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*Well Done... Ole' Faithful!*

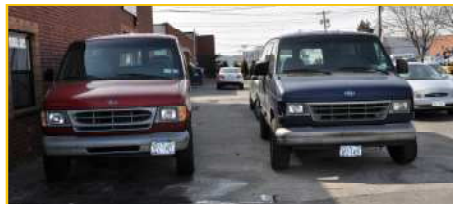


Dented, dinged,  
Rusted, lost bling,  
Scraped, and banged,  
Tires that sang

Upholstery torn,  
seats worn

Knobs missing  
Engines hissing  
Retiring in stride

Looking for a new ride!



These two vans have more than run their course. Ole Blue has been faithfully trucking since 1995 and has just shy of 260,000 miles on it, while Ole' Red is a 1998 with close to 200,000 miles to its credit. Every week these two work horses have pulled tons of

food back and forth from City to Suburb in our quest to feed the hungry. We've maintained them to the best of our ability, having replaced engines, transmissions, etc. But, it is no longer safe to keep running them with the intensity of the ministry's workload. We desperately need to replenish our fleet. If anyone of our supporters or readers know anyone who can help us with this need we would be appreciative beyond words. We can't bring food to people without vehicles. We need people who believe in the vision of our ministry to help us in this endeavor. Thank you in advance for your prayers and generosity!



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**Happy Birthday Marie!**



Happy Birthday Marie! With flowers, and cake HFTF celebrated one of our most valued volunteers in charge of Senior Ministry at Church Without Walls. She is a blessing to us and many others. May God bless you, Marie, with many more blessed years!



"I wish I could stand on a busy street corner, hat in hand, and beg people to throw me all their wasted hours."

*Bernard Berenson*



**Urgent!**

**God Needs You!!!**

**Men Women and Young  
(all ages)**

**YOU CAN MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE.**

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TEAM. YOUR TIME AND  
HELP ARE GREATLY  
APPRECIATED!**

**PLEASE CALL US AND  
VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

**Warehouse Workers,  
Kitchen Prep,  
Food Pick-Up Volunteers,  
Kitchen Helpers,  
Office help**

**Musicians, Mechanic,  
and Grant Writers, Graph-  
ic Artists, Professional  
Fund Raisers, .**

**JOIN US TODAY.**

**Thank you~**

## Farmingdale Food Pantry & Coffee House with...

### University of Pittsburgh



On his 8th return to HFTF, Pastor Ed Gratton from Cornerstone Ministries, Pittsburgh, PA. brought a good pastor friend from the University of Pittsburgh Christian Student Fellowship. Along with them came Justin Reisz, Mike Yowonske, Jeremy & Angela Nelson, Mike Morais, Shelly Angelucci, John Emert, all college students from that fellowship.



## Coats, Coats &

*Coat Distribution in LI*



Hope For The Future handed out hundreds of coats to help keep warm the residents of Long Island. Farmingdale food pantry recipients are seen (▶) trying on coats for a good winter fit! Ω



Dear Pastor Diane,  
You are a "Holy Spirit" breathe of fresh air! Many people serve but many of them are not sold out for the people they serve. The only way you'd be able to sustain any type of presence in the area you serve would be to do just that; reckless abandon for the sake of the gospel. We had such a blessed time just because we got to see first hand what radical service in the Name of Jesus looks like. I have already passed on the info to the ministries in our area so I would imagine the road from Pittsburgh to NYC will be one well traveled by folks from here. Thanks again!

Grace and Peace,  
Greg Voss



Pastor Ed told us that with their "jaws down" the students were blown away by the whole operation!

When asked if there was something that ministered to him this trip more than the other 7 Pastor Ed said, "What blows me away is that even after seeing it 8 times over, I'm amazed at how God still provides. With all the ups and downs that the ministry goes through, HFTF is still touching so many lives, so many continue to be ministered, so many are being fed. Even with all the obstacles, the ministry still goes forward. It's truly amazing." Ω

Pastor Ed from Cornerstone Ministries in Pittsburgh, Pa preachin' on the streets of NYC. ▶



▶▶ Pastor Greg Voss of Christian Students Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh ministering in song, word and deed with a team of students. Church Without They came to serve but were as equally encouraged and blessed!



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Sympathy without remedy is useless. Sympathy involves responsibility.

Mary Stewart Relfe, Ph.D.

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*"For I know the  
plans that I  
have for  
you...plans to  
give you a hope  
and a future."  
Jeremiah 29:11*



## A Word From The Pastor's Desk

Out on the streets I see lives touched with heartache, disappointment, and failure. The addicted, the victim of violence and abuse, people who have been through horrible events in their lives, the unworthy. And yet I see God's mercy and forgiveness extended over and over. We bring the message of a good God to those who have had their share of bad things happening to them. With each one we try to share the encouraging promise found in the Word, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Life is full of challenges! Sooner or later all of us are going to have some pretty steep mountains to climb. It seems like life says sometimes you're the bug ... and sometimes you're the windshield. But, one thing is for certain; life is one series of challenges after another. Some challenges are routine everyday headaches and irritations. The car breaks down, you're washing machine floods the floor. The dog steals your lunch! These can be considered just passing nuisances. But some challenges are nothing short of heart-wrenching tragedies. The death of a loved one. A bad report from the doctor's office. The loss of a job or the breakup of a family.

Some of the challenges we encounter can be handled quite easily; others, threaten to crush us. And then we come to this verse in the Word, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." What does this mean? Does it mean that faith is a blanket that we can toss over ourselves and nothing really bad will happen to us? (I could really use a blanket like that! Couldn't you?) But not everything that happens in life is good (a lot of it is very bad). But it's when you add all your life's happenings together and look at the whole of your life, putting your faith in God, loving God and sharing the love of God, that you will find, life is good. The whole of your life, its ups and downs, are good when you see them all interrelated as you are led by Him.

Looking at the life of the Apostle Paul, even with the imprisonments, shipwrecks, beatings, and final execution, we still couldn't say his life was not good. His life was good, very good. Can we say that the life of Jesus wasn't good? Even with the rejection, and the cross his life was blessed and good! Life in its totality ... it's joys and sorrow, victories and defeats... in its completion is good, very good. Loving God, trusting God, obeying God brings magnificence even to my little life.

We all need a word of encouragement at times. We need to know our lives matter that we are not hopeless. The good news for the day is that we are children of the King, sons and daughters of the Most High, and he that He indeed is weaving together every aspect of all that we encounter in this life into a beautiful tapestry for His glory and our good.

***Sincerely In His Service and Love,***