

**FedUp Ministries**  
**2025 Report to Synod Assembly**

FedUp has seen tremendous growth this year. In 2023 we launched LiftUp, our worship program in downtown Ypsilanti. A couple of months later we launched WashUp, our mobile shower facility. In the summer of 2024, a mobile laundry facility will complete our WashUp programming. Throughout 2023 we had three staff move from homelessness into permanent, secure housing. So far in 2024, another staff member bought his first vehicle. He is using his hard work to not only drive himself to work but also as a gift to some of our other staff who use public transportation. Last year we officially made employment (pay scale ranging from \$18-25/hr depending on experience) one of our main programs which allowed us to have such a tremendous impact on our community.

In March of 2024 we launched Thrive in partnership with our MSW students from the University of Michigan. We have found that one of the biggest barriers to our folks getting out of poverty and homelessness is breaking the habits and cycles that survival life has taught them. Thrive is a group therapy program that supports people who are newly housed or newly employed, as these very joyous times in someone's life can also come with unanticipated hardships. This summer the program is expanding to include individual therapy programs.

Perhaps the most exciting part of our ministry at this time is our move to 16 S Washington Street in Ypsilanti. We are leasing a building from Growing Hope, a local food-based nonprofit and one of FedUp's closest secular partners. We are so grateful for our time at Zion in Ann Arbor, but we are ready to follow God's call to the streets of Ypsilanti where our people are seeking community and belonging. Please continue to pray for us and consider putting us into your congregation's budget - \$250 per quarter goes a long way to helping us fill more bellies, provide cleansing showers, and employ more guests.

- Pastor Anna Taylor McCants