

# 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/>

### UMM Breakfast- Sept. 19 | 8 a.m.

Join the United Methodist Men for a morning of fellowship and breakfast this Saturday at 8 am!

### Prayers of the People- Sept. 20

Join us in the Prayer Chapel this Sunday at 10:15 as we pray individually and communally and practice different methods of prayer.

### Shepherd's Staff Volunteer Celebration- Oct. 24 | 3-4:30

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](https://facebook.com/harrisonvilleumc)

## Three Ways to Live Out Sunday's Message

from Pastor Jon

This week we celebrated Back to Church Sunday. We had a handful of first time guests with us as we looked at how we all need to move Jesus from the margins of life to the center of our lives. Here are three practical ways to live out the sermon's invitation to reset, put Jesus back at the center, and take one faithful step at a time.

### 1. *Begin Your Day with Jesus*

Before the phone, news, email, or day's responsibilities take over, give Jesus the first few minutes. Read a short Scripture, pray, and ask, "Jesus, how can I follow you today?" The sermon reminds us that Jesus shouldn't simply receive whatever time and attention are left over.

### 2. *Ask, "What Needs to Move?"*

Take an honest look at your calendar and priorities. Is something good crowding out what matters most? Choose one practical change that puts Jesus closer to the center—protect Sunday worship, create time for prayer, read Scripture with your family, join a group, or make time to serve someone.

### 3. *Take One Faithful Step*

Don't try to fix your entire spiritual life this week. Simply take the next step. If you've drifted, come back. If you've failed, receive grace. If you're tired, spend time with Jesus. Then keep moving forward—one prayer, one Sunday, one decision, one act of love, one faithful step at a time.

## Ride Against Hunger — Thank You!

What a great day for our Ride Against Hunger! Thanks to the generosity of our riders, passengers, volunteers, sponsors and supporters, the United Methodist Men have raised \$1,350 and donations are still coming in! All proceeds will support Bright Futures and their work addressing food insecurity in our community, helping make sure students have access to the food they need.



### **Coming Soon In Worship**

What does it mean to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world? Jesus used these everyday images to describe an extraordinary calling. In a world hungry for compassion, justice and hope, God forms us with grace so that we can reflect Christ's love in tangible ways. Join us for a four-week journey through Matthew 5:13–16 and the Epistle of James beginning, *September 20*.

Discover how God shapes our inner life (salt) and sends us out to shine through good works (light). We'll explore how faith and action work together, how the gospel compels us to honor the vulnerable, how love must be lived — not just believed — and how godly wisdom leads to peace, justice and healing in our communities. Come be renewed. Come be challenged.

Come be salted by grace and shine with love. God's love for others. Let's stay rooted in who we are as we journey into this fall season.

### **Love One Another — More Than a Campaign**

They say it takes about six weeks to reinforce or establish a new habit. At HUMC, however, we want to do more than make loving one another a habit. We want to make it a way of life.

Beginning in mid-October and continuing through November, we will launch our 'Love One Another' campaign. This campaign is part of a larger vision to help bridge the kindness and justice gap by sharing and living a scriptural message that counters the division and polarization we see in our country, our communities, and sometimes even within the walls of our churches.

Jesus calls us to love God and love our neighbors, and he tells his disciples, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34). Loving one another isn't simply something we believe—it should shape the way we speak, listen, serve, give, disagree, forgive and care for the people around us.

This fall, we invite you to help make that message visible. Love One Another T-shirts and yard signs will be available to order. Our T-shirts will also become our community service shirts as we take this message beyond the walls of the church and into our community.

In a divided world and as we enter another campaign season, let's offer our community a different kind of campaign—one centered on unity, kindness, justice, grace and love. Let's do more than put the words on a shirt or sign. Let's live them.

*Order forms for t-shirts and yard signs will be available in The Hub, online and in the bulletin this week.*

### **We Are Still Collecting!**

Continue bringing in your donations of socks and underwear for Bright Futures drive to help students of the Harrisonville School District! Donations can also be made via our website; choose Bright Futures to designate your gift. We are also collecting diapers as we help prepare and welcome Nolan and Lorna Bradley's new baby! Please bring your diaper donations to the front of the sanctuary!