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**EASTER CELEBRATION AT GUIDING LIGHT MISSION**

Guiding Light Mission will host a special Maundy Thursday celebration and Easter Sunday service to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with the Heartside community that we serve. This neighborhood celebration is in collaboration with the Grand Rapids Area Health Ministry Consortium (GRAHMC) and Heartside Ministries.

With a spirit of servitude and humility, GRAHMC volunteers will be at Guiding Light Mission on Maundy Thursday to wash the feet of community members. This is both a symbol of spiritual cleansing, selfless service and Christian humility, like that performed by Jesus Christ in John 13 1:16.

The GRAHMC is an organization that works to bring spiritually-based health promotion and disease prevention services to churches through faith community nurses and health ministers.

Foot washing will follow a special Chapel service and communion by Reverend Charlotte Ellison, executive director of Heartside Ministries. Rev. Ellison has been instrumental in the collaboration of community efforts among Heartside agencies.

Easter Sunday will be marked with a special performance by the Harvest Orthodox Presbyterian Church choir. They will begin performing at noon, providing sermon and song, and will continue into lunch service at 12:30pm.

**Maundy Thursday**

Noon -- Chapel Service & Communion by Rev. Charlotte Ellison, Heartside Ministries  
12:25pm -- Foot washing by GRAHMC & volunteers  
12:40pm -- Lunch & Fellowship

**Good Friday**

Noon -- Chapel Service  
12:30pm -- Lunch & Fellowship  
6:00pm -- Chapel Service  
6:30pm -- Dinner & Fellowship

**Easter Sunday**

11:30am – Chapel Service

Noon -- Music Ministry by the choir of Harvest Orthodox Presbyterian Church

12:30pm -- Lunch & Fellowship

**The Guiding Light Mission**

Guiding Light Mission helps men to transition out of homelessness by providing a Christian-based, residential substance abuse recovery program. They provide an average of 8,000 meals per month to men, women and children in the community and donate almost 12,500 pounds of food monthly to local charities. Additionally, Guiding Light Mission offers shelter to over 100 homeless men on a nightly basis. The Mission is funded entirely by private donations and relies extensively on volunteers.

For more information about Guiding Light Mission, please visit [www.lifeonthestreet.org](http://www.lifeonthestreet.org).

**For more information about the Grand Rapids Area Health Ministry Consortium**, please contact Suzan Couzens, executive director, at 616-643-0368 or by emailing SCouzens@DominicanCenter.com.

**For more information about Heartside Ministries**, please contact Reverend Charlotte Ellison, executive director, at (616) 235-7211 ext. 101 or by emailing charlotte@heartside.org.

**For more information about music ministry by the Harvest Orthodox Presbyterian Church choir**, contact John Visser at 616-534-2476.

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