

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 church calendar at <https://connecthvilleumc.org/>

High Five 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-Sept. 12

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.

Back to Church Sunday Sept. 13

Gather for a day of worship, fellowship and great food as we celebrate the joy of being together. More information on the HUMC website. Sign up to bring a dish or volunteer online or in The Hub.

Shepherd's Staff Volunteer Celebration- Oct. 24 | 3-4 p.m.

All Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry volunteers are invited to join us for an afternoon of ice cream, cake, celebration and gratitude as we give thanks for the incredible difference you are making in our community.

Follow us on Facebook!

Stay informed on community events, have access to daily scripture readings and more, follow our Facebook page at facebook.com/harrisonvilleumc

Three Ways to Live Out Sunday's Message

from Pastor Jon

Jacob's pivot (Genesis 32: 22-32) reminded us that struggles are real and that doesn't mean our faith is weak or less than. In fact, Jacob reminded us that holding on in the middle of it is exactly what real faith is all about. Here are some ways to live that out this week, in your daily walk with Jesus.

Name What You Are Wrestling With

Jacob's transformation begins when he stops pretending and honestly admits who he is. The sermon reminds us that transformation can begin when we stand before God honestly about who we are and what we're carrying. This week, name your struggle before God. Write it down or speak it in prayer: "God, this is where I am struggling right now..."

Don't try to fix it or explain it. Simply be honest with God.

Change Your Prayer

We often pray, "God, make this go away." Jacob's story invites us to add another prayer: "God, meet me here. What are you doing in me through this?" Instead of focusing only on changing the circumstances around you, ask God what might need to change within you—something to release, receive, forgive, trust, or face.

Let Your Limp Help Someone Else

Jacob walked away with both a blessing and a limp. His wound became evidence of an encounter that changed him. Think about one struggle God has already brought you through. Who might need the encouragement of your story this week? Call them. Have coffee. Send a note. Sit and listen. You don't need to have all the answers. Sometimes simply saying, "I've wrestled too, and God met me there," is enough.

This Week's Challenge

Name the struggle. Invite God into it. Let what you've learned become grace for someone else. And when things remain unresolved, remember Jacob: hold on until the morning comes.



Rummage Sale-Thank You!

The United Women in Faith would like to thank all of you who donated treasures for the Rummage Sale, volunteered, or bought new treasures! With all of your help, they were able to raise over \$7,700 for their mission projects! Thanks be to God!

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 and lunch is provided.

Cost:

\$25 per bike/rider

\$15 per passenger

Cash or check only, payable day-of

Want to help but don't have a bike? Make a donation to Ride Against Hunger online through our church giving page on the website, or by check or cash donation this Sunday. Be sure to mark Ride Against Hunger in the memo.

Check out the HUMC Website!

If you didn't already know, the HUMC website has been under a bit of construction and will continue to be while we work on updating it for better utilization. We are happy to share that there are MANY new and improved features that are waiting for you! The [church calendar](#) page has been updated with upcoming events, and for some events, there are registration links if you are not able to sign up in person in The Hub. There are now easier ways to contact Pastor Jon or the office with prayer requests and facility rental requests; there is more information on church groups and so much more! So, if you have a chance, head on over to connecthvilleumc.org and take a look around!

YOU BELONG HERE: Back to Church Sunday — September 13

Looking for a place to connect, belong, and grow? There's a place for you here!

Join us for Back to Church Sunday on Sunday, September 13. Whether you've been part of church your whole life, haven't been in a long time, or are simply looking for a place to belong, you are welcome here. Come for worship and stay for the fun! Following worship, we'll enjoy entertainment @ 10:30 and a BBQ @ 11:30 a.m.

We'll provide the BBQ—you bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Bring your family. Invite a friend. Meet some new people. Come discover a community where you can be known, loved, and reminded that—YOU BELONG HERE. Come as you are. There's a place for you!

PS - This invite is for all of you and be sure to share it with a friend!