

Monthly Newsletter

HARRISBURG UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



Hello Church Family,

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus joins countless others across history in answering life's ultimate question: *"How does a person live the good life?"* His answer is so compelling that people have been writing, discussing, and wrestling with his words for over 2,000 years.

This fall, we're going to step into that conversation together. Week by week, we'll walk through Jesus' words in Matthew 5–7, asking what it looks like to live the blessed life, discovering the art of human flourishing, and considering how we as a community can live in the way of Jesus with the heart of Jesus today.

That's why I want to personally invite you to join us for our **Fall Kickoff on September 7th**. It's the perfect time to come back together after summer, reconnect with one another, and lean in to what God has for us in this next season.

But more than just filling a seat on Sunday, I want to challenge you: **COME READY** to participate in what God is doing through our church. Come ready to grow, to wrestle, to be shaped by Jesus' words. Imagine what could happen if we, not just as individuals but as a church family, took seriously his vision for life in the Kingdom. What if we truly lived as a light in our community, embodying the way of Jesus with the heart of Jesus?

My prayer is that this fall will not just be another series, but a turning point. A season where we hear Jesus' voice afresh and courageously step into the life He is calling us to.

Pastor Brandon Dunham

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SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY Office Closed	2 10:00am Bible Study	3 6:30am Men's Group at Scooter's	4 6:30pm Young Adult Small Group	5	6
7 FALL KICKOFF 8:45am Prayer Team 9:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30am Coffee Fellowship/Potluck. 10:30am Confirmation	8	9 NO Bible Study	10 6:30am Men's Group at Scooter's 6:00pm HS/MS Youth 7:00pm Choir	11 6:30pm Young Adult Small Group	12	13
14 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am Confirmation	15	16 10:00am Bible Study	17 6:30am Men's Group at Scooter's 6:30pm HS/MS Youth 7:00pm Choir	18 1:00pm Esther Circle 6:30pm Young Adult Small Group	19 2:00pm-8:30pm Pictorial Directory Photography Session	20 10:00am-4:00pm Pictorial Directory Photography Session
21 8:45am Prayer Team 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship NO Confirmation	22 7:00pm Rebekkah Circle	23 NO Bible Study	24 6:30am Men's Group at Scooter's 1:30pm Mary Circle 6:30pm HS/MS Youth at Kids Against Hunger 7:00pm Choir	25 6:30pm Young Adult Small Group	26	27
28 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am Confirmation	29	30 10:00am Bible Study				

BIRTHDAYS

September 5	Colson Berg, Tim Carr, April Kone, Cherrlyn Pickering
September 7	Maxwell Winters
September 8	Jake Vollmer
September 11	Roxie Stoebner
September 17	Autumn Krueger
September 18	Brynn Hass
September 19	McClane Schild
September 20	Abigail Bushar
September 21	Ryan Rollinger, Linnette Sandine, Lucas Slack
September 22	Max Ewing
September 24	Clyde Gregoire
September 26	Haven Hillman, Madison Vanorny
September 28	Belinda Fink, Barb Kieffer, Erica Stahl, Jade Vyhlidal
September 29	Jackie Aleck
September 30	Ronnie Albers, Marilyn Mitchell

ANNIVERSARIES

September 1	Vernon & Carolyn Slack, Duane & Janie Stall
September 7	Lowell & Deanna Satterlee
September 18	Michael & Shannon Willard
September 26	Verlon & Janet Enger

Children's Ministry News

I am so excited to serve the Harrisburg United Methodist Church as the Children's Ministry Director. My family and I have attended HUMC for the past 16 years, and our children have grown up in this church. I hope to help other children have the positive experience in our church that my own children were given.

As we approach the start of Sunday School, I am asking for volunteers to teach. It will be a rotation of volunteers so that leaders are not teaching every Sunday. Also, if any middle or high school students would like to help, I would appreciate that as well. Please email me at kelli.semmler@gmail.com if you are willing to help out!

I look forward to serving the church in this role, and I pray for the continued growth and strength of our Children's Ministry program.

Kelli Semmler
Children's Ministry Director



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.
CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW

<https://harrisburgumc.breezechms.com/form/e56245341>

Youth News

It's exciting! Another year is upon us, and we have some wonderful things happening at Youth Group this year. Our regular meeting will be packed full of amazing scriptures from an array of books in the Bible and Highs and Lows. We have events like our annual Trunk or Treat, Car Hop and Mission work. Fun activities include the Corn Maze, Air Madness, Thunder Road and a Canaries baseball game. This year, we have added a mission project packing meals with Kids Against Hunger, Mystery Trips and a Valentine Dinner and show.

Sound like fun? Our group is for Middle and High Students, every Wednesday night from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. We would love to have you there!

September schedule:

September 10th - Light meal with Youth and Parents - 6:00pm - 7:30pm

September 17th - Regular Meeting - 6:30pm - 7:45pm

September 24th - Kids Against Hunger – (see description below)



WHERE LOCATED? Our packs are NOW held at our NEW location, approximately 7 blocks north of the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds. We are located at 1701 N. Louise Drive, which is easily “mappable” online, though we do not have signage in place just yet (we just moved in April of 2024). Vance Thompson Vision, whose ownership and staff support our mission, has generously donated funds for a professional sign for our location. Plans, production, zoning, and placement of the sign are in the works – so you’ll have to find the place on your own until our new sign is put in place!

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE PACK? Your Pack Patrol will provide a brief training session, then you will work in assembly lines to package our highly nutritious meals. Please wear closed-toed shoes and be prepared to rock a hairnet. After a short cleanup time, we will take a group photo for Facebook promotion of our mission and your volunteerism. Help us spread the word by sharing photos on social media. Groups can expect to be at our Center for about an hour and a half.

