



Martinsburg Union
Rescue Mission

LIGHTHOUSE NEWS

"A Door of Hope to the Hopeless" | May 2025

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM



THANK GOD FOR *MOM!*

Proverbs 31:25-29 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there! I am blessed to have a wonderful mother and still kicking at 89 years old. This scripture verse here reminds me of my mother and grandmother's influence on my life. 2 Timothy 1:5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. I thank God for my parents and pray that your Mother's Day is blessed and filled with good memories.

Hope Lives Here.
Pastor Tim



Because of your
Caring and Sharing
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TOTALS FOR MARCH 2025

Decisions for Christ	7
Nights Lodging provided at:	
Men's Ministry - 608 W. King St....	1,814
Haven House - 604 W. King St.....	558
Hope House - Berkeley Springs.....	279
Chapel Attendance	2,093
Meals Served	9,785
Employment Program	15
Discipleship Track Students	49
Clothing Vouchers	172 Adults, 56 Children, 47 Families
Furniture Vouchers.....	3 Families

TOTALS FOR JANUARY - MARCH 2025

Decisions for Christ	11
Nights Lodging provided at:	
Men's Ministry - 608 W. King St... ..	5,234
Haven House - 604 W. King St.....	1,620
Hope House - Berkeley Springs.....	810
Chapel Attendance	5,110
Meals Served	30,145
Employment Program	51
Discipleship Track Students	144
Clothing Vouchers	557 Adults, 146 Children, 89 Families
Furniture Vouchers.....	9 Families

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you took me in."

MATTHEW 25:35

HOPE HOUSE UPDATE



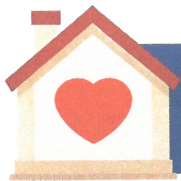
As we relate to our relationship with God, we SEE... God's creation, physically in nature and spiritually in His work in our lives. We HEAR... God's word through scripture, music and preaching. We feel connected and are TOUCHED through fellowship and prayer.

But what if... You were a modern day, Helen Keller. Our Helen's life seems normal to her. No one knows she only sees shadows and reads through strong glasses sideways. Our Helen does not care about hearing aids, they squeal, and the background noise is too loud. If you speak loudly, and she listens; she can figure out what you are saying. It just sounds like your underwater. Our Helen lived alone for a year. The sympathetic

landlord realized he was unable to communicate with her and allow her to stay as long as possible. Our Helen thought she was paying the rent, but an online scammer withdrew her Social Security each month. I wonder what she thought when the court papers were delivered, and the eviction notice was taped to her door. I wonder how she felt when strange men moved her meager possession out on the street. I wonder if she noticed others trash mixed up with her precious things. It was February, she was cold, angry, and heart broken and the police brought her to the Hope House. Our Helen has resided at Hope House for one year. Everyone has a story; they have a history.

I often think of how an angel of the Lord spoke to Hagar in the wilderness, "Where are you going?" No matter how insignificant we feel we are always valued by God. Like Paul, Our Helen is sometimes a constant thorn, but she is a testimony of God's inexhaustible grace. How will Our Helen SEE, HEAR or FEEL the amazing power of God's love? She will, through our volunteers who come for coffee, lend a tolerant ear, and transport Our Helen to doctor appointments. Thank you for your generosity.

God Bless,
Patti Henry,
Case Manager



HAVEN HOUSE UPDATE

In August of 2024, Alexa came and joined the Haven House. She was previously employed as a substitute teacher for about 3 years, but stood up and fled a thirteen-year cycle of domestic violence. This left her homeless, she stayed at hotels and friends couches all while working and managing her three daughters.

Upon arriving at Haven House she walked to work, juggled children and continued to better herself. She paid for UBERS to take her children to court ordered visitation. Waiting three hours for them to return and then paying for a second UBER home. Alexa was determined to secure better employment and decided to obtain her bachelor's degree in science. She

enrolled in an online college and began working early morning hours and late at night to complete the lesson plans. She has less than one semester to completion.

The Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission is a recipient of Douglas Widmyer Education Fund. Alexa was preparing to test for The Praxis exam; we were so proud to be able to assist her with the cost for this exam. Alexa excelled on all testing. She has several other Certifications and CORE Tests to complete, which will be out of pocket fees. Alexa has completed Budget and Credit Counseling; she purchased a used car with her tax money. She is a wonderful example of the value of Stewardship.

We are responsible for the time talents and treasures entrusted to us by God and us ministry partners and strive to maximize the impact of our resources.

Isaiah 40:31 promises that those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength, mount up with wings like eagles, run and not be weary, and walk and not faint.

Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." This verse highlights God's unwavering love and grace, even in our unworthiness, by demonstrating that Christ's sacrifice was for us while we were still sinners.