

Monthly Newsletter

HARRISBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Hello Church Family,

As we journey through the Sermon on the Mount this fall, we are hearing Jesus' vision for what it means to live as His people in the world. His words aren't just lofty ideals; they are a call to action, a way of life. They invite us to live differently so that others might see the goodness of God in us.

One of the ways we are seeking to live out this calling is through our mission focus, **Love Harrisburg**. For us, this isn't just a slogan... it's a commitment. We believe God has placed us here in Harrisburg on purpose, and that part of our discipleship is to care deeply for the place and the people around us.

The prophet Jeremiah wrote to God's people in exile with this encouragement: "Seek the peace and prosperity of the city... pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper" (Jeremiah 29:7). To love our city means to seek its peace, its flourishing, and its wholeness. It means paying attention to the needs of our neighbors and asking, "How can we serve?" It means investing in the good already happening here and shining Christ's light into places of need.

Our prayer is that together, as a church, we would be known not only for what we believe, but for how we love so that all may see the goodness of God through us.

Let's keep asking the question, in both big and small ways: What does it mean to love our city, Harrisburg, as Jesus loves us?

Pastor Brandon Dunham

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OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30am Men's Bible Study at Scooter's 6:30pm HS/MS Youth at Heartland Country Corn Maze 7:00pm Choir	9 6:30pm Men's and Women's Bible Study	3 9:30am Plastic Mat Weaving - Fellowship Hall	4
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BIRTHDAYS

October 1 Sherry Davis, Tammy Hass
October 3 Jill Mullaney
October 5 Tyler Hass
October 6 Ellis Berg
October 8 Coulter Norling
October 10 Ayden Gregoire, Wrenley Hoekman
October 11 Jayci Olson
October 13 Ryker Semmler
October 16 Rick Fink
October 17 Mark Noordermeer
October 20 Bailey Pickering
October 22 Walker Norling
October 28 Kate Stahl, Mike Thomsen
October 31 Janie Stall, Darrell Stinger

ANNIVERSARIES

October 4 Bill & Terri Fink
October 22 Ken & Barb Lundquist
October 24 Jake & Mykayla Vollmer
October 26 Doug & Dee Brush
October 30 Darrell & Marlene Stinger

Children's Ministry News

Dear Church Family,

As we dive into a new season of learning and growing together, I want to encourage all families to bring their children to Sunday School each week. We have a great group of kids of all ages who work and learn so well together. Through engaging lessons, fun activities, and friendships, Sunday School is a safe and joyful space where seeds of faith are planted. God is doing great things in the hearts of our kids!

In September, our memory verse was Psalm 56:3, "When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you," and we read Bible stories about how God has helped his people to be brave. In October, we will learn about how God helps us to make wise choices. We hope to see all of our kids there!

Kelli Semmler
Children's Ministry Director



Youth News



On Wednesday, September 24th the Youth Group along with several members of HUMC packed meals for **Kids Against Hunger**, whose Mission is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in South Dakota and throughout the world. The volunteers package the ingredients for these fortified casserole-style meals which are then distributed to hungry children locally through hunger relief organizations and globally to assist in international crises.

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September Mission Recap



Thank you to all who donated bedding and wish list items to help support **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**! You're making a lasting difference in the lives of kids in our community!

October Mission



We are excited to host our annual Trunk or Treat for the community! This family-friendly event is always filled with fun costumes, decorated trunks, and plenty of candy, and we are grateful for the great support it has received in the past.

This year, we're adding a new layer of intentionality by making it not only a time for fun, but also a way to serve our neighbors. Alongside the games and treats, we'll be collecting coats, hats, and gloves for children in our community who are without warm gear this winter. It's a simple way to show love to our city while enjoying a safe and joyful afternoon together.

Bring the kids, invite your friends, sign up to serve candy, and come be part of the celebration!



HUMC Small Groups



Tuesday Morning Women's Study

Meetings are at 10:00am in the Fireside Room next to the Fellowship Hall. 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!





Choir Practice Schedule:

October 1
October 8
October 15
October 22
October 29

Practice begins at 7pm
in the Sanctuary

Looking to get involved on Sunday Mornings?

Are you looking to get involved on Sunday mornings? We'd love for you to share your gifts and help make worship welcoming and meaningful for all. Whether it's greeting at the door, brewing coffee, setting the communion table, teaching Sunday School, making music with the band, or assisting in worship, there's a place for you to serve.

[Click here](#) to fill out our online interest form, or sign up at the table right inside our front door the next time you're on campus!



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	\$15,724	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,625
Giving as a % of Budget - MTD	62.25%	58.75%	94.92%	83.36%	78.02%	135.26%	76.09%	68.61%					54.77%
Projected Total Giving	\$14,266	\$13,464	\$21,753	\$19,104	\$17,879	\$30,998	\$17,437	\$15,724	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$242,292
Giving as a % of Budget - YTD	62.25%	60.50%	71.98%	74.82%	75.46%	85.43%	84.09%	82.16%					82.16%

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	\$15,724					\$150,725
Total Revenue	\$14,366	\$13,464	\$21,753	\$19,104	\$17,879	\$30,998	\$17,437	\$15,724	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,725
Gross Profit	\$14,366	\$13,464	\$21,753	\$19,104	\$17,879	\$30,998	\$17,437	\$15,724	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,725
Expenditures													
5100 Administration Expense	\$962	\$463	\$600	\$483	\$925	\$473	\$511	\$603					\$5,020
5200 Building and Grounds	\$4,943	\$5,343	\$4,476	\$5,352	\$4,021	\$7,385	\$4,055	\$5,086					\$40,662
5300 Church Staff	\$16,020	\$13,526	\$13,814	\$13,101	\$13,622	\$12,607	\$12,657	\$12,807					\$108,153
5400 Dakotas Conference	\$4,901	\$1,855	\$1,750	\$2,828	\$2,484	\$2,324	\$4,030	\$2,267					\$22,438
5500 Program Ministry	\$220	\$314	\$62	\$612	\$289	\$16	\$307	\$93					\$1,913
5600 Youth Activity	\$43	\$94	\$17	\$317	\$1,865	\$0	\$505	\$0					\$2,841
Total Expenditures	\$27,089	\$21,595	\$20,720	\$22,693	\$23,206	\$22,805	\$22,064	\$20,857	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$181,027
Net Operating Revenue	(\$12,723)	(\$8,131)	\$1,033	(\$3,589)	(\$5,327)	\$8,193	(\$4,627)	(\$5,133)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$30,302)
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)	\$10,482					\$2,589
8800 (Into)/Out of Restricted Funds	\$1,235	(\$14,551)	\$4,280	\$7,375	\$2,256	\$4,386	\$2,913	(\$10,482)					(\$2,589)
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)
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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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