When the Covid 19 Crisis hit, not just our country, but all the World was thrown into chaos. Word spread that we should protect ourselves by maintaining distance and limiting contact. Those with various chronic conditions, like diabetes and hypertension, were specifically vulnerable. It was assumed that, like nursing homes, homeless shelters would become hotspots. Reverend Laymon often compares the Mission to an E.R., where you never know what is coming next to challenge you. Together with our prayers to the Lord for protection, provision, and wisdom, we attacked the problem by extensive cleaning, sanitizing and practicing social distancing, while still serving and sharing the Gospel. No one could believe what was happening; there was nothing, no spread of illnesses and no danger of contagion. No one could believe it, until God brought Dr. Sandra Gibney to our E. R.

The State of Delaware sent Dr. Gibney to us as their mobile medical ambassador, tasked with checking on the homeless to try to contain the spread of COVID 19. In our interview with Dr. Gibney, she stated, “I’m an emergency room physician by trade, but I started reaching out and dealing with the homeless and those in the vulnerable population about 3 years ago due to the opioid crisis... When this particular infection came around it seemed like a natural extension of who would be most likely to have trouble if they got sick.” Joined by a small staff which included her husband and friends, Dr. Gibney took temperatures and checked vitals. Time and time again, they found SBM was clear of Covid 19. Each time Dr. Gibney marvelled how fresh, how clean, and how ready the Mission was to take care of our residents and guests.

“Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.” 1 Chronicles 29:14

In the midst of challenging times, God’s ways are not our ways. While we are all walking this challenging time together, good things are still happening. You are still giving! Restaurants, law firms and food distribution centers are still giving! These stories highlight some of the many organizations that have found creative ways to support the men and women who are homeless and fallen on tough times. Thank you!
Spring is a time of rebirth and new life. We enjoy seeing the flowers pop up and hearing the birds sing. The crisp air and longer daylight hours feel cleansing and rejuvenating. For the believer in Jesus Christ, Easter reminds us of the brutal death Christ suffered and the glorious resurrection that followed. We celebrate!

For those who face homelessness and poverty, it is often a different story. The fact of the resurrection does not change, but the cold, crisp air coupled with longer days can serve as a reminder of harsh situations. Daily living is still a struggle. The Hope Tote project is one of the many efforts Sunday Breakfast Mission is able to accomplish because of you.

Hope Tote bags filled with hygiene items were distributed on Easter Sunday to our overnight guests. They provided each recipient with supplies to maintain personal cleanliness and dignity because you, our donors and volunteers, spent time, funds and energy to support Sunday Breakfast Mission’s vision to lift up the homeless, hurting and hungry. Thank you for your efforts!

But the need carries beyond this blessed Resurrection Sunday, as hygiene products are essential year round. Church groups are still assembling Hope Tote bags and SBM will continue distributing Hope Totes to those in need. You can continue to participate in the program by packing bags with a small group of friends or donating hygiene products to the Mission.

Your efforts and contributions bring hope to those in need.

Contact Bruce Davison at bdavison@sundaybreakfastmission.org to obtain our packing list and discover how you can give hope through Hope Totes!

NEW HOPE – NEW LIFE

Chick-fil-A, we salute you! Before COVID-19 shutdowns were active, Chick-fil-A of Bear reached out to Sunday Breakfast Mission with the message: Chick-fil-A wants to serve the community at Sunday Breakfast Mission. They felt led to provide one dinner per month for the residents in our programs and guests who join us for community meal.

In mid-April, residents and guests from the community enjoyed a Chick-fil-A sandwich, chips, fruit cup, and cookie, courtesy of the Bear Chick-fil-A. “I haven’t had Chick-fil-A in years” and “it was a nice change” were comments that accompanied many smiles and full stomachs.

The April meal was the first of many this year. Thank you, Chick-fil-A of Bear for providing a monthly meal and inviting other stores to follow your lead.
SUNDAY BREAKFAST MISSION IS MISSING “U”

As COVID 19 has caused many restrictions, our volunteers have not been able to visit the Mission. Sunday Breakfast Mission would like to take a moment to say how much WE MISS YOU!

We miss the individuals serving in the offices and keeping us moving. We miss those who serve meals to our residents and community guests. We miss the teams that share the Gospel in the daily chapel services. We miss the groups that prepare food boxes and work in our warehouses. We miss the ones who help in our Urban Vintage thrift store. We miss those who serve by doing the jobs no one else can do. You are deeply loved and truly missed. The staff at Sunday Breakfast Mission is most grateful for your hearts full of compassion for our neighbors in need. Thank you for all the time and energy you put in to making Sunday Breakfast Mission successful in serving Wilmington. We miss all of you!

Please continue to pray for the mission and the work that continues. Feel free to give us a call and say hello. We miss the difference you make. We are currently working on ways for you to return and serve our community.

