

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/>

Serve Opportunity-Oct. 9

Take some time out of your day and serve at Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry on October 9! Sign up in The Hub to let us know you'll be there!

UMM Breakfast-Oct. 17 @ 8:00 a.m.

Enjoy a morning of delicious breakfast and fellowship with the United Methodist Men on October 17!

Lunch Bunch Oct. 20 @ 11:30

Come enjoy a meal and fellowship at Lunch Bunch at Applebee's!

Book Club-Oct. 20 @ 1 & 7 p.m.

Join Book Club as they discuss Highway of Tears by Jessica McDiarmid.

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How to Put This Week's Sermon Into Practice

From Pastor Jon

Sometimes we don't hear everything the first time. Deep listening often involves hearing something more than once and paying attention to what we hear and how that compares to what we heard the first time. As we continue to listen to Jesus speak to us from His Sermon on the Mount, we hear Him say once more that we are salt and light. This week we listened deeply to what it means to be light and what light does in our lives as we reflect the light of Jesus into dark places, which enables us to see that which was hidden in the darkness. Once we see it, James reminds us that our faith takes action and calls us to do something about it.

Here are three ways to live out that message this week:

Ask, "What Have You Helped Me See?" Pay attention to something God has put in front of you—a person who is lonely, someone struggling financially, a neighbor who is grieving, an injustice that troubles you, or a need in the community. Instead of scrolling past or assuming someone else will respond, pray: "Jesus, what have You helped me see, and what are You asking me to do about it? Give me courage and wisdom to take the next faithful step."

Turn One Prayer Into an Action:

James reminds us that faith becomes visible through what we do. Think of someone you've been praying for and ask whether there is also something you can do. What is one thing you can do to put your prayer and your faith into action? Make the phone call. Deliver the meal. Give generously. Sit and listen. Offer forgiveness. Show up. Let your hands express what your heart believes.

Leave the Table and Be the Light:

We celebrated World Wide Communion Sunday this week and gathered to receive the bread and the cup. Communion doesn't end when we receive God's gifts of grace. We receive grace and then are sent to become Christ's hands and feet in the world. This week, intentionally do one thing that makes Jesus' love tangible for another person—especially someone outside your normal circle. Feed. Welcome. Listen. Serve. Encourage. Stand beside. Let someone catch a glimpse of Jesus because of the way you loved them.

Question for the week: Where is Jesus asking me to take what I believe and turn it into something I do?



Together We Are Doing Great Things

Our church family, made up of each one of you, the United Methodist Men, United Women in Faith, and Hannah's Sisters, put our funds together and became a Legacy Partner with Bright Futures. This action lets everyone in our community know we are committed to our students, their families and our schools. Thank you for giving to our HUMC Mission Funds and supporting the work of our HUMC groups do together. Thank you for making a difference. We are better together!

Love One Another Food Drive

This month, our Extending the Table collection will include our Love One Another Food Drive or Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry's Thanksgiving Food Boxes. During the Thanksgiving season, Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry will serve between 450 – 500 families. They have already received a generous donation to help purchase the turkeys and are collecting other items to make up the boxes that will allow every family to have a Thanksgiving Meal. Our area churches are being challenged to collect the stuffing, cranberry sauce and yams to complete the meal. Our goal is 100 families. You can help by donating \$6.00 per family or by providing a box of stovetop stuffing, a can of cranberry sauce and a 29 Oz can of yams or sweet potatoes. All items are needed by the last Sunday of October.

Stocking Up For Halloween

HUMC will once again have a trunk or two on the square on Sunday, October 25th. We will be preparing to pass out candy to approximately 1,500 kids! If you would like to help provide candy, bring your candy to worship and add it to the pot!

Choose a Different Spirit

Political seasons have a way of turning up the volume. Before long, it can feel as though everything is divided into sides—us and them, right and wrong, winners and losers. As followers of Jesus, we are called to live differently. That doesn't mean we ignore important issues or avoid difficult conversations. Our faith should shape how we engage the world around us. But it should also shape how we treat people when we disagree.

Paul reminds us, "Let your speech always be gracious" (Colossians 4:6). That's a good word for conversations around the dinner table, posts on social media, and discussions with our neighbors.

In the weeks ahead, choose to be a person who lowers the temperature rather than raises it. Listen before responding. Refuse to assume the worst about someone. Speak truth with kindness. Discover what is behind the rhetoric. Pray for people with whom you disagree. Look for what is good. And remember that no political party, candidate, or election gets the final word—Jesus does. Our world already has plenty of anger and division. Let's offer something different. Grace. Hope. Kindness. Love. Perhaps that's one of the most important ways we can be salt and light right now.