Contact Brenda at:	drmsolver4u@aol.com
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Making a Difference with Sleep in Heavenly Peace

In August, we had the incredible privilege of partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to host a bed-build and what a day it was! **Over 100 volunteers** from our church and community came together to build **50 beds** for children in need right here in Harrisburg. The energy, teamwork, and joy were truly inspiring. Thank you to everyone who showed up to serve!

We're not stopping there! For our September Mission Focus, we're collecting new bedding (twin-size sheets, comforters, and pillows) to help complete these beds and bless the kids who will receive them. You can find the collection details and needed items here: [Amazon Wishlist](#).

We're also exploring forming a delivery team to help bring these beds directly to families in the coming weeks (date TBD).

Thank you for your incredible support—you're making a lasting difference in the lives of kids in our community!



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**



HUMC Small Groups



Tuesday Morning Women's Study

Meetings are at 10:00am in the Fireside Room next to the Fellowship Hall. Beginning September 16th, we will be discussing the Sermon on the Mount Series.



Wednesday Morning Men's Study

Meetings are at 6:30am at Scooter's Coffee located on 85th and Minnesota. We are going through the book of Daniel and so bring your Bible!

Thursday Evening Men's and Women's groups for 20s and 30s

Our Thursday night small groups are designed to connect individuals in a similar stage of life, whether you're single, married, with or without kids. We meet at the church weekly at 6:30 PM and rotate between Bible study and caring for the children. One week, the women gather for study while the men supervise the kids; the next week, we switch. It's a practical way to support one another, grow in faith, and help meet the common need for childcare while building community.

We are currently working through the book of Galatians and so bring your Bible on study nights!



Are you looking to get involved at HUMC? Have you thought of joining a committee? If so, we have several committees that would love to have your input:

Finance Committee members review financial statements monthly and meet quarterly to discuss recommendations for the leadership committee. Knowledge of financial statements and QuickBooks is helpful but not mandatory.

Trustees Committee members are responsible for the oversight of all property matters. This includes building maintenance, remodeling and improvements.

SPP Committee members assist the pastor and staff in various ways as they carry out their leadership responsibilities.

Hospitality Committee members recommend activities and systems to respond to the evangelistic mission of the church. This includes implementing ministries which care for members, persons new to the church and inactive members.

Missions Committee members are responsible for providing missional opportunities and initiatives for the church to participate in throughout the year.

If you would be interested in serving on any of these committees or would like additional information, please contact Pastor Brandon or the church office.



Choir will be meeting
on Wednesdays at
7:00pm in the sanctuary
beginning September 10th.
All are welcome!

Year to Date Giving 2025

YEAR TO DATE GIVING - 2025													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Total Budget	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$275,000
Actual Giving (4100 Total)	\$14,266	\$13,464	\$21,753	\$19,104	\$17,879	\$30,998	\$17,437	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$134,901
Giving as a % of Budget - MTD	62.25%	58.75%	94.92%	83.36%	78.02%	135.26%	76.09%						49.05%
Projected Total Giving	\$14,266	\$13,464	\$21,753	\$19,104	\$17,879	\$30,998	\$17,437	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$249,484
Giving as a % of Budget - YTD	62.25%	60.50%	71.98%	74.82%	75.46%	85.43%	84.09%						84.09%

Year to Date Profit/(Loss) 2025

YEAR TO DATE Profit/(Loss) - 2025													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Revenue													
Income	\$14,366	\$13,464	\$21,753	\$19,104	\$17,879	\$30,998	\$17,437						\$135,001
Total Revenue	\$14,366	\$13,464	\$21,753	\$19,104	\$17,879	\$30,998	\$17,437	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$135,001
Gross Profit	\$14,366	\$13,464	\$21,753	\$19,104	\$17,879	\$30,998	\$17,437	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$135,001
Expenditures													
5100 Administration Expense	\$962	\$463	\$600	\$483	\$925	\$473	\$511						\$4,417
5200 Building and Grounds	\$4,943	\$5,343	\$4,476	\$5,352	\$4,021	\$7,385	\$4,055						\$35,575
5300 Church Staff	\$16,020	\$13,526	\$13,814	\$13,101	\$13,622	\$12,607	\$12,657						\$95,347
5400 Dakotas Conference	\$4,901	\$1,855	\$1,750	\$2,828	\$2,484	\$2,324	\$4,030						\$20,171
5500 Program Ministry	\$220	\$314	\$62	\$612	\$289	\$16	\$307						\$1,819
5600 Youth Activity	\$43	\$94	\$17	\$317	\$1,865	\$0	\$505						\$2,841
Total Expenditures	\$27,089	\$21,595	\$20,720	\$22,693	\$23,206	\$22,805	\$22,064	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$160,171
Net Operating Revenue	(\$12,723)	(\$8,131)	\$1,033	(\$3,589)	(\$5,327)	\$8,193	(\$4,627)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$25,170)
Other Revenue													
6001 Revenue - Miscellaneous													\$0
6100 Donor Restricted Fund IN/(OUT)	(\$1,235)	\$14,551	(\$4,280)	(\$7,375)	(\$2,256)	(\$4,386)	(\$2,913)						(\$7,893)
8800 (Into)/Out of Restricted Funds	\$1,235	(\$14,551)	\$4,280	\$7,375	\$2,256	\$4,386	\$2,913						\$7,893
Total Other Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Other Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Revenue	(\$12,723)	(\$8,131)	\$1,033	(\$3,589)	(\$5,327)	\$8,193	(\$4,627)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$25,170)

Online giving

Did you know HUMC offers online giving and text-to-give?

They're easy to use and secure! You can give a gift of support online at:

<https://harrisburgumc.breezechms.com/give/online>

Or give via text message by texting the amount you would like to give to:

(605)702-6954

Thank you for reading!

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