

Monthly Newsletter

HARRISBURG UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Filling Up Christmas



Hello Church Family,

If you're anything like me, you get really excited about the Christmas season. I love Advent, and I pour a lot of energy into it. So much so that by the time December 25th rolls around, I'm exhausted. Anyone else? After lunch on Christmas Day, it can feel like you've seen everyone, gone everywhere, coordinated everything... and you just need a moment to breathe. We only do this once a year for a reason, it can take a lot out of us!

But it shouldn't be that way, should it? This is supposed to be the most wonderful time of the year. Why should we end it feeling empty? What if a few small shifts in how we think and engage could change everything? **What if this year you reached the end of the season with more energy, more clarity about what God is doing, and a greater excitement for what lies ahead?** I believe that's exactly what God wants to do in us over the next few weeks.

That's why we're beginning a new series called "Filling Up Christmas." Because we all fill this season with something, but often it's the wrong things. Together, we'll turn back to Scripture and to the way of Jesus, and rediscover a different, richer picture of what Christmas can be.

I hope you'll join us each week as we journey through Advent together and let God fill this season (and our lives) with His joy, peace, and presence.

In Ministry Together,
Pastor Brandon Dunham

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DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 10:00am Women's Bible Study	3 6:30am Men's Bible Study at Scooter's 6:30pm HS/MS Youth 7:00pm Choir practice	4 6:30pm Men's and Women's Bible Study	5	6 9:30am Mat Weaving in Fellowship Hall
7 8:45am Prayer Team 9:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am Confirmation	8 11:00am Esther Circle meets at All Day Cafe	9 10:00am Women's Bible Study	10 6:30am Men's Bible Study at Scooter's 6:30pm HS/MS Youth 7:00pm Choir practice	11 6:30pm Men's and Women's Bible Study	12	13
14 9:30am Sunday School Christmas Program 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am Confirmation	15	16 10:00am Women's Bible Study	17 6:30am Men's Bible Study at Scooter's 6:30pm HS/MS Youth Christmas Party 7:00pm Choir	18 6:30pm Men's and Women's Bible Study	19	20
21 8:45am Prayer Team 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship NO Confirmation	22 7:00pm Rebekkah Circle	23 NO Women's Bible Study	24 5:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26	27
28 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship NO Confirmation	29	30 NO Women's Bible Study	31			

BIRTHDAYS

December 1	Sam Stahl
December 2	Arnie Koopman
December 3	Ethyn Rollinger
December 14	Angie Barnes, Mike Kuiper
December 15	Teresa Johnson
December 17	Brandon Dunham
December 22	Rayna Willard
December 24	Ayla Nelson
December 25	Jeff Vanorny
December 26	Maximus Cuka
December 30	Karoliina Slack
December 31	Aedin Hoeye

ANNIVERSARIES

December 20	Mathias & Jamie Stucky
December 22	Jeff & Nichole Drexler

Join us ✨

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM

12/14/25
@ 9:30 AM



Youth News

Each month we will be introducing members of the HUMC youth group. We hope you enjoy getting to know them!



Amelia Snortland, daughter of Andrea and Chris, sister to Lily. "I like summer the best because I like to play softball. I would like to be an athletic trainer for professional sports in my future. My favorite subject in school is history. The three words to describe me are hardworking, nice and helpful."

Ember Semmler, daughter of Matt and Kelli, sister to Ryker. "I am a junior and on the famous Harrisburg volleyball team which I love. I am currently trying to decide if I would like to be an ASL interpreter, music teacher or a volleyball coach. The three words that describe me are helpful, hardworking and nice."



Maxwell Winters, son of Aileen and Justin and brother of Amara and Justin. "I am 14 years old and very good at football and track which it is my hope that will help me be a NFL player in my future. My favorite season of the year is winter and I love pizza. The three words that describe me best are funny, respectful and kind. I was invited to youth group by Trevyn and Tyler Hass."



The Youth Group enjoyed their first “Mystery Trip” of the year which was a visit to our very own Harrisburg Community Fire Department!

December Schedule

December 3	6:30pm Regular Meeting
December 10	6:30pm Regular Meeting
December 17	6:30pm Christmas Party

Contact Brenda at:	drmsolver4u@aol.com
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New Advent studies coming to our HUMC Small Groups!



Tuesday Morning Women's Study

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



Wednesday Morning Men's Study

Meetings are at 6:30am at
Scooter's Coffee located on 85th
and Minnesota.

