

RELIGION



Union Gospel Mission volunteers serve meals at the 2012 Easter Brunch for the homeless.

Mission plans Easter Brunch

Union Gospel Mission is planning its annual Easter Brunch for the homeless and people in need on Sunday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its downtown location, 3 N.W. Third Ave. The event is free and open to anyone in need.

The menu has been updated

this year to include Eggs Benedict, ambrosia, orange juice and coffee. Union Gospel will also be providing hygiene kits to guests at the Easter event. Last year, between 700 and 800 meals were served.

"It is important to us to host

special meals on the holidays, like Easter, so those who are homeless or in need have an opportunity to enjoy a meal and some fellowship. Many who are homeless would otherwise spend Easter alone," said Bill Russell, executive director of Union Gospel Mission.

Addictions Prevention Support

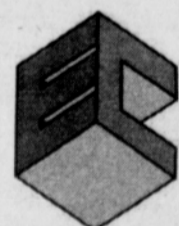
Allen Temple C. M. E. Church created the Resurrection Substance Abuse program in 1993 out of the need to address the epidemic problem of drug abuse in the black community and the community at large.

The goal of the program is captured in its motto, "Staying Clean Is Not Enough." Participants work at

sobriety while also restoring their person to the fullness of God's creation.

Resurrection meetings are held every Friday at 7 p.m. at Community A.M.E. Zion Church, 3605 E. 13th St. in Vancouver. For more information call the church at 360-693-4566 or brother Reginald Steen at 360-773-2098.

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