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"This Place is the Best"

When we finally caught up with Betty Fluker, she was preparing to host a large Christian Valentine's Day party at her house. Betty is a great friend to the Mission since she lives "right down the street." A fellow R St. resident for 21 years, Betty has been a regular participant and volunteer at Mission functions for many years.



*Betty Fluker,
Gospel singer*

Betty is a gospel singer and minister who evangelizes in the area and has a CD of her own songs. She ministers to Mission men and other neighbors on the street; "everyone knows me," she said. She attends the Mission's Seniors Luncheons every month, enjoying the programs and fellowship.

Every other Thursday, she ministers in song and shares a few words of encouragement to the Food Depot attendees. "I wanted to do something to help the Mission," she says, and when we needed a worship leader, she stepped right up. For the last two years at the worship services, she has sung some of her own songs and led the congregation to join in with favorites like "People Get Ready," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "On Time God" and songs from Shirley Caesar.

A native of Alabama, Betty came to Washington, DC, to marry her husband years ago. She now has five grown children all living in Maryland.

Central Union Mission is special to Betty: "I've volunteered at a lot of places, but I haven't seen another organization like Central Union Mission. This place is the best. The people here are loving and kind." We're thankful that Betty continues to be a part of our Mission community. ■



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Share Your Harvest

Hey, gardeners! While you're starting your summer



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garden, why not plant an extra row for Central Union Mission? Thanks to Johnson's Florist and Garden Center and the Garden Writers Association Foundation and its "Plant a Row for the Hungry" program, those extra tomatoes can find a good home.

You can pick up a planting kit (including seeds, peat plugs and fertilizer) at Johnson's DC location (4200 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016) this spring, and start growing some extra produce. Your donations will help our kitchen enhance the nutrition and flavor of our summer meals with otherwise unaffordable fresh vegetables. ■

Tuning in and Coming Through



You sure showed us some love on Valentine's Day. With help from you and our friends at WGTS 91.9 FM, listeners provided almost 10,000 Winter Rescue Kits for the needy in our community. The Kits are used to keep people from suffering hypothermia by providing food, shelter and cold weather care items. Mission staff and radio DJs worked for six hours promoting Central Union Mission's outreach to an appreciative audience: you provided 4,000 gifts beyond our goal, nearly doubling the love. We thank you so much for your compassion! ■

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Mission Communications Director Deborah Chambers, Executive Director David Treadwell and David Harms (right) at the WGTS microphone with DJ Jerry, station Chaplain Pete Garza and DJ Becky Alignay.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Renewed Lives are Blooming

Besides enjoying the beautiful cherry blossoms of our signature Nation's Capital springtime, we're celebrating the new life that God is granting us this season.

We're seeing formerly despairing neighbors enthusiastically embracing their new lives in Christ and finding jobs and permanent homes. We're watching the Gales School

renovations transform an historic old building into a state-of-the-art homeless shelter. Our Spiritual Transformation Program graduates are ready to take on their world--with God's help this time. Our Camp Bennett is gearing up for a summer full of excited city children.

All these joyous events are due to God's provision and your faithfulness in serving Him. Every offering

of money, gifts, time and prayer is pleasing to Him as you help serve His treasured children. Thanks so much for your generous support and your God-honoring compassion.

Blessings,



Night, Night!

We need new bedding and towels to keep our guests clean and comfortable. Please donate new or gently used:

- Pillow cases
- Twin size bed sheets (fitted or flat)
- Bath towels
- Wash cloths

You can drop them off at the Mission's front desk at 1350 R. St. NW, Washington, DC 20009.



At our February Every Man's Birthday Party, guests each received a backpack full of toiletries and new undergarments.

Worship in Washington

with Charles Billingsley, Travis Cottrell, Marcia Ware and a 400-voice choir

with an appearance by the Central Union Mission Choir



Charles Billingsley



Travis Cottrell



Marcia Ware

June 9, 2013

7:00 pm

Sponsored by six area churches to benefit Central Union Mission

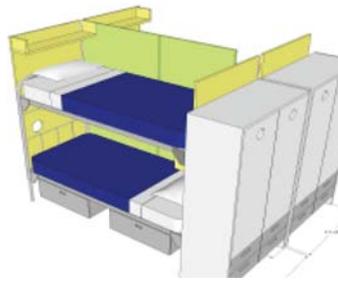
Hylton Memorial Chapel

14640 Potomac Mills Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Tickets: \$20, proceeds benefitting Central Union Mission.

To purchase tickets, visit www.missiondc.org/worshipinwashington

Our Renovation in Fine Shape



These computer renderings show the multi-purpose area arranged for dining service and Overnight Guest Sleeping Quarters. Bunk beds provide storage space, and dividing panels give guests a sense of privacy.

Our excitement builds as renovations to the old Gales School at 65 Massachusetts Ave, NW, bring us closer to occupying our new facility. Would you like to hold a permanent place in Central Union Mission's renovation?

Your **Gift of Love** can fund a floor tile or paving stone, or you can purchase a critically needed new bed. You can even give large gifts such as donating the kitchen, dental office or elevator. All Gifts of Love will be recognized with an attractive inscription displayed prominently in the new facility.

