

5 MISNOMERS ABOUT UGM:

YOU HAVE TO BE A CHRISTIAN TO RECEIVE SERVICES OR JOIN PROGRAMS.

False: We do not limit our programs or services to those who align with our faith. Anyone is welcome to receive any of our resources regardless of their religious beliefs.

YOU HAVE TO GO TO CHAPEL BEFORE EATING A MEAL.

False: Chapel is not a requirement for receiving a meal at UGM.

UGM DOESN'T SERVE WOMEN.

False: UGM operates the largest women's shelter in the area, Simonka Place, which is dedicated to serving women and children. At the downtown Salem facility (Men's Mission), women are welcome to dine, take showers, and use the restroom.



UGM IS HIGH-BARRIER.

False: While there are many definitions for what a low-barrier shelter is, we consider UGM to be a low-barrier shelter. Anyone is welcome to walk through the doors, even if they aren't sober, but they must not be harmful to themselves or those around them.

UGM IS JUST A SOUP KITCHEN.

False: While UGM provides three hot meals a day, our services go beyond that to include case management, shelter, a long-term recovery program, mental health counseling, and other individualized plans. These wraparound services help address root causes of homelessness and/or addiction.



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