

Monthly Newsletter

HARRISBURG UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



Hello Church Family,

“God, what do you want to do in us and through us?”

This has become our daily prayer as a church this year. And as February begins, this prayer meets us at a meaningful moment in our life together. We are entering the season of Lent, a time when Christians intentionally slow down, reflect, and draw near to God. And this year, our Lenten journey will take us into the opening chapters of Leviticus.

Leviticus chapters 1–5 describe the sacrificial system of ancient Israel. While these practices may feel distant, their purpose was clear: to help God’s people draw near. These offerings were not about earning God’s love, but about creating space for honesty, repentance, gratitude, and trust. They were tangible ways of saying, “Everything I have comes from you, and I place my life back in your hands.”

Lent invites us into that same posture. It is not a season of proving ourselves, but of returning to God with humility, openness, and trust.

This posture also leads us into **Consecration Sunday on February 8**. On that day, we will be invited to prayerfully make commitments for our giving in the year ahead. These pledges are spiritual acts of trust, one way we respond to our shared prayer: *God, what do you want to do in us and through us?*

I believe the gospel spreads at the rate of our generosity. As we move through the upcoming Lenten season together, may we draw near to God and trust that He will do more than we can imagine in us and through us.

Pastor Brandon Dunham

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FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>8:45am Prayer Team 9:30am Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am Confirmation</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study at Scooter's 6:30pm HS/MS Youth 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30pm Men's and Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30am Mat Weaving</p>
<p>8 Consecration Sunday</p> <p>9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am Confirmation</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study at Scooter's 5:00pm Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30pm Men's and Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:45am Prayer Team 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship NO Confirmation</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>18 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study at Scooter's 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:00pm Esther Circle 6:30pm Men's and Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am Confirmation</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00pm Rebekkah Circle</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study at Scooter's 1:30pm Mary Circle 6:30pm HS/MS Youth 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30pm Men's and Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>

BIRTHDAYS

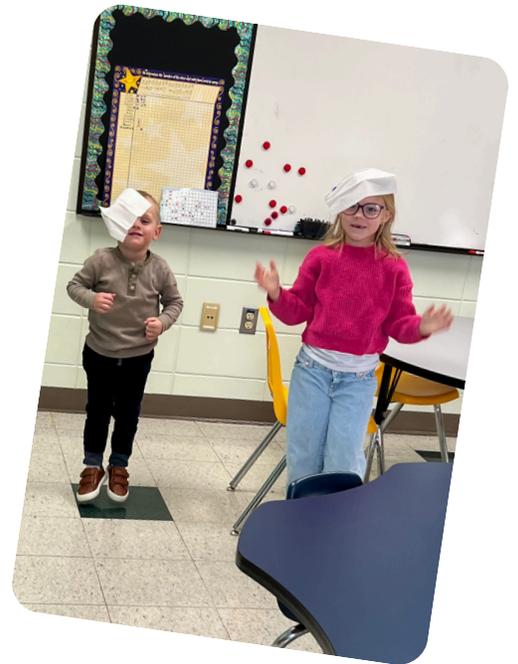
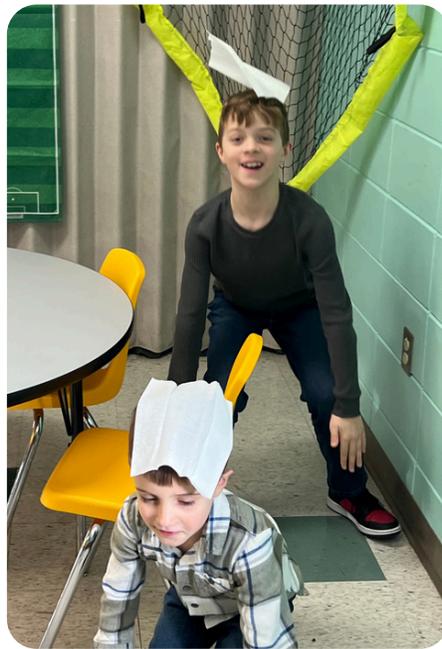
February 5 Don Graves
February 7 Amy Rollinger
February 8 Marlene Stinger
February 11 Jersie Cuka, Shelley Meier
February 13 Chloe Rotert, Jill Severson
February 16 Dustin Mullaney
February 19 Leeland Dunham, Riley Willard
February 22 Lynette Mart, Nate Rotert, Duane Stall
February 23 Anniston Lowery
February 25 Leroy Kluin
February 27 Ken Lundquist

ANNIVERSARIES

February 6 Tom & Bonnie Renner
February 11 Arnie & Barb Koopman

Children's Ministry News

January was filled with fun and games in Sunday School, as our theme was Growing Stronger in Faith Every Day! We learned the verse, "Training the body has some value. But being Godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:8.



In February, our focus will shift to "Sharing the Love of Jesus." We continue to enjoy helping our kids grow in their faith and church community.

Kelli Semmler
Children's Ministry Director



Youth News

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



Hadley Berg, the daughter of Travis and Erin. “I am a sister to Ellis and Colson and the late Jude. I very much like to act, sing and write which will help me to be an author when I grow up. My favorite sports are cross country and running. The three words that best describe me are kind, funny and encouraging.”

Denis Ndayisaba, the son of Lione (mom) and the late Come (Dad) and a brother to Miare, Benton, Dan, and Simon. “My favorite sport is basketball and I like math in school. I have made many friends in youth group and my brother comes with me. I think the three words to describe me are handsome, nice and smart. I was invited to youth group by Trevyn and Tyler Hass.”



Stryker Sikkink, the son of Dilan and Hannah McKenney. “My brother’s name is Oliver. I am really good at wrestling but also love fishing and hunting. When I grow up I’d like to be a farmer. In school my favorite subject is math. I am kind, considerate and friendly.”

