

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/>

Crochet Club-Thursdays @ 4:00 p.m.

Come crochet, knit, or embroider and enjoy some social time together in The Hub every Thursday at 4 p.m.!

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

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

Other Important Dates:

Town Hall- Nov. 1 @ 10:15 a.m.

UWF Meeting- Nov. 3 @ 9:30 a.m.

Ruth Circle- Nov. 10 @ 9:30 a.m.

Night Owls- Nov. 10 @ 5:30 p.m.

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How to Put This Week's Sermon Into Practice

From Pastor Jon

Messy Faith – God Uses Imperfect People. That is good news for all of us who find ourselves living messy lives. I've heard from many of you that your favorite quote for the week was the quote often attributed to Flannery O'Connor, (though it cannot be verified), who said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you odd." Living as a follower of Jesus often makes our lives look different than the rest of the world.

Here's how you might live a little "oddly" this week:

Come and See – Bring Your Mess to Jesus. Jesus doesn't wait for us to get our lives together before inviting us into a relationship with Him. He knows our struggles, weaknesses, and failures, yet He loves us and calls us anyway. This week, spend some time honestly talking with Jesus about an area of your life where you are struggling. Instead of hiding your imperfections, invite Him into them. Remember, spiritual growth begins with connection, not perfection.

Remain – Take One Step Toward Spiritual Growth. Following Jesus isn't about getting everything right; it's about growing in our relationship with Him one decision at a time. This week, choose one small way to remain connected to Jesus each day. Spend a few minutes in prayer, read a passage of Scripture, or pause to recognize God's presence in an ordinary moment. Don't become discouraged if you miss a day or fall short. God's grace meets us where we are and helps us keep growing.

Reach – Extend Grace to Another Imperfect Person. Just as Jesus accepts and works through our imperfections, He calls us to extend that same grace to others. This week, look for someone who needs encouragement, patience, forgiveness, or simply a reminder that they matter. Reach out with a phone call, a kind word, or an invitation to connect. Remember, you don't have to have everything figured out to make a difference in someone's life. God uses ordinary, imperfect people like us to share His extraordinary love.

Be encouraged: God isn't waiting for you to become perfect before He can use you. He is already at work in your messy, unfinished life. Come to Him, remain in Him, and reach others with His love.



Save the Date!

The last Town Hall for 2026 is on November 1 at 10:15 am. Come join us as we share updates on our ministry progress for 2026 and look forward to Advent and Christmas Celebrations.

All Saints Celebration

We are always surrounded by a faithful cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and have enriched our lives and the life of HUMC. During worship on Sunday, November 1, we will celebrate All Saints Day. During worship, we will remember those who have been part of our congregation and have a moment to recognize friends and family who have passed in the last year. Join us as we celebrate their legacy of faith.

You Make a Difference

If you ever wonder what small things can do, here is a note we received from one of our congregational members: "To those responsible for the Back to School treat bags for school staff, I can't say thanks enough. The treats were unexpected and very much enjoyed. I even tried some new snacks for the first time and found them delicious. More importantly, though, I appreciate the prayer placed over each bag. The first month has seen many challenges, and yet I have been able to face them all with a sense of peace. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!" Many thanks."

Making a Difference Through Bright Futures

Working together, the United Methodist Men, United Women of Faith, Hannah's Sisters, and our HUMC Mission Fund pooled all of our resources, and HUMC is now a Legacy Partner with Bright Futures. What a way to love our neighbors! Thank you for your generosity and commitment to caring for the needs of our community and schools.

Love One Another Campaign Begins November 1

While politicians campaign for votes, we want to love one another with the love of Jesus. Beginning November 1, we will focus each week of worship on the call of Jesus to Love One Another. Our campaign will include a month-long daily devotional (available in booklet form or by digital download), our yard signs, acts of love each day, end with our Commitment Sunday and kicking off our Advent / Christmas giving. You will not want to miss a single moment! Make plans to be present every Sunday in November and invite your friends who need to be reminded that God loves them.