



Home FOR THE Holidays

It's Christmas at Muncie Mission Ministries. Warm lights, joyful music and colorful decorations add a festive sparkle to the air.

Volunteers are busy in the kitchen serving up a delicious meal of ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans and buttery corn. There's even hot coffee and pie for dessert.

A friendly commotion of conversation and laughter echoes down the halls toward

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a resident and familiar face here at the Mission.

**For Tommy,
these are the aromas and sounds
of home and family.
A place he feels loved.**

"For a lot of these guys, their families don't want to have anything to do with them," Tommy says, referring to his fellow guests at the Mission. Most of them struggle in homelessness and addictions that have torn their lives apart. "For a lot of them, it's the only Christmas they have."

Tommy understands their struggle. Even though he's never had addiction issues, he's spent holidays alone and homeless.

"When I left home, I wasn't prepared for the world," says Tommy. "I thought I could be successful on my own, but I pretty much crashed and burned. Then I had mental illnesses that started showing up, which made everything that much harder."

Thanks to your support, Tommy found a foothold at the Muncie Mission. At first, he was just glad to have a good meal, a hot shower and a safe place to sleep. That alone brought such relief.

But soon, Tommy also discovered he could have a much more fulfilling life. He just needed some extra help.

Through our caring staff, Tommy is making progress and changing his perspective. "I've gained a healthy respect for things that people struggle with," he says. "Instead of being judgmental, I've learned to be a lot more compassionate."

**This Thanksgiving and Christmas,
your support provides a
"home for the holidays"
for hundreds of hurting people.**

Instead of being alone, your support can surround people with what they long for most - a supportive family who will help them leave the past behind and start a new life.



At the holidays, the Mission means a lot. "It's the only place some people can go where they feel wanted," says Tommy.

What you're giving...

...WHEN YOU GIVE THIS THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS.

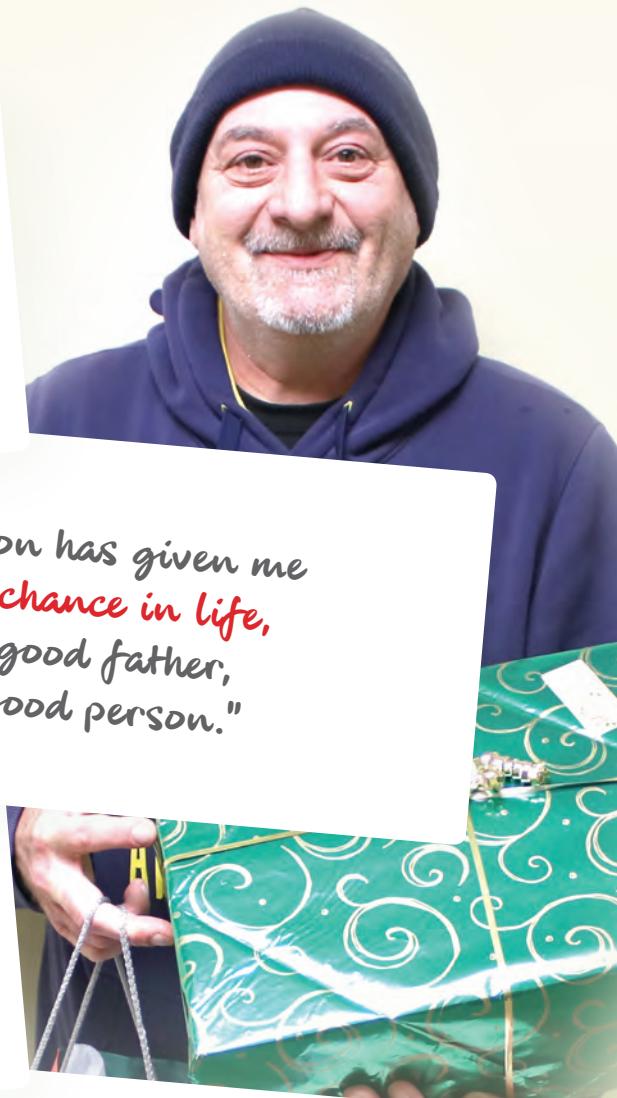
"I was a mess. I felt more alone than I ever have in my life. Now I'm around people who really love me. For the first time in a very long time, I'm going to feel joy at Christmas."