This recognition is a lasting testament to your selfless compassion and generosity toward the homeless and people in need. For Gift of Love information, see www.missiondc.org/GiftofLove, or contact **Jocelyn Harris at 202-745-7118, ext. 221.** ■

We Need a Few Good Men

Know someone in need? We invite pastors, community workers, relatives or friends to refer men who are homeless or in need of guidance to our 18-month residential Spiritual Transformation Program. The Program offers supportive services such as life skills enhancement, wrap-around social service support and literacy and job skills training with a spiritual emphasis for those struggling with life-controlling issues like anger, drug abuse, homelessness, forgiveness, alcoholism or other debilitating challenges. For more information, contact **Chaplain Donald Ross at 202-745-7118, ext. 232** or dross@missiondc.org.

In Grateful Tribute

Central Union Mission is thankful for these tributes given this year

Dedicated to my wife Christine and son Noah
by Todd A. Holowasko

In Honor of Ken and Mary Jane Rudeinski
by Leroy Bell, Jr.

In Honor of Peter and Nancy Carroll
by Sonia B. Carroll

In Honor of Mardelle Richey
by A.J. Clark

In Honor of Tom McLane
by Oleg Fedoroff

In Honor of Paul Westpheling's birthday
by Michaela and John Hancock

In Honor of Robert R. Rich's wedding
by June Liverette

In Honor of Robert Moye's birthday
by Carleen Moye

In Honor of Mr. Louis Flythe
by Elsa Williams

In Memory of Nathalie Reid
by Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

In Memory of my father Dr. Jafar Amini
by Javid Amini

In Memory of Cecelia Kennedy
by J. Bennett and Dorothy Easterling

In Memory of Carmen and Barbara Blondin
by Emily R. Blondin

In Memory of Herbert Harvell
by Colon L. Cheney-Harvell

In Memory of Nathaniel Geary
by Vivian D. Geary

In Memory of Andrew W. Allen, Jr.
by Judith L. Greene

In Memory of my wife Meseret's grandmother,
Yemenushal
by Ronald Lee Haines

In Memory of Floyd Hough
by Nancy Hand

In Memory of Esther Jubilee
by Jamison J. Jubilee and Norma J. Turner

In Memory of Elizabeth Lee Kirkpatrick
by Edwin Kirkpatrick

In Memory of Leslie Leiper
by Clarke Leiper PLLC

In Memory Rev. and Mrs. John Gravely
by Alberta Mayberry

In Memory of Lucy A. McArdle
by Frank McArdle

In Memory of Leslie Leiper
by Yong B. Rapaport

In Memory of Andre Booze
by Sanatone Reddix

In Memory of Nathaniel Renard Rushing
by Nanette Rushing

In Memory of Maxson and Helen McCarry,
Kathy Heneghan, Louise and Nancy
by Louise I. Santivanez

In Memory of Mary F. Tayman
by Barbara L. Tayman

In Memory of David Allen
by Virginia Tischner

In Memory of my sister, Anitha Wijesinha
by Sena B. Wijesinha

In Memory of Paul Gardella
by Christine H. Withers

In tribute to our grandmother, Carolyn Bastian
by Amy Bastian

Upcoming Events

April Food Depot

April 1, 4 and 6, 2013
April 15, 18 and 20, 2013
10:00 am

We need your help encouraging and distributing food to our neighbors.

Seniors Luncheons

April 10 and May 8, 2013
10:00 am

Help us encourage our older neighbors at these spring-themed programs.

STP Graduation Ceremony

April 12, 2013
11:00 am

You are invited to come support our newest STP graduates at this program themed "Running to Win."

Worship in Washington

June 9, 2013
7:00 pm

This concert benefitting Central Union Mission features recording artists Charles Billingsley, Travis Cottrell and Marcia Ware, along with a 400-voice choir and a special appearance by the Mission Choir at Hylton Memorial Chapel in Woodbridge, VA. Tickets are available here: [www.missiondc.org/Worship in Washington](http://www.missiondc.org/WorshipinWashington).

Events take place at Central Union Mission, 1350 R, St., NW, Washington, DC 20009. For volunteer information, please contact Seamus Merrigan at 202-MISSION, ext. 249, or jmerrigan@missiondc.org.

Beginning Again



Spring is God's blessing. It's a fresh start for our earth and for our spirits.

Homeless people want to have a new start, too, but the struggle to stay alive on the streets takes all their effort and energy. That's where Central Union Mission steps in: to be their safety net. We give them food, clothing and shelter so they can concentrate on getting their lives together, reconciling with family and learning about their God who loves them.

God provides for homeless neighbors through the faithfulness of His people. Thank you so much for your generous donations, and please pray for the Mission and the people we serve. ■



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I Will Help

I want to help hungry and needy people in Washington, DC, get a fresh start. Please use my gift of:

- \$39.60 to serve a nutritious meal to 20 guests
- \$59.40 to serve 30 guests
- \$89.10 to serve 45 guests
- \$_____ to serve as many guests as possible

Please make checks payable to "Central Union Mission." To donate by credit card, please see our website at www.missiondc.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

*Your gift is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.
We'll send a receipt for your records. God bless you for caring.*

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