



Martinsburg Union
Rescue Mission

LIGHTHOUSE NEWS

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

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

"Choosing thankfulness is not about denying that hard things are happening or showing fake happiness or toxic positivity. It's about being honest and real about the painful things and yet choosing not to make that our sole focus."

—ANNA KETTLE

I hear this above statement at least several times a day. I look around and ask myself Lord am I this ungrateful? I turn to my Bible and there are many scriptures that remind me of having an Attitude of Gratitude towards the Lord in all circumstances. **First Thessalonians 5:18** says, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I tend to use these four words to cultivate an Attitude of Gratitude in my daily thoughts and actions. **Awareness** – of who God is Lord and King, **Acknowledgement** – of what God has done for me His love for us by sending His Son Jesus Christ to died on the cross for my sins, raised from the dead on the third day, **Appreciation** – Valuing and cherishing these good things beyond just a simple thought, being content and a good steward with what God has given you. **Action** – Expressing gratitude towards God whether through words, writing, or actions, which reinforces the positive feelings and builds the habit of gratitude. I hope this Thanksgiving season finds you hopeful and grateful to God for all that He is and all that He has done for you. I hope that the 4 words above can help you like they help me continue daily to keep an Attitude of Gratitude towards God and all that you come in contact with daily. I want to end with this thought it goes something like this, "The theme of the Book of Philipians was Joy, and it was written from a Prison cell".

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone.
Pastor Tim

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

I was raised in a foster home with a Godly couple; my foster parents are together in a nursing home. Today they are 92 and 94, my mother has Alzheimer's

and some days she struggles with simple things.

My sister took her in her wheelchair to visit other residents, she told Mom "Here is your friend Vi. Mom said who, she is near deaf, "Vi-tell your friend hello!" Mom took

the woman's hands in hers and leaned forward and said, "Are you ready sister, judgment day is coming!

I hope the apple never falls too far from the tree.

By Patricia Henry



Because of your
Caring and Sharing
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TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Decisions for Christ	1
Nights Lodging provided at:	
Men's Ministry – 608 W. King St	1,360
Haven House – 604 W. King St	447
Hope House – Berkeley Springs	244
Chapel Attendance	1,788
Meals Served	9,815
Employment Program	15
Discipleship Track Students	63
Clothing Vouchers	281 Adults, 76 Children, 31 Families
Furniture Vouchers	4 Families

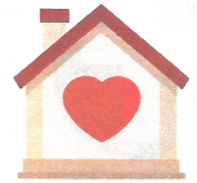
TOTALS FOR JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2025

Decisions for Christ	26
Nights Lodging provided at:	
Men's Ministry – 608 W. King St	14,530
Haven House – 604 W. King St	4,807
Hope House – Berkeley Springs	2,400
Chapel Attendance	14,299
Meals Served	91,609
Employment Program	139
Discipleship Track Students	463
Clothing Vouchers	2,395 Adults, 572 Children, 358 Families
Furniture Vouchers	23 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



Marie married a man who was a hard worker, had a son, friends, and close family. She didn't know when the voices began but they became very loud and told her she was worthless, they shouted and kept her from sleeping, there was confusion with every thought. Maria told her mother about the voices; she was taken to the church where they tried to perform an exorcism. Hopeless, Maria left home and lived under a local bridge and was in and out of local shelters for years.

One day she came to the mission and asked if we had a place for women. We took her to Hope House and realized quickly she needed mental health assistance. We scheduled appointments for her, but she felt

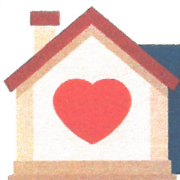
the need to return to "her" bridge. My heart broke. I felt Naomi in the book of Ruth, broken and returned to Bethlehem. Gratefully we serve a God who can reach under the bridges.

About a month later she asked to return to Hope House. We began working with her, loving her and accepting the idiosyncrasies that came with her. We knelt at the side of her bed with her and asked Jesus to heal her mind and give her the peace she longed for. Through love, medication, prayer and patient believers; Maria came to believe Jesus loves her and with him there is hope.

We advocated appointments, prescription changes and counseling. After months of hard work, there was a profound change, her psychiatrist and family were in shock at how well she looked and how she had begun to interact with the world. Today Marie is seeking employment and hoping to reestablish a relationship with her son. We thank you for your gifts of service, prayer and financial provision.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit".

Thank you and God Bless,
Patti Henry,
Case Manager



HAVEN HOUSE UPDATE

Fall has arrived and the temperatures are dropping. Families are heading to the pumpkin patches, and school is in full swing. Marsha called Haven House and asked if there was room for her and her child. She stated she and her child were sleeping on a relative's porch and they were cold and wet from the previous night's rain.

Upon picking her up, we realized this family had been struggling for years. Her daughter is autistic and in need of surgery. This young mother has attempted to

overcome multiple obstacles, including domestic violence, and the attempted drowning of her daughter. Overwhelmed, we began to assess the immediate needs, food, shelter, dry clothes and medical services. Now work begins.

We are told, "You never truly know someone till you walk in their shoes". Now we all understand the screaming in the middle of the night, the tiny pieces of paper torn. Chicken nuggets 3 meals a day and 7 days a week. And the head bumps

instead of the much-needed hug and now we understand terms like sensory overload.

Scripture reminds us: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine- you did for me." Matthew 25:40.

We trust God to provide the needs of our families. Every family who comes to Haven House is new territory and individual. We covet your prayers, gifts and understanding. Thank you for supporting us and may God Bless You richly.