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FINDING OUR WAY BY BEING FOUND

> **God's blessings follow you and await you at every turn...For you, the Eternal's Word is your happiness. It is your focus from dusk to dawn...No matter what you do, you prosper...The journey of the righteous has been charted by the Eternal.**
> **-From Psalm 1**

I have a habit of placing something I need in a "special place" that I promise myself I will remember but almost never do. This can cause no end of distress as I remember placing the item someplace special but for a million dollars I could not tell you where that special place is. Very little sympathy comes my way from a wife who has added color coded dots to all our DVD covers so she can easily find and file them by subject like romance, mystery, spiritual, etc. (I will refrain from making any undo observations about her habit of buying Christmas gifts in July that she can't find in December.)

Finding our way in the world in so many different circumstances can determine our success and happiness in life and often our safety and survival. Where we put our talents, our energies, our affection and allegiance matters. Where we look for affirmation and spiritual nourishment shapes us. I tell the people entrusted to us here at the Mission that the process of finding our way means first letting Christ find us. He is the one with the plan, the roadmap, who painted all the signs and paid all the tolls.

There was a study I heard about that was investigating how birds migrate and find food. It was sizable and over my head but the part I grasped was thrilling. It mentioned blackcap chickadees that hide hundreds of food items per day in wildly different places which they remember to retrieve when needed. It seems birds have, in different amounts depending on their needs, head cells and place cells that inform them of direction and proximity.

If a bird is looking in the "right" direction to navigate, the head cells in its brain light up. If the bird is close to where it hid the food or where food is to be found, the place cells give it an extra zing. It reminds me of the old children's game we played called Hot and Cold. Spatial cognition keeps Creation fed and heading in the right direction.



Our psalm reassures us that, "...the journey of the righteous has been charted by the Eternal." Once Christ has found us it is possible to find our way to the food, to the journey, to our place in His kingdom. The Holy Spirit within us awakens us to new possibilities. He affirms our good choices and cautions us when danger is near. The scriptures are like those amazing cells that allow birds to feast and reproduce and sometimes cover thousands of miles. "Go this way. What you are looking for is here."

The Bible is full of guidance and nourishment that all of us and those who have come to us here on Tudor Road need. It is our necessary food and it is served up with love daily right alongside our free hot meals. For those seeking our help we always want their entrance through the doors of the Mission to prompt a still small voice that whispers to them, "You are getting warmer..."

Thank you for your loving support which enables us to serve up both biscuits and Bibles. May your own life's direction be clear with blessings awaiting you at every turn.



Gratefully,

Rev. John T. LaMantia
Executive Director/Chaplain

Pastor John

IS THAT DOG SMILING?

Mia is such a lovely dog. She and her companions paid the Mission a special visit and spent time with our program people and our dinner and shelter clients.

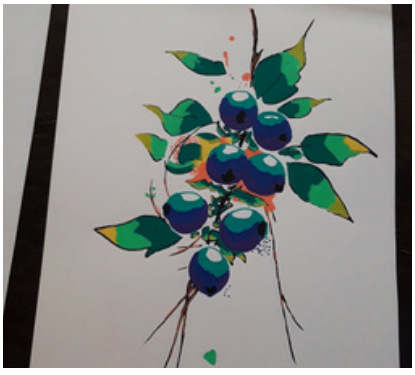
The dogs and their handlers are from the National Crisis Response Canines. This wonderful volunteer organization has a local group that responds when people are hurting. The dogs can handle disasters and trauma but are also trained as comfort dogs.

They just melted our hearts. We were so grateful for the connection.





THE BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL CAME TO THE ART ROOM!



When our program men hiked at Alyeska last month it was the start of the blueberry festival. Everyone had a good time but we did not get any blueberries, so we made up for that.

They got to select an inspiration piece and paint their own blueberries in watercolor or acrylic marker or draw them with colored pencils. We followed with blueberry popsicles.

It is a joy to make people who are not accustomed to being special, feel special.

It was a sweet night in the art room.