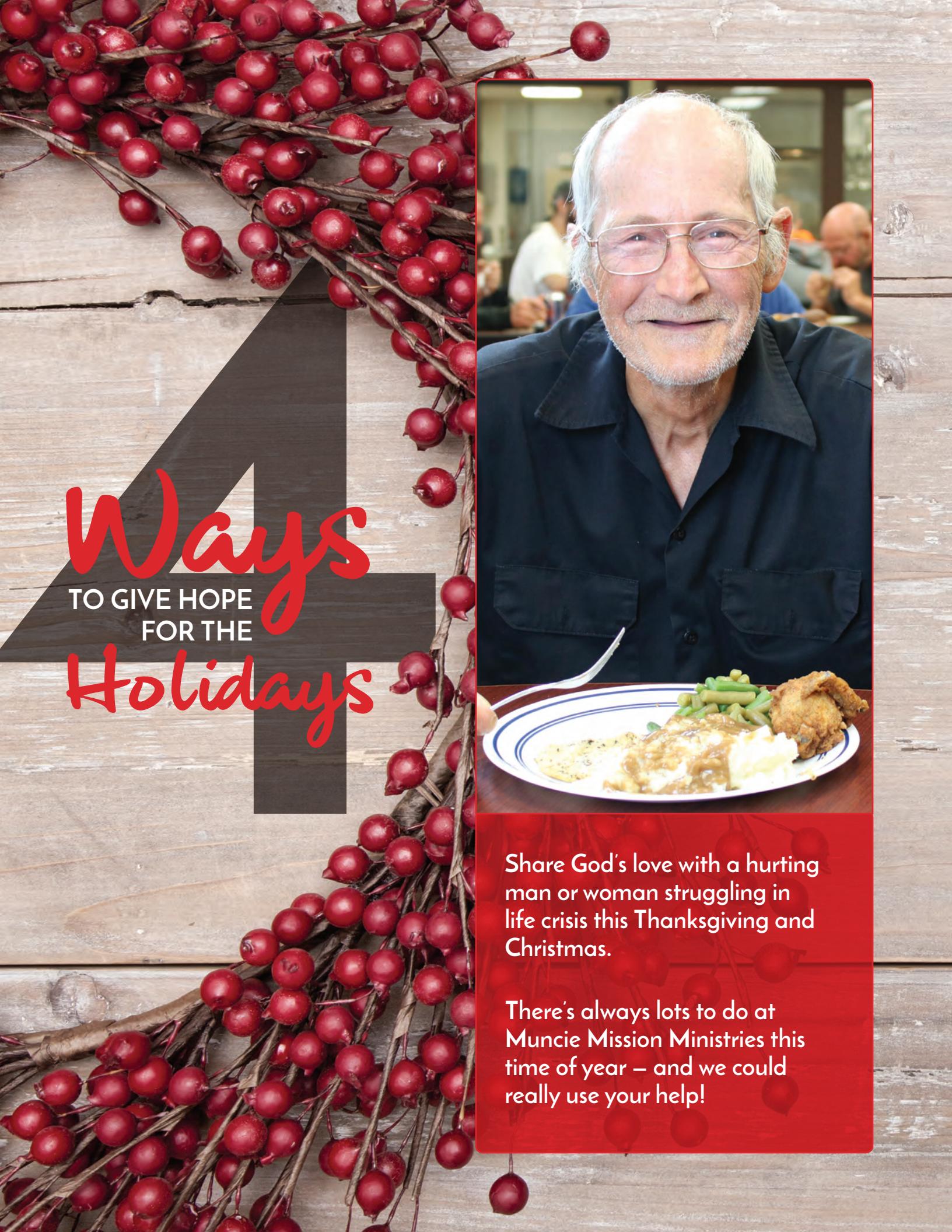


"It's exciting to know I've turned my life around. I have so much to be thankful for."