The Christiana Rotary Club

The Christiana Rotary Club with friends in the Four Seasons at Silver Maple Farm Community of Middletown and an individual member of the Rehoboth Beach Sunrise Rotary Club donated two pallets of rice. Eighty-four 50 pound bags with approximately 50 servings each translates to more than 4000 servings of rice as a part of 4000 meals in our community! We are amazed by the generosity from the Rotary Club, individual members, and the residents of Silver Maple as one more example of how God has provided in the midst of peril.

There are not enough “Thank you’s” to express how grateful we are for our friends who support Sunday Breakfast Mission.

A talented group of musicians from Sycamore Hill Church of Hockessin, DE have written a set of praise songs available for sale with proceeds benefitting Sunday Breakfast Mission. When you make this purchase you have an opportunity to praise God through music set to Scripture based texts, encourage a group of local musicians, and help restore hungry and hurting people to right relationships with God, their families, and society.

Go to sycamorehillworship.bandcamp.com to purchase and download.
HOW ONE RESIDENT DISCOVERED THE LIGHT & LIFE OF JESUS.

Meet James, a New Life program resident ready to complete SBM’s New Life Program. To encounter James you would find a kind, well mannered, and cordial man; you would not think James had any “real major issues”. If you met James a year ago, you would have met a completely different man.

Prior to arriving at Sunday Breakfast Mission, James had no religious inclinations. He engaged in the common vices of cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs during his adolescent and adult life. He was estranged from his two sons for over eight years, missing much of their formative years as young men. James was on a dark path with no light at the end of the tunnel. On top of everything, James was living in a toxic situation that resulted in his contact lens solution becoming contaminated during a conflict. James suffered blindness from this awful situation and was unable to stay where he was living.

James had nowhere to turn. As it was just before Easter Sunday, he ventured into a nearby church. Here, James met a compassionate man who brought him to the Mission.

Arriving at SBM, depressed, feeling destroyed, and now blind, he had no guarantee if his eyesight would return. James entered SBM’s New Life Program. He learned his way around the Mission by holding on to the walls. He met and learned who staff and current residents were only by the sound of their voice. It was at this dark hour in James’ life that the light of Jesus began to shine bright.

James believed he was unworthy of love. He felt anger towards life, people, and his circumstances. However, as James heard the message of Jesus through program classes and chapel services, he began to put his trust in Jesus.

Now a year into the program, James’ eyesight is improving, though he is still legally blind. He is excited for what God has for him in the future. James has reconnected with his sons. Moreover, he is very thankful to experience and now know the light and love of Jesus!

When you support the efforts here at Sunday Breakfast Mission, you are helping men just like James, escape the darkness and discover the light and life that only Jesus can offer. Because of your generosity, many can say, “I was blind, but now I see!” Thank you!

“I NEVER WANTED MY BOYS TO SEE THE PIT I WAS IN. I HAD NOT SPOKEN WITH THEM IN OVER EIGHT YEARS. SINCE COMING TO THE MISSION, I HAVE DISCOVERED THE LIGHT OF JESUS CHRIST. MY BOYS AND I ARE CONNECTED, AND TODAY I WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT. BEING LEGALLY BLIND, I CAN TRULY SAY, I WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE!”

– James, New Life Resident
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Sunday Breakfast Mission is praying and hoping that schools will be in session this fall. While our students anticipate heading back to routine, Sunday Breakfast Mission will host our Annual Back-To-School Rally on Saturday, August 8th, 2020*. **Students from Kindergarten to 8th grade and their families can join us for a time of celebration of the Good News of Christ and receive much needed school supplies to start the 2020-2021 school year.**

After this time of isolation and social distancing, we look forward to coming together and working alongside you at Sunday Breakfast Mission’s 2020 Back-To-School Rally and bringing smiles to many faces! Because as Jesus said in Matthew 25:40b “**Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me**”. Let us serve the Lord by caring for our community's children.

To involve your business, church or community group, please contact Jackie Armstrong, Corporate Relations Manager at 302-652-8314 x114, jarmstrong@sundaybreakfastmission.org or Bruce Davison, Church and Community Relations Manager at 302-652-8314 x172, bdavison@sundaybreakfstmission.org.

*If limitations are active due to COVID19 in August 2020, an alternative method of distribution will take place.

HELP OUR KIDS WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES & BACKPACKS

- Scissors, blunt & sharp
- Pencils
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Pencil Cases
- Colored pencils
- Erasers-single & cap
- Wide & College-ruled notebook paper
- Wide & College-ruled Composition books
- Wide & College-ruled spiral 1 subject books
- Glue sticks & bottles
- Pocket folders
- Washable Markers
- Personal Tissue Packs
- 24 count crayon pack
- Highlighters

Initially Yours, a family-owned business, creates unique embroidery, screen printing, and promotional fabric designs. They are donating $2.50 to Sunday Breakfast Mission for each $25 Hug for You blanket sold. Initially Yours, Inc. can be reached at 302-999-0562 and iyinconline.com.

Thank you to both of these businesses for drawing attention to the needs of the homeless.

CREATIVE RETAILERS GIVE BACK

Retailers have been hit hard by the shutdown. We are grateful for two retailers who determined to give back by giving a percentage of sales to Sunday Breakfast Mission.

