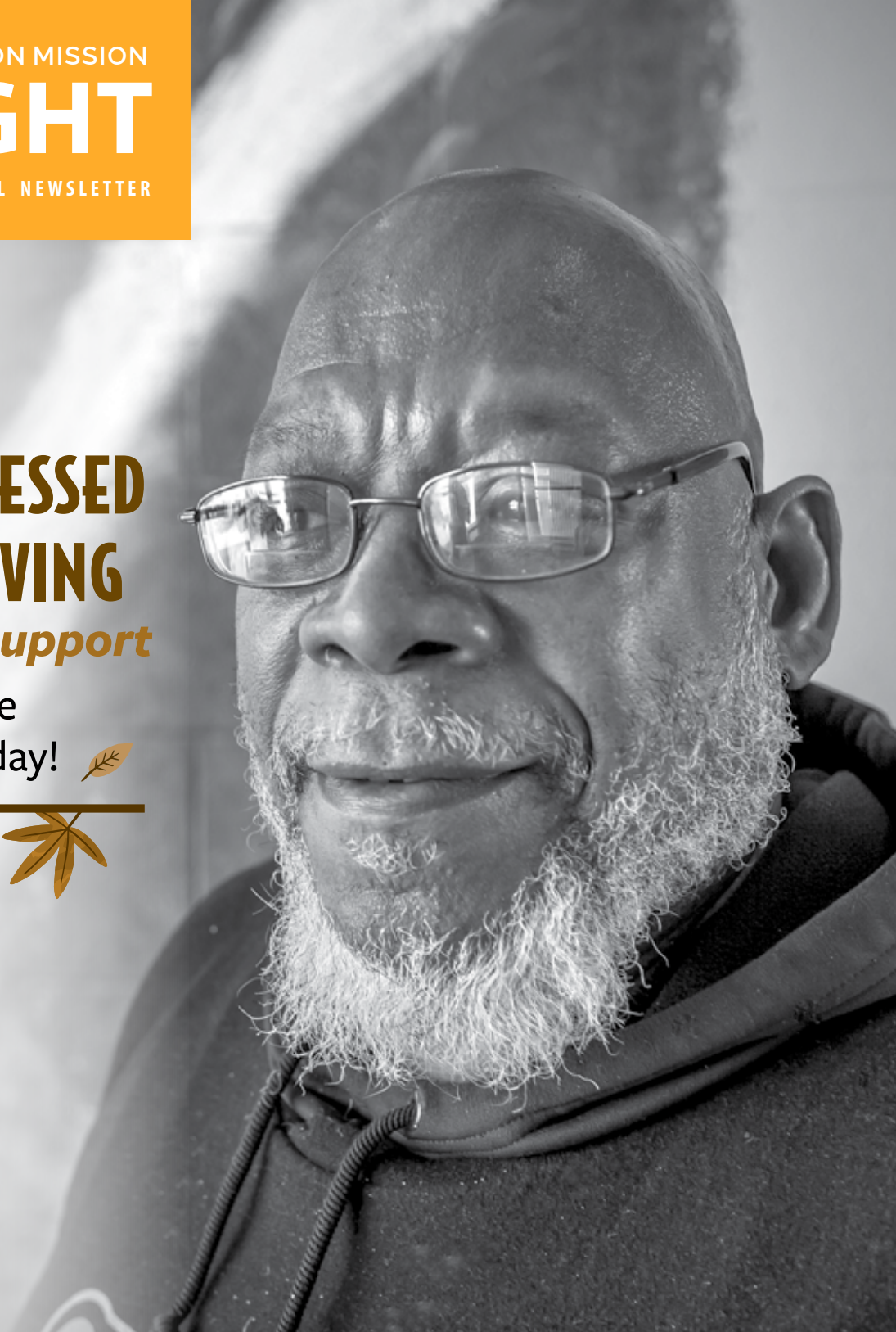


GREGORY IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING

because of your support

You've given him hope
and new life this holiday! 



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Celebrating Thanksgiving Every Day of the Year



A Message from DR. TERRY MEGLI

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *"This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24 KJV) During Thanksgiving, we gather to

thank the Lord for blessings of family, food and health.

But what if we kept that same, abundant spirit of the holiday in giving thanks every day of the year?