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.



December Missions

Angel Tree



As we enter this season of giving, we invite you to help share the love of Christ with children and families in our community. Our annual Angel Tree is now available in the lobby with each tag representing a real child with real needs and hopes for Christmas.

Simply choose a tag, purchase the listed items, and return the unwrapped gifts to the church by the designated date.

Your generosity will make a meaningful difference and remind these families that they are seen, loved, and not alone. Thank you for being a church that shows the heart of Jesus in tangible ways.

Nightwatch Canteen

HUMC will serve The Nightwatch Canteen Sunday December 7th. We serve a meal at two locations in downtown Sioux Falls from a van. We serve from 4:30pm until 6:00pm. If you are interested, please contact Mark Noordermeer at (605)254-3916.

Choir Practice Schedule:



December 3rd
December 10th
December 17th

Practice begins at 7pm
in the Sanctuary and schedule
is subject to change

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 Profit/(Loss) 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	\$18,076	\$17,947	\$0	\$0	\$186,647
Giving as a % of Budget - MTD	62.25%	58.75%	94.92%	83.36%	78.02%	135.26%	76.09%	68.61%	78.88%	78.31%			67.87%
Projected Total Giving	\$14,266	\$13,464	\$21,753	\$19,104	\$17,879	\$30,998	\$17,437	\$15,724	\$18,076	\$17,947	\$22,917	\$22,917	\$232,480
Giving as a % of Budget - YTD	62.25%	60.50%	71.98%	74.82%	75.46%	85.43%	84.09%	82.16%	81.79%	81.45%			81.45%

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	\$18,076	\$17,947			\$186,747
Total Revenue	\$14,366	\$13,464	\$21,753	\$19,104	\$17,879	\$30,998	\$17,437	\$15,724	\$18,076	\$17,947	\$0	\$0	\$186,747
Gross Profit	\$14,366	\$13,464	\$21,753	\$19,104	\$17,879	\$30,998	\$17,437	\$15,724	\$18,076	\$17,947	\$0	\$0	\$186,747
Expenditures													
5100 Administration Expense	\$962	\$439	\$600	\$483	\$925	\$473	\$481	\$603	\$435	\$504			\$5,904
5200 Building and Grounds	\$4,927	\$5,343	\$4,476	\$5,352	\$4,021	\$7,385	\$4,055	\$5,086	\$5,854	\$5,903			\$52,403
5300 Church Staff	\$16,020	\$13,526	\$13,814	\$13,101	\$13,622	\$12,607	\$12,657	\$12,807	\$13,101	\$12,886			\$134,140
5400 Dakotas Conference	\$4,901	\$1,855	\$1,750	\$2,828	\$2,484	\$2,324	\$4,030	\$2,267	\$2,044	\$2,350			\$26,832
5500 Program Ministry	\$220	\$336	\$62	\$646	\$289	\$16	\$307	\$93	\$1,184	\$15			\$3,168
5600 Youth Activity	\$124	\$94	\$17	\$464	\$1,865	\$0	\$505	\$0	\$734	\$510			\$4,314
Total Expenditures	\$27,155	\$21,593	\$20,720	\$22,874	\$23,206	\$22,805	\$22,034	\$20,857	\$23,351	\$22,168	\$0	\$0	\$226,761
Net Operating Revenue	(\$12,788)	(\$8,129)	\$1,033	(\$3,770)	(\$5,327)	\$8,193	(\$4,597)	(\$5,133)	(\$5,275)	(\$4,221)	\$0	\$0	(\$40,014)
Other Revenue													
6001 Revenue - Miscellaneous													\$0
6100 Donor Restricted Fund IN/(OUT)	(\$1,235)	\$14,551	(\$4,280)	(\$7,375)	(\$2,256)	(\$4,628)	(\$2,913)	\$10,482	(\$1,909)	(\$2,981)			(\$2,544)
8800 (Into)/Out of Restricted Funds	\$1,235	(\$14,551)	\$4,280	\$7,375	\$2,256	\$4,628	\$2,913	(\$10,482)	\$1,909	\$2,981			\$2,543
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	(\$12,788)	(\$8,129)	\$1,033	(\$3,770)	(\$5,327)	\$8,193	(\$4,597)	(\$5,133)	(\$5,275)	(\$4,221)	\$0	\$0	(\$40,015)

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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