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Union Gospel Mission Launches Improvement Project

Union Gospel Mission, a nonprofit organization providing meals and support services to Portland's homeless population, has kicked off its Ground Floor Project.

The effort will go towards creating a new and safer entrance, expanding the dining room for the Mission's homeless feeding program, installing a new sidewalk in front of the Mission, a new floor in the dining room, and purchasing new tables and chair for the dining room. The estimated cost of the project is \$69,000.

"We're very grateful to have both corporate and community support for our capital project," said Williams Russell, executive director of Portland's Union Gospel Mission. "With this project, we aren't just rebuilding a structure. We're helping to rebuild lives."

Unico Properties, Inc., a leading Northwest commercial real estate company, has helped kick off the campaign with a large donation.

The main focus of Portland's

Union Gospel Mission is LifeChange, a long-term, comprehensive drug and alcohol recovery community.

Residents of LifeChange take a vow of poverty, celibacy and obedience and agree to live and work together until each accomplishes forty critical goals. Of those residents who have stayed for more than three years and accomplished all goals, the relapse rate is zero.

The Union Gospel Mission in Portland facilitates the efforts of 32 full-time residents who distribute 21,756 sack lunches annually.

In addition, 231 volunteers serve 61,872 hot meals each year.

The organization was founded in 1927 by 100 volunteers from more than 40 Portland area churches with a mission to feed the hungry, restore the addict, and love one's neighbor.

For more information on the Ground Floor Project and the LifeChange program, contact the Union Gospel Mission at (503) 274-4483.

Michael Allen Harrison at The Old Church

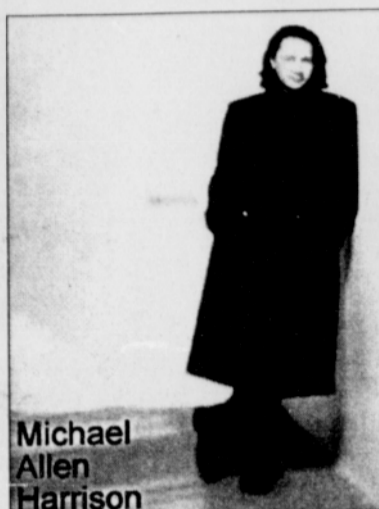
Celebrating the warmth of the holiday tradition, Michael Allen Harrison has announced a Dec. 15 opening night for this year's Christmas at The Old Church concert series.

The Old Church is located at 1422 S.W. 11th Ave. and Clay Street in downtown Portland.

Special guests featured in this year's series, entitled "Home for Christmas with Michael Allen Harrison, Family & Friends," include Aaron Meyer, violinist; Julianne Johnson, vocalist; Tahlia Rachel Harrison, vocalist; Seth Samuel's, vocalist and guitarist; and Allen DeLay on the saw.

Harrison will play highlights from his five holiday CD's as well traditional Christmas favorites. As part of each concert, Harrison will also present a video produced by Oregon Public Broadcasting that features his composition, "Remembrance," a tribute song premiered at the 50th Anniversary of Israel's independence at the United Nations in New York on Jan. 29, 1999.

"Remembrance" is on his benefit CD "Seasons of Peace" recorded for the organization, Season of Non-Violence. The Christmas at The Old Church concert dates are Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; Dec. 16 at 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; Dec. 17 at



Michael Allen Harrison

12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m. 7 p.m. 9:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at all Fred Meyers Fastixx Outlets or by calling: 503-224-8499 or 1-800-922-TIXX (8499).

As a producer, composer, arranger, concert pianist and owner of his own record label, MAH Records, Michael Allen Harrison is an international recording artist based in Portland who over the past 15 years has released 20 albums with his signature style of new age, classical, pop and jazz. For more information and for details on Harrison's other holiday appearances, see www.mahrecords.com.

HOPE Thanksgiving at Harriet Tubman

HOPE NW, Inc. will host its 2nd Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner at Harriet Tubman School's Cafeteria at 2231 N. Flint on Wednesday, November 22, from 6 to 8 p.m.

HOPE NW is a non-profit organization supported by a grant from the city of Portland Bureau of Housing and Community Development. The mission of HOPE NW is to provide education and support services to homeless and at-risk women and their children.

HOPE NW provides chemical dependency outreach, health and nutrition, financial management, and vocational/employment counseling classes to clients of various community providers. In addition, the group serves women in the areas of case management, advocacy and referrals.

For more information on how you can help homeless and women at risk in the community, contact Janet Carden at 503-632-0544.

Drive Targets Food, Toys, and Pennies

Central Catholic High School's Food, Toy and Penny Drive will be held Dec. 8-14.

It's the time of the year faculty, staff, students, parents and alumni join hearts and hands to make the Christmas season more comfortable for the less fortunate.

Last year, in four days, Central Catholic raised \$1,931 for the "Pennies for the Poor" campaign, and collected 11,387 pounds of food and over 200 toys.

Each year, in conjunction with Holy Redeemer Grade School, the dollar amount collected in pennies is matched by the Harry Merlo Foundation.

Donated toys are to be new or in "almost new" condition.

For more information or to arrange for a donation pick-up, contact: Alisa Sinnott - Director of Christian Service at 503-235-3138 extension 131 or email asinnot@centralcatholichigh.org



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A Holiday Bazaar

The Mt. Olivet Baptist Church will be having a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. This holiday event will offer oil paintings, African art, greeting cards, wreaths, banners, baked goods, novelty gifts, festive food, candles/candle holders and other gift items. The Mt. Olivet Family Life Center is located at 8725 N. Chautauqua Blvd. For more information, contact Dr. James E. Martin at 503/240-7729.

Immaculate Heart Hosts Thanksgiving

Immaculate Heart Church, 2926 N. Williams, will host a Thanksgiving Day dinner, Thursday, Nov. 23 from noon until 4 p.m. in the parish hall on Stanton Street.

"Come and enjoy Thanksgiving with us," church officials said.

The dinner is free and open to everyone.

Obituary

Homemaker Dead at 79 Josephine Marie Bell

Funeral services for Josephine Marie Bell, 79, were held Friday at the Rose City Cemetery and Funeral Home. Mrs. Bell died Nov. 15, 2000. She was a homemaker from Portland. She was born March 10, 1921 in Ennis, Texas, and was

preceded in death by her husband George T. Bell who died Feb. 19, 2000.

Survivors include four daughters, Eyvonne Harris, Brenda Warren, Sandra Johnson and Joyce E. White; and two sons, Willie Vincent Bell and William Bell.

King Neighbors Seek Pledges for Urban Trees

The King Neighborhood of northeast Portland wants neighbors to plant trees along their streets.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the planting. Businesses and individuals are asked to contribute financially to the project to help lower the cost of the trees.

Planting day will be February 24, 2001. Each tree will cost the homeowner between \$20 and \$40.

A crew will come by each house a few days before planting day to dig holes, then volunteer planting crews will plant the trees.

November 15 is the deadline for requesting a tree for your yard.

Portland's Urban Forester will tour the neighborhood and assess what kinds of trees will grow best in the yards of those who have requested them.

On Dec. 14, a "pick and pay" event will take place at St. Andrews Church at Northeast 8th and Alberta.

Those buying trees come and pick out the types of trees they want and pay for their trees.

For more information, contact Bev Eisenberg at webeam@compuserve.com.

"It's up to all of us neighbors to make this year's tree planting a big success! Thanks for everyone's support," said King neighborhood resident Paul Garrahan.

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