Continental Jewelers of Wilmington and Miriam’s Attic are donating the price of a meal, $2.19, for every $50 spent at Continental Jewelers through their Facebook pages while their physical store is closed. To contact please text 302-476-5139 or email chrysa@continentaljewelersinc.com.

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PROMISES THROUGH PERIL

Top: Excited students modelling their brand new backpacks full of school supplies.

Bottom: We hope to share more joy this August!

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Landis Rath and Cobb, LLP (LRC) had an inspired idea. Just 5 days after Gov. Carney’s March 16th proclamation to limit restaurants to takeout service only, they contacted Sunday Breakfast Mission to pitch a partnership. The principals at LRC wanted to do their part to ensure that these downtown, independently-owned restaurants remained in business. To help sustain a wide variety of Wilmington restaurants, LRC hired one restaurant per week to cater a meal for Sunday Breakfast Mission.

Our residents were delighted! The men and women of our New Life program enjoyed Cavanaugh’s Italian dinner; Piccolina Toscana sandwiches; Manhattan Bagel’s egg and sausage breakfast sandwiches, spaghetti and meatballs from DiMeo’s Pizza, and pulled pork sandwiches from Wildwich.

We asked Kerri Mumford, one of the firm’s founding attorneys what inspired their generosity. Giving back to the local community is part of the DNA of LRC’s mission. Early on, LRC committed to do its part to keep the community vibrant and safe and make the environment a place where employees are proud to work.

Through this crisis, LCR has stayed true to its mission statement by financially supporting the excellent Wilmington restaurants and “the great work that Sunday Breakfast Mission does.”

We applaud their ingenuity that created this win for restaurants working through this time, a win for Sunday Breakfast Mission budget, and a win for the homeless who can enjoy some of the best that Wilmington has to offer.

Thank you, LRC, and thank you Wilmington restaurants for serving people in need with your best.
In her interview, Dr. Gibney shared “I, as an emergency room doctor, [have] heard all different kinds of stories by all different people so my expectation was uniquely flavored by stories that I’ve heard. Although I’m here to tell you [Reverend Laymon] I’ve heard your voice on the radio. I’ve seen your things in the paper; and I respected and was in awe of your mission. [B]ut having said that, had I never stepped in the doors, I would not have realized what a fine-tuned, well-run, disciplined and loving and caring environment and not only that but medically, how you’ve done an amazing job, Yeoman’s job, of keeping these people safe and keeping them from getting sick. So you and I kind of formed this partnership in the need of making sure that all the folks here that utilize your services and are part of your program just to keep them from getting sick.”

According to Dr. Gibney, the Mission is a “tight ship” and a place of safety “accommodating all those people peacefully. It’s like Jesus with the loaf of bread and fish!”

And because you give and give and pray and pray, all these great things are possible. Your prayers have been a channel from the Lord to distribute his grace across our needs and we are so very thankful!

FOR VIDEO WITH DR. GIBNEY FROM APRIL 7TH, 2020, VISIT SUNDAYBREAKFASTMISSION.VIEWSPARK.ORG OR DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE NEWSFEED APP BY SEARCHING FOR SUNDAY BREAKFAST MISSION IN THE APP STORE FOR APPLE DEVICES OR GOOGLE PLAY FOR ANDROID DEVICES.

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Residents practice social distancing in class while coming together to study God’s word.

Rev. Laymon & Dr. Gibney ready to serve the homeless, hurting, and hungry.

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If you did not make a payroll pledge during the 2019 campaign, you have the additional opportunity to pledge via payroll allotment.
Reader’s Digest commenter quipped, “Ours was a family of eight children, but only one boy. One day, I was complaining to my brother about having six annoying sisters. He wasn’t having it. ‘What are you griping about?’ he said, ‘I have seven!’”

Sibling rivalry is common and can even be humorous. But every parent hopes their children grow to share a healthy relationship.

One way your children can experience peace in adulthood, is by creating an up-to-date will or estate plan. Taking the time to get your affairs in order and then sharing them with your loved ones puts everyone on the same page. Through this one simple action your family will hear important messages like, in this family we...

- **Value peace.** Your children will see the steps you took and appreciate that you cared enough to plan ahead, creating peace before there was even a chance for conflict.
- **Value communication.** According to a Spectrem Group research study, 40 percent of parents have never discussed their estate intentions with their children. Even though discussions about death can be difficult, no one wants to be left sorting through a messy estate. You have an opportunity to communicate your wishes (and your love for your family) while you are still alive—a gift they will always treasure.
- **Put our values into action.** By providing for your loved ones and including a gift in your will to a cause or ministry you care about like Sunday Breakfast Mission, you can set a powerful example of what you value, and creatively transfer those virtues along.

For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of “How to Get Your Family on the Same Page” by contacting Rev. Tom Laymon at (302) 656-8542, ext. 103 or tlaymon@sundaybreakfastmission.org - or bless your family today with a God-honoring Will at www.christianwill.org/sbm

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