Each day at City Union Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU helped make possible! You wrap them in God's loving embrace. Teach them skills to build brighter futures. Lift up our ministry and guests in prayer. And rejoice over every heart restored and life rebuilt!

Life is challenging right now. With continuing inflation, costs for necessities like housing, gas and groceries are

higher than ever. It's even harder for our struggling neighbors to make ends meet... and for our ministry to meet our community's pressing needs.

Through it all, I remain faithful to God's calling and grateful that I can rely on friends like you. My prayer this Thanksgiving is that you will do the same.

I hope you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed thanks to you. God bless you!

Giving thanks to God,

Dr. Terry Megli
Chief Executive Officer

2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!

42,500

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome homelessness... poverty... addiction. But you can change that!

Just \$2.50 provides a hot, nourishing meal. Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming shelter



Warm clothing, coats & shoes



Classes & job training



God's life-changing love



We need your help to serve thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at cityunionmission.org.**

Read Gregory's story – a life YOU helped change!





“I came here
looking for God
**AND I
FOUND HIM.”**



Gregory was raised in a loving, Christian home and planned to spend his days serving the Lord. “I grew up in church, came to know Jesus and was training to be a deacon.”

But he began to fear what God had in store for his ministry and he walked away from his calling. “I was like Jonah. I started running from God.”

He became an over-the-road truck driver, working hard and helping family and friends when he could, but he was growing further and further from the Lord. “I had a severed connection with God,” Gregory says.

Then, one day, while he was driving his 18 wheeler home from a trip, God intervened. “I was thinking that I’d been doing everything for everybody except me, and a voice out of nowhere asked me, ‘What have you done for God?’”

It shook Gregory to his foundation. When he got home, he called his employers and told them he needed an extended leave of absence because he’d lost something. “They asked me ‘What did you lose?’ and I said, ‘Jesus.’”

Gregory entered our Christian Life Program, where Bible studies, chapel services and faith-based counseling have strengthened his faith. “They taught

me to put God first, before everything else, and now I seek Him wholeheartedly,” he says. “I came here looking for God and I found Him and an abundant life.”

“**I’ve been reunited with God.**”

After completing the program, Gregory plans to go back to work, move into his own place and continue seeking the Lord’s will. Though he doesn’t yet know what God has in store for him, he’s not afraid anymore. “I know that when I seek Him first, everything will fall right in line.”

Gregory’s heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave him the confidence and support to rebuild his life. “I was spiritually broken, blowing with the wind, but now I’m spiritually grounded and I’ve found peace.”

Celebrate HOPE

2022-2023

October 1, 2022
through
January 31, 2023



It's time, once again, for **Celebrate Hope: Reach Out to K.C.'s Poor or Homeless!** This four-month campaign to raise a significant portion of our yearly budget ensures that we're able to provide Christ-centered care for every man, woman and child who walks through our doors 365 days a year.

Will you consider supporting this life-changing effort? It's only through the generosity of compassionate people like you that we're able to provide for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our hurting and broken neighbors and equip them with the vocational and life skills necessary for permanent transformation.

For more information on ways to give, contact Karl Ploeger at
(816) 329-1475 or **karl.ploeger@cityunionmission.org**.

Have you seen our new website?

Our website has a fresh, new look – making it even easier to see how the Lord is working through our ministry to meet people's needs and transform their lives, inside and out. When you visit, you'll find:



- Inspirational stories of men, women and families who've found healing and hope through our Emergency Services, Rehabilitation, Transitional Programs and Community Outreach
- The number of meals, nights of shelter, medical services and more that you've helped provide
- Exciting ways you can serve our homeless neighbors
- Current news
- Upcoming events

Visit **cityunionmission.org** today and learn about the many ways that Hope Lives Here.

Find a Bargain, Bless a Life!



When you shop or make a donation at one of our City Thrift Stores, you're blessing others in so many ways!

- Providing clothing for our impoverished and homeless clients.
- Giving our struggling neighbors access to well-priced necessities.
- Supporting our programs that save and transform lives.

For the addresses and shopping hours of our four locations and convenient ways to donate, go to **cityunionmission.org/donate/other/city-thrift/**. Thank you!



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