Harrisonville United Methodist Church

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Three Ways to Live Out This Week's Message

One of the things we are discovering is this – it's hard to love others when you feel unloved or unlovable yourself. That's why it is so important to remember where love begins – it begins with God. It begins with God loving you/us. Receiving that love, living in that love and allowing that love to flow through us is how we love one another. Here's how we can live in that love and allow it to flow through us.

Spend Time with God — Make Prayer a Daily Priority
Prayer is not another task to check off your list. It is an opportunity to spend time with the One who already loves you. This week, set aside at least five intentional minutes each day to talk with God, read Scripture, and listen. Begin by asking, "God, what part of my life are you inviting me to offer more fully?" Give God space to shape your heart and guide your decisions.

Show Up for God and One Another — Make Your Presence a Gift
Worship and Christian community are not just about what we receive; they are also about what we give. This week, make an intentional commitment to worship and connect with others. Look for someone who might need encouragement, a conversation, or simply the reassurance that they belong. Remember, your presence may be one of the ways someone else experiences God's love.

Offer Your Whole Life to God — Take One Faithful Step
Stewardship is about much more than money. It is about offering God our time, relationships, abilities, resources, and priorities. This week, identify one area of your life that you have been holding back. Maybe it's your schedule, your finances, a relationship, or a worry you have been carrying. Prayerfully offer that part of your life to God and take one practical step toward trusting him more fully.

Remember: We don't pray, worship, serve, or give to earn God's love. We do these things because God has already loved us. Grace comes first, and our lives become a grateful response.

Question for the Week: What part of my life is God inviting me to offer more fully?

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/

Lunch Bunch - Nov. 17 @ 11:30 a.m.- Branding Iron BBQ

UMM Breakfast - Nov. 21 @ 8:00 a.m.

Advent Conspiracy Kick-Off - Nov. 22

Thanksgiving with Friends- Nov. 26 @ 12:00 p.m.

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To stay informed on church and community events, have access to daily scripture readings and more, follow our Facebook page at: facebook.com/harrisonvilleumc or go to the HUMC website at https://connecthvilleumc.org/

Poinsettia Orders
Each Christmas, our sanctuary is decorated with beautiful poinsettias that have been given in memory or in honor of someone. They are a colorful reminder of those who have blessed our lives. If you would like to donate a poinsettia, please fill out the form available in your bulletin or in The Hub, or call the church office. This year's flowers are $15.
Our deadline is December 7th.

God is Moving at HUMC
Over the past two Sundays, we have celebrated new members and two re-dedications. This week we will celebrate a baptism. All of these are signs of the Holy Spirit's stirring in the hearts of our congregation. God's movement is not limited to worship. We have welcomed with open arms about 200 Cass Career Center and Staff into our facility every day for two weeks. It has been a joy to be part of walking alongside them. In addition, we are seeing changes to our physical facility as we await new lighting in the RCLC, and we are beginning to explore new lighting in the sanctuary. All of this is possible because of your faithful prayers, witness and generosity.

Advent Conspiracy Kick-Off
Christmas comes with all kinds of traditions, hopes, and celebrations. For some, it also comes with some hesitations and uncertainties. What if we could choose to celebrate Advent and Christmas without a focus on all the advertising, hustle and bustle, and commercialism? What if we could celebrate it as a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and lives and indeed the whole world?

Christmas and the season that precedes it, Advent, is the story of a wondrous moment when God entered our world to make things right. It is the greatest story ever told, and it changes everything – including the way we are invited to celebrate it.

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 sure to join us for worship as we choose ways we are going to respond to the coming of hope.

Share Thanksgiving Together
On November 26, families and friends will gather in their homes to celebrate Thanksgiving. If you don't have family to gather with this year, come join your friends here at HUMC at noon for a Thanksgiving Feast. Bring a side or a salad if you are able; turkey and dressing will be provided and we will all celebrate together. Please sign up in The HUB or call the church office to make your reservation. Darlene Hodges will be coordinating our celebration.