Harrisonville United Methodist Church

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Three Ways to Live Out This Week's Message

Culture Coach Nikki Learner reminds us of the importance of knowing your "Come From". All of us come from somewhere. Where we come from shapes why we do what we do, how we see things and why we respond to things in a certain way. Our "Come From" shapes who we are. As followers of Jesus, we were reminded this week that knowing where we begin our faith, "Come From," shapes our ability to love others and how we are called to respond to others. For us, it all begins with the love God first loved us.

Here are some ways to live out this week's message:

Begin Each Day Remembering You Are Loved.
Before you begin thinking about everything you need to accomplish, take a moment to remember that God already loves you. You don't have to earn God's love through what you do, how much you give, or how well you perform. God's grace comes first! Begin each morning with a simple prayer: "Thank you, God, for loving me before I do anything today." Let that assurance shape how you see yourself and how you treat others.

Practice Gratitude Every Day.
Each day this week, identify one gift God has placed in your life. It might be a person, an opportunity, a beautiful sunrise, an answered prayer, or simply another day of life. Take a moment to thank God for that gift. As you practice gratitude, begin asking a different question: not "How much do I have to give?" but "How can I respond to everything God has given me?" Gratitude opens our hearts and hands to generosity.

Let the Love You've Received Overflow.
God's love was never intended to stop with us. This week, intentionally share God's love with someone else. Offer an encouraging word, forgive someone, help a neighbor, invite someone to worship, or give generously to meet a need. Look for one opportunity to put your faith into action through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, or witness. Remember, we don't love others to earn God's love. We love because God first loved us.

Remember This Week: Everything begins with God's love. When we recognize how much we have received, gratitude grows, generosity follows, and God's love begins to overflow into the lives of others.

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/

Ruth Circle - Nov. 10 @ 9:30

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

Lunch Bunch - Nov. 17 @ 11:30 a.m.- Location TBD

Advent Conspiracy Kick-Off - Nov. 22

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Serving Our Community With Open Doors
This week, our facility has been full every day with students and teachers from Cass Career Center. Following the fire in their building, the administration was in need of a temporary home for these students to be reassured that life was still on track and they could have a safe place to learn and experience hospitality. Thank you for saying yes to meeting this need.

Celebrating Lasting Legacies
This week, we were able to celebrate two beautiful legacy gifts that were from the trust funds of two of our saints who passed away this past year. We received a gift of $5,000 from Winonna Powell's Trust Fund for our General Budget, and we received a $60,000 gift from Helen Famuliner's Trust Fund for a new sign on the highway and a kickoff for revamping our student ministry area. Both of these gifts will make a difference in the life of our church in our community.

Welcoming New Members
With joy, we received Tim and Andrea Dent into our church family this past Sunday. We also celebrated as Derrick recommitted his life to Jesus and renewed his baptism! What a wonderful way to celebrate All Saints' Day.

If you are interested in becoming part of our HUMC family or being baptized, please let Pastor Jon know. A new class is forming now.

Lighting Project in RCLC Scheduled for November
Mid-month will see new lighting in the RCLC. The gym lights will be replaced with LED lighting that will come on and off on demand, use less electricity, and hopefully use the current lighting boxes. While this is being done, we will begin testing various lights in a section of the sanctuary in anticipation of relighting our sanctuary space.

Advent Conspiracy Will Kick Off Soon
For the fourth year in a row, HUMC will participate in an Advent Conspiracy to worship fully, give more, spend less and love all as we journey together towards Christmas and truly love one another. This year's projects will include food boxes, gifts for Bright Futures' families, a celebration at the Middle School, Silver Stars gifts and caring for children and teens in foster care. Tags will be available for pickup as part of worship on November 22. Be prepared to celebrate Christ's birth in an unexpected way!

Love One Another Campaign
It is easy to get overwhelmed in today's world. Overwhelmed with things to do, things that are happening, and just our ordinary, everyday lives. Sometimes when we think about following Jesus, we can begin to focus on the needs of the world, everything recorded in the bible, and all the things we think we ought to do as a follower of Jesus, and that too can be overwhelming.

But here is the truth. Jesus summed it all up in two simple commands: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and love your neighbor. This month we're focusing on just that – Love One Another. Instead of adding to what we do, what if we just focused our everyday actions and thoughts to ensure that we are loving one another with what we are currently saying and doing? Instead of adding to our overwhelm, we focus on how we share Jesus' love in ways that change everything.