

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Life at HUMC

To stay up-to-date on more events happening at HUMC, be sure to check the calendar at <https://connecthvilleumc.org/>

If you would like to subscribe to the *Electronic Newsletter*, email the office or submit the form under the *Connect* tab on the website!

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday's @ 7 p.m.,
beginning Sept. 2
Join the choir and bless us
with your beautiful talents!

High Five Friday

Friday, Sept. 11 @ 6:45 a.m.
Join us as we welcome the students at Harrisonville Middle School before the Friday bell rings! Sign up in The Hub!

Ride Against Hunger

Saturday, Sept. 12 @ 9 a.m.
Join us in a Ride Against Hunger benefiting Bright Future's Fight Against Hunger at HMS! More info on the website; sign up in The Hub or online.

Follow us on Facebook!

To stay informed on community events, have access to daily scripture readings and see our live broadcast every Sunday, follow our Facebook page at facebook.com/harrisonvilleumc

Three Ways to Live Out Sunday's Message

from Pastor Jon

Listen for God in the Quiet- Lydia wasn't looking for something spectacular. She simply showed up, prayed, and listened, and the Lord opened her heart. This week, create a time of quiet each day. Put away your phone, turn off the noise, read a few verses of Scripture, and pray: "God, where are you trying to open my heart?" Pay attention to the quiet nudges, recurring thoughts, people who come to mind, and opportunities God places in front of you.

Open One Door- When God opened Lydia's heart, Lydia opened her home. Her encounter with grace changed what she did with what she had. Ask yourself: "Because of what God has given me, what can I open to someone else?" Maybe it's your home for a meal, your schedule for someone who needs to talk, your resources for someone in need, or your friendship to someone who feels alone. Choose one door and intentionally open it this week.

Take the Next Step- Lydia didn't merely listen to Paul's message and agree with it. She responded. Her baptism, hospitality, and participation in the growing church demonstrated that something had changed. Where have you sensed God nudging you but haven't acted yet? Make the phone call. Offer the invitation. Volunteer. Forgive. Give. Encourage someone. Begin praying. Have the conversation you've been avoiding. You don't have to know where the entire journey will lead. Simply take the next faithful step.

This week's challenge: Be present. Listen. Open your heart. Then open a door. Because when God opens a heart, grace received becomes grace extended.

We Want to Hear From You

It was an extreme joy to see so many of our children in worship as we celebrated the Blessing of the Backpacks last Sunday. Our children are an important part of the life of our church, and we want our Children's Ministry to be a place where they know they're loved, grow in their faith and discover what it means to follow Jesus.

Recently, we sent out a survey to the guardians of children in our ministry. We want to know your experiences, ideas and feedback to help us celebrate what is going well and identify ways we can strengthen our ministry for children and families.

If you did not receive a link to our survey, please reach out to the church office! Working together, we can continue to build a ministry where children and families feel welcomed, supported and loved.



Ride with us. Help fight hunger. Make a difference!

Join us on *Saturday, September 12*, for our Ride Against Hunger, a great day of riding for an even greater cause!

All proceeds from the ride will benefit the Bright Futures Food Program, helping provide food and support for students and families in our community. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Cost:

\$25 per bike/rider

\$15 per passenger

Cash only; Lunch provided

Grab your motorcycle, invite a friend, and join us as we hit the road together to help fight hunger right here in our community.

Back to Church Sunday

In a world where loneliness and disconnection are all too common, "Find Your Place" is a timely and hope-filled message. It's an opportunity to remind our neighbors, co-workers, friends and family that the Church is still a place of love, community, healing and hope—a place where everyone is welcome and everyone belongs.

Join us on *Sunday, September 13*, for Back to Church Sunday! We'll gather for a day of worship, fellowship and great food as we celebrate the joy of being together.

Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. – Worship
- 10:15 a.m. – Activities and fellowship for all ages
- 11:30 a.m. – Lunch together

Here's how you can help others "Find Their Place":

- Attend and invite a friend.
- Sign up to bring a salad or dessert.
- Volunteer to help with setup, cooking, serving, or cleanup.

Together, we can make this a welcoming day where everyone experiences the love of Christ and discovers a place to belong.

To volunteer, sign up with the link on the event's webpage or on the sheet in The Hub!