"I came to Muncie Mission to get healed. Now I have an opportunity to reach other people."





Ways TO GIVE HOPE FOR THE Holidays



Share God's love with a hurting man or woman struggling in life crisis this Thanksgiving and Christmas.

There's always lots to do at Muncie Mission Ministries this time of year – and we could really use your help!

1

VOLUNTEER

- **Bake a Pie**

Help us gather 100 homemade pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving Day!

- **Prepare Meals**

Arrive early to cut vegetables, fill the ovens, and packages meals for delivery.

- **Decorate Tables**

Create a holiday setting with placemats and fresh fruit centerpieces.

- **Serve Dinner**

A warm smile and willing hands are all you need to fill plates and serve our guests.

Contact Shannon at 765.288.9122, ext. 109
sbryan@munciemission.org

- **Deliver Meals**

Show your love by choosing a route to bless the homebound by delivering warm meals.

- **Clean Up**

Stick around to help put the kitchen back in order for the next meal.

2 DONATE

- **Pack the Pantry on Giving Tuesday!**

Thanks to our friends at Meijer, your online gift on **Giving Tuesday, December 3** will be DOUBLE MATCHED – that's \$3 of food for every \$1 donated! Or purchase a Meijer Simply Give card anytime in November to pack our pantry for the coming winter months.

www.MuncieMission.org/PackThePantry

Contact Bob at 765.288.9122, ext. 107
bscott@munciemission.org

- **Make it Monthly for the Mission!**

Food and shelter are in constant demand. Monthly donors sustain our programs and services year-round for those in desperate need. You can be a champion by sharing a blessing every month of the year. Sign up for recurring monthly gifts to make an even bigger impact.

www.MuncieMission.org/Donate

3 GIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

- **Resident Wish Lists**

Many homeless and hurting people haven't had a real Christmas gift in years. You can change that! Men at the Mission and women at Beauty for Ashes make wish lists of 3 items around \$15 each. Call for a resident list, purchase and wrap gifts by December 11, and brighten someone's holiday!

- **Family Blessing Baskets**

Bless a family in need by donating household items in December. Pick a sturdy laundry basket and fill it with towels, laundry soap, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, paper towels and more! You'll be sharing a holiday blessing with a grateful family!

- **Smile When You Shop**

Make a difference with your own holiday shopping by choosing Muncie Mission as your beneficiary on Amazon Smile. You'll be helping even more neighbors in need with every purchase.

- **Toyland**

Dozens of neighborhood families join us for our annual Community Christmas Meal. You can purchase and wrap a small toy (no more than \$10, please) to be shared with children after they eat! Suggested toys: activity books for preschoolers; small Lego sets, dolls and super hero figures for elementary students; fast food gift cards for teens.