MORE THAN A GIFT

Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission takes no city, state, or federal funding. Not a dollar. Everything that happens here happens because someone decided it should. You do not have to solve homelessness in Anchorage to change what happens to one person tonight.

Give once and the work is immediate. Thirty-five dollars is a bed for a night. Two hundred forty-five is a full week indoors.

Give monthly and the Mission can plan. Recovery here takes twelve to eighteen months, and a program that long cannot be built on gifts that arrive by surprise.
More than a gift. A life made new.

Give today:
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WITH APPRECIATION

The month of October is dedicated to Pastor appreciation. To the many pastors who generously share their time and gifts in our nightly chapel services and to those who share our mission with their congregations, we thank you for your support. May the Lord richly bless and reward your efforts to share the Gospel message with the the whosoever that He so loved.



READY TO GO PAPERLESS?

Get our newsletter in your inbox, sooner! Going digital also frees up printing and postage dollars for meals, shelter, and programs that change lives.

To switch, email info@anchoragerescue.org or call 907-563-5603.

Thank you for helping us do more with every gift.



SUNDAY MORNING "THANK-YOUS"

Spent an electric morning with the folks at Anchorage First Assembly of God. The worship, word and prayer were so uplifting. What a great group of Mission partners who are fishing Kingdom waters and celebrating a youth and young adult awakening.

Thank you for the hospitality, Pastors Gary and Alice Morton.

OCTOBER MEMORIALS

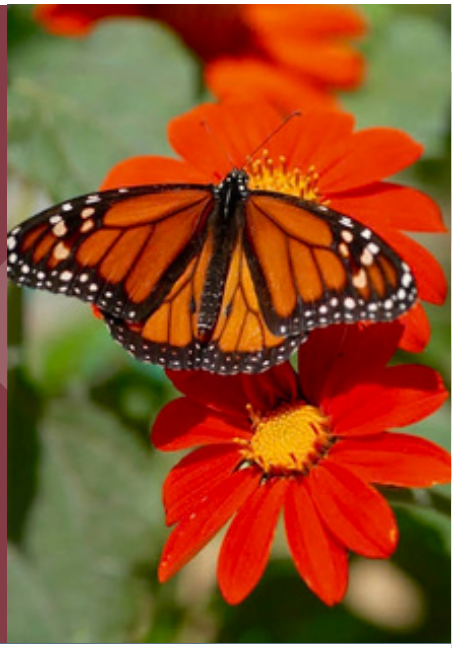
"The memory of the righteous is a blessing."

-Proverbs 10:7

Gifts in Memory of:

Derek Berry by: Theresa Derrick
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Joyce Marie Johnson by: Doug & Joyce Steel
Ancestors Memorial by: Kamala Satyal
Shirley Moe by: Jim & Kim Minnery
Verona Gentry by: Dennis Hedman
Darlene Rich by: Dennis Hedman
Phyllis Dalton by: Dennis Hedman

Remembrance is a form of meeting. -Khalil Gibran







TENDING TO BODY AND SOUL

The team from Adult and Teen Challenge had the service in the chapel and brought a wonderful message. Stephanie from their team gave free haircuts for almost four hours to our very grateful clients. Whatsoever you do for the least, you do for Him.

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DOUBLE GRADUATION CEREMONY

It was a great double graduation ceremony for Stewart and Khristopher who have successfully completed the LifeSkills Program and are fully employed. Stewart is a cook in our kitchen having completed two certifications from the Health Department. Khristopher is a Customer Service Representative in our front office. These are gifted and committed men who bring personal experience and a sense of mission to the work. Both men are wonderful artists. Stewart likes acrylics and watercolors. Khristopher is an experienced carver who has also worked in pastels.

Our best wishes and our fervent prayers go out to these two men that Christ will continue to bless and inspire their journeys.

Blessings!
Pastor John, Staff, Board and Partners

CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS

The Mission ran out of men's socks in September. We could use some women's socks as well. We are getting into that cold and rainy season where these are essential. Sweatshirts, hoodies, coats and boots will be needed soon enough. We would be grateful for any help you or your organization could provide.

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Front Desk accepts donations every day, 7am-9pm