**HUMC YOUTH PRESENT
THE FIRST ANNUAL**

Spaghetti Dinner

FUNDRAISER

Join us for a delicious evening of food, fun, and fellowship

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 11TH**

**AT HARRISBURG UMC
5PM-7PM**

*All proceeds support
the Youth Missions
Fund*



TICKETS

\$10 PER PERSON

(Children 5 and under eat free)

Thank you for your support!

Missions News



Laundry With Love is a ministry of Church on the Street and provides anyone in need to do up to 3 loads of laundry for free. Quarters, detergent and dryer sheets are provided. A meal is provided and served for these families. It is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at **The Laundromat Company** at 701 N. Cliff Avenue in Sioux Falls.

We are looking for 3-5 volunteers to help with **Laundry with Love on Tuesday, February 10th** from **3pm-7:30pm**. If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry, please contact the church office.

We will also be collecting quarters for this ongoing mission. Quarters can be placed in the basket on the mission table in the lobby.



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. We are jumping into the Old Testament this year and invite you to 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.



In 2026, we're inviting our church family to journey together through the Old Testament from Genesis to Malachi. We'll read Monday through Saturday, leaving Sundays open for worship, rest, or catching up. Each week will include a short reflection to help us listen for God's voice in the larger story.

February reminds us that freedom is not the end of the story, formation is. God rescues first, then teaches a people how to live.

Week 5 – From Slavery to Freedom

Feb 2: Exodus 1-2

Feb 3: Exodus 3-4

Feb 4: Exodus 5-6

Feb 5: Exodus 7-9

Feb 6: Exodus 10-12

Feb 7: Catch up day

Weekly Reflection

- What does God reveal about His character in the cry for freedom?
- Where do you see resistance, fear, or hesitation in Moses - and in yourself?
- What does liberation cost, and who pays the price?

Week 6 – God With His People

Feb 9: Exodus 13-15

Feb 10: Exodus 16-17

Feb 11: Exodus 18-19

Feb 12: Exodus 20-21

Feb 13: Exodus 22-24

Feb 14: Catch up day

Weekly Reflection

- What does it mean for God to dwell with a people rather than rule from a distance?
- How do freedom and responsibility belong together?
- Where are you learning to trust God day by day?

Week 7 – Holy Presence

Feb 16: Exodus 25-27

Feb 17: Exodus 28-29

Feb 18: Exodus 30-31

Feb 19: Exodus 32-34

Feb 20: Exodus 35-37

Feb 21: Exodus 38-40

Weekly Reflection

- Why does God care so deeply about worship, beauty, and detail?
- What does the golden calf episode reveal about impatience and grace?
- How does God respond when the covenant is broken?

Week 8 – Learning to Be Holy

Feb 23: Leviticus 1-3

Feb 24: Leviticus 4-6

Feb 25: Leviticus 7-9

Feb 26: Leviticus 10-11

Feb 27: Leviticus 12-13

Feb 28: Leviticus 14

Weekly Reflection

- What do these laws suggest about God's desire for wholeness and healing?
- How do holiness and compassion work together in these texts?
- What might it mean to take holiness seriously without becoming legalistic?

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	\$18,014	\$33,712	\$238,374
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%	78.61%	147.11%	86.68%
Projected Total Giving	\$14,266	\$13,464	\$21,753	\$19,104	\$17,879	\$30,998	\$17,437	\$15,724	\$18,076	\$17,947	\$18,014	\$33,712	\$238,374
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%	81.19%	86.68%	86.68%

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	\$18,014	\$33,712	\$238,474
Total Revenue	\$14,366	\$13,464	\$21,753	\$19,104	\$17,879	\$30,998	\$17,437	\$15,724	\$18,076	\$17,947	\$18,014	\$33,712	\$238,474
Gross Profit	\$14,366	\$13,464	\$21,753	\$19,104	\$17,879	\$30,998	\$17,437	\$15,724	\$18,076	\$17,947	\$18,014	\$33,712	\$238,474
Expenditures													
5100 Administration Expense	\$962	\$439	\$600	\$483	\$925	\$473	\$481	\$603	\$435	\$504	\$728	\$621	\$7,253
5200 Building and Grounds	\$4,927	\$5,343	\$4,476	\$5,352	\$4,021	\$7,385	\$4,055	\$5,086	\$5,854	\$5,773	\$3,986	\$7,485	\$63,745
5300 Church Staff	\$16,020	\$13,526	\$13,814	\$13,101	\$13,622	\$12,607	\$12,657	\$12,807	\$13,101	\$12,886	\$13,098	\$12,947	\$160,185
5400 Dakotas Conference	\$4,901	\$1,855	\$1,750	\$2,828	\$2,484	\$2,324	\$4,030	\$2,267	\$2,044	\$2,350	\$2,333	\$2,342	\$31,507
5500 Program Ministry	\$220	\$336	\$62	\$646	\$289	\$16	\$307	\$93	\$1,184	\$15	\$407	\$307	\$3,882
5600 Youth Activity	\$124	\$94	\$17	\$464	\$1,865	\$0	\$505	\$0	\$734	\$510	(\$18)	\$205	\$4,501
Total Expenditures	\$27,155	\$21,593	\$20,720	\$22,874	\$23,206	\$22,805	\$22,034	\$20,857	\$23,351	\$22,038	\$20,534	\$23,907	\$271,073
Net Operating Revenue	(\$12,788)	(\$8,129)	\$1,033	(\$3,770)	(\$5,327)	\$8,193	(\$4,597)	(\$5,133)	(\$5,275)	(\$4,091)	(\$2,520)	\$9,805	(\$32,599)
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)	(\$962)	(\$3,360)	(\$6,865)
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	\$962	\$3,360	\$6,864
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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