

CONNECTIONS

Rescue
Mission
of Utica
Reaching Out...Changing Lives

CHANGING LIVES IN UTICA AND THE MOHAWK VALLEY SINCE 1890 | EASTER 2025



**This Easter,
Emilie is serving
others with
Christ's love.**

Thank YOU for
supporting her work
through our ministry!



DON'T MISS...

2 All things new...

2 Leave a Legacy of
Compassion

3 "It's up to us
to step up!"



A Message from WENDY GOETZ

All things new...

Men and women often come to us on the worst days of their life. They're tired, hungry and struggling with shame. For many, Rescue Mission of Utica is a last resort.

But the fact that they come to us at all means they still have a glimmer of hope. Because they're trying to change, part of them still believes a new life is possible. **Generous friends like you provide the services and programs that help rebuild their lives!**

We believe God is "making all things new" (Rev. 21:5) for our hurting and homeless neighbors. Whether they come for a meal, a safe place to sleep or life recovery – your generosity helps transform lives.

Especially now during the Easter season, the hope of new life carries a special meaning. We're reminded of the empty tomb – a symbol that nothing is impossible with God. We hold that promise for each of our neighbors in need.

Thank you for believing in our homeless, hungry neighbors.

Through your gifts and prayers, you show that you have faith in their future and the power of God's redeeming love!

Happy Easter... and God bless!

Wendy Goetz
Executive Director



A Legacy of Compassion

We all leave a legacy of one kind or another – a memorial or reminder of what was important in our lives.

Your compassion for individuals and families who are hungry, homeless or in need is a legacy that can live on through planned giving.

To find out how you can partner with us in this way through your will, life insurance, retirement account, investment funds or a charitable remainder trust, please contact Leslie Nicolette at **(315) 735-1645, ext. 2104** or leslie.nicolette@uticamission.org.



This Easter... **EVERY MEAL MATTERS**

Just \$2.65 for a meal & hope for a new life!

Each meal served with love at the Mission is so much more than a plate of food. It can also open the door to life-changing services like safe shelter, Christ-centered care and healing in our recovery programs!

Every meal you provide this Easter matters!

Just \$2.65 provides a hot, nourishing Easter meal to someone in need... and shares hope for a new life in Christ.

- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at uticamission.org.





“IT’S UP TO US, AS GOD’S CHILDREN, TO STEP UP!”

Emilie is passionate about finding ways to help others. Inspired by her favorite Bible verse, she continually asks herself, “What can I do for ‘the least of these?’”

During childhood, Emilie endured some of the same challenges experienced by our Mission guests. Emilie’s parents were both alcoholics, and her father’s violent temper ruled the household. Eventually, her parents split, poverty set in and the children were separated.

Later, Emilie’s mother entered a women’s shelter, and a miracle happened: she found lasting sobriety. As a result of her recovery work, Emilie’s mom set out to repair relationships with her children while devoting herself to Christ’s teachings through a life of service.

Her mother’s humble example is what set Emilie on her journey of faith in action. “I was able to empathize with feelings of fear and shame... but I also grew to know redemption. I wanted to share that light of hope, whenever possible.”

One day, Emilie’s pastor approached her about a board position at the Mission. “This was my opportunity to make an impact – to give back to an organization like the one that had helped my mom!”

In her years serving on the board, Emilie has helped to steer the Mission, using her own experiences in conjunction with those of her peers. “We all have the same goal: distill our ideas down to what God wants for this place.”

Emilie loves seeing the results of our programs and services reflected in the transformed lives of our guests. “I remember the struggles and triumphs of my own mom, and it makes me happy to witness each of these neighbors working to become whole again.”

‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

– Matthew 25:40

This Easter, thanks to the generosity of Emilie and friends like you, the Mission will continue to share the hope of Jesus with more individuals and families. “When we – as Christians – come together in support, the Mission thrives!”

The Gift of New Life in Christ

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” - 2 Corinthians 5:17



GIVE MONTHLY. SAVE LIVES ALL YEAR!

You can make a lasting difference in our community when you become a monthly partner!

These days, it costs more than ever to provide the life-changing care our hurting neighbors at Rescue Mission of Utica need... By becoming a Monthly Miracle Partner, you can help our residents start their journey to a new life by providing:



HELP HUNGRY NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Donate food items for our Easter Celebration!
Sunday, April 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at
201 Rutger St., Utica.

You can help provide **thousands of meals** for our hungry neighbors this Easter! Donate these much-needed food items to help welcome our guests with a good meal – and give them hope for a new life.

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items **by Friday, April 18:**

- SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- BUTTER
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- POWDERED MILK
- DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought)
- COFFEE
- CREAMER



Drop off donations at the Mission, 201 Rutger Street.

No time to shop? Donate now!

(315) 735-1645 uticamission.org

Start giving
monthly now!



Wendy, here's my Easter gift to feed & care for my homeless neighbors:

- \$21.20 to feed and care for 8 people
- \$55.65 to feed and care for 21 people
- \$76.85 to feed and care for 29 people
- \$90.10 to feed and care for 34 people
- \$_____ to help as much as possible

helps a lot!

Donate now! (315) 735-1645 uticamission.org

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Rescue Mission of Utica
293 Genesee Street
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