Harrisonville United Methodist Church

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Three Ways to Live Out This Week's Message

From Pastor Jon

Sharing life together can be messy. Being part of a messy family or church isn't always easy. As the election gets closer, life often gets messier. This week's message offered a word from the Bible to help us live in the mess. Here are three highlights:

Look in the Mirror Before You Look at Others

It's easy to recognize the faults and imperfections of others while overlooking our own. This week, before criticizing or judging someone, pause and ask yourself, "Is this really a matter of faithfulness to Jesus, or simply a difference of opinion or preference?" Remember, God has welcomed people who think and act differently than we do. Practice giving others the same grace and understanding you hope to receive. (Romans 14: 1-19)

Get Dressed in Christlike Character Every Morning

Before you begin each day, take a moment to consider what you're going to wear spiritually. Ask God to clothe you with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Choose one of these qualities to practice intentionally throughout your day, especially when dealing with someone who frustrates you or disagrees with you. Remember, we cannot always choose the people we encounter, but with God's help, we can choose how we treat them. (Col. 3: 1-6)

Choose Love Over Being Right

This week, look for an opportunity to extend grace, forgiveness, or patience to someone with whom you have a difficult relationship. Instead of trying to win an argument, seek to understand. Instead of holding on to resentment, consider a step toward reconciliation. Instead of pointing out who made the mess, look for ways to help clean it up. Remember, being right is not always as important as being loving. Our greatest witness isn't that we always agree, but that we continue to love one another even when we don't.

Remember This Week: The Church doesn't become beautiful because its people are perfect. It becomes beautiful when imperfect people learn to love one another like Jesus. That is our greatest witness of God's grace at work in our lives for the world to see.

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/

All Saints' Day Celebration - Nov. 1

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

Charge Conference - Nov. 8, 4 p.m. @ St. Paul UMC, Raymore, reservations needed.

Advent Conspiracy Kick-Off - Nov. 22

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Put Your Faith Into Action – VOTE!
Churches are really good at encouraging people to vote on single-issue topics or in a particular way that expresses what the Pastor thinks. I want to encourage you to resist both things today. I want to encourage you to seek God's guidance. Don't vote with a single issue in mind; the issues and the people we are voting for are always more complex. Vote with the teachings of Jesus guiding you and vote in the ways that bring you peace.

If you are feeling pressured or nervous, vote early. Avoid the crowd and the people waving signs. And above all, know that your voting is not only your right, but is a faithful step of faith.
I found this article by Wesley scholar Dr. Hal Knight very helpful as I went to the polls: What Would John Wesley Do: Advice to Voters

Hannah's Sisters Nut Sales Time is Halfway Over
These next two Sundays are your last opportunities to place your final orders and to pick them up! Don't miss this moment to support the mission programs of Hannah's Sisters and to get your favorite snacks or baking supplies.

Thank You!
Our *Love One Another Food Drive* collected 126 cans of sweet potatoes, 159 boxes of stuffing, 145 cans of cranberries, and 8 additional cans of food! Your generosity exceeded our goal. Because of you, families in our community will have a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. (In addition to these items collected from our area churches, a generous donor to the pantry has made possible the purchase of a turkey for each family). The pantry anticipates providing for 450 families this Thanksgiving season.

Town Hall Meeting
Join us this Sunday at 10:15 am for our final 2026 Town Hall gathering. We will share our Charge Conference reports, celebrate what has happened in the past quarter, share updates on our goals for the year, discuss plans for growth, share year-end news, and more! Grab a cup of coffee, a treat and join us in the sanctuary for a 45-minute conversation.

Love One Another – It's A Way of Life
Following Jesus is a lifelong journey of growing in faith and love. God doesn't ask us to have everything figured out or to take every step at once. He simply invites us to take the next faithful step.

Starting Nov. 1, HUMC will be launching a *Love One Another* campaign. We'll explore how God's love transforms our lives and invites us to respond through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Whether your next step is spending more time in prayer, making worship a priority, growing in generosity, serving someone in need, or sharing God's love with a neighbor, there is a next faithful step for each of us. Join us as we discover how the love we receive from God becomes the love we share with others. And remember, the question isn't how far you've come, but where God is inviting you to go next.