4 INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

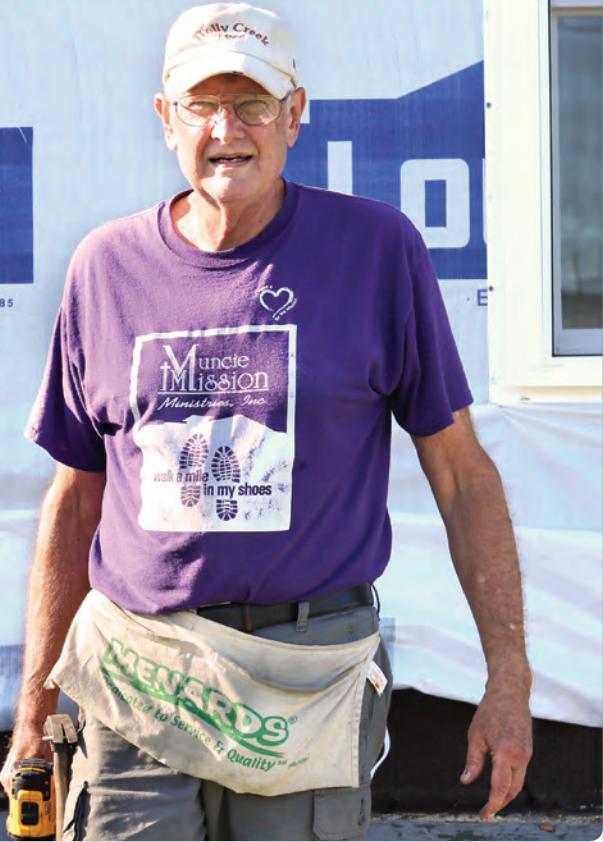
- Make extra holiday cookies or candies to share with Mission guests.

- Gather a group to sing carols at the Mission.

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- Launch a drive to collect blankets, hats, and gloves for the cold months ahead.

- Set up a Facebook Christmas donation fund to benefit those in need.



STILL Making THINGS Better

Carl is a familiar friendly face, always working hard at construction and rehab of our transitional homes for graduates.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

MEMORIAL

Cecil Lorance
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Marquell
Joe D. Cox
Mr. & Mrs. David Cox
Kay Haase
Liz Hensley
Marjorie Matchett
Joyce Cookman
Mr. & Mrs. William Reid

Mike E. Kelley
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Marquell
Patricia Gruwell
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Mr. & Mrs. Charles Davis
Mr. & Mrs. David Wampler
Relda Pearson
Mr. & Mrs. William Peckinpaugh
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Dyer Real Estate
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Hiatt
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Hunter
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Rex Lee
Donna Petty
Kristy Stultz

Gifts from 7/1/2019 to 8/31/2019

HONOR

Ball State Football Team
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Whitehair
Remington Tyler Moore
Mark Ball



16,000
meals served during the holiday season

**Thanks
TO
You!**

LIVES WILL
CHANGE THIS
HOLIDAY
SEASON!

For many people,
a hot meal
served by people
who care
is the first step
toward a new life!



1,200
volunteer hours making the holidays special



400
gifts given to families and children of residents

Let hurting people
know that
God loves them
this Thanksgiving
and Christmas!

THE ONLY *Christmas* THEY HAVE

Some of the men and women coming to Muncie Mission right now haven't had a Christmas present in years.

Homelessness hurts. Not just the physical toll of addiction, sickness and exhaustion. What hurts most is the loneliness, wondering if anyone cares. Christmas makes the heartache that much worse.

If it weren't for your support of Muncie Mission, a lot of people in our community might give up on life.

But because you care enough to give and volunteer, this holiday season is different for the precious people you help serve!

For people who've lost everything, you provide the only Christmas they have. For people without a home, you provide safety and warmth. For people far from friends and family, you offer a listening ear and caring welcome.

What a blessing you are!

This Thanksgiving and Christmas, maybe you'd like to do even more. The Mission is such a busy place this time of year, so we could definitely use your help.

Be sure to check out pages 4-5 inside for "4 Ways To Give Hope For The Holidays".

Whether you volunteer, give financial support, donate Christmas gifts, or find creative ways to help, know that your joyful involvement is what adds warmth and a real sense of God's love to the lives of people in need.

God bless you!



Frank Baldwin, Executive Director



Thanksgiving and Christmas don't have to be lonely. Your gift today offers love!

www.MuncieMission.org/Donate/Online

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION

- October 25, 6:00 PM at Muncie Mission

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL

- November 28, 11:30 AM at Muncie Mission

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MEAL

- December 22, 11:30 AM at Muncie Mission

WALK A MILE 2020!

- February 8, 8:00 AM at Muncie Fieldhouse



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