Harrisonville United Methodist Church

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Three Ways to Live Out This Week's Message

All of us know how to recognize generosity. God's love is an overwhelmingly generous gift to us. When we are the recipients of such generosity, we surprisingly struggle with how to respond. Here are three ways you can Love Generously this week:

Look for Someone to Bless — Make God's Love Visible

Generosity begins with a heart willing to love. This week, intentionally look for someone who could benefit from your time, encouragement, compassion, or resources. It won't take long. Visit someone who is lonely, help a neighbor, provide food for someone in need, or simply give someone your undivided attention. Don't wait for an extraordinary opportunity. Look for ordinary ways to make God's love visible.

Examine Your Treasure — Discover What Is Shaping Your Heart

Jesus reminds us that where our treasure is, our hearts will follow. This week, take a few minutes to look at how you spend your time, money, and energy. What do those choices reveal about your priorities? Prayerfully consider one change you could make that would allow you to invest more in loving God and your neighbors. You might discover some things are not as you thought. Remember, generosity doesn't just reveal what's in our hearts; it is one of the ways God transforms our hearts.

Take a Step of Trust — Make Generosity a Way of Life

Generosity is an act of faith. Like John Wesley, who sought to give more as God entrusted him with more, consider your next faithful step. Perhaps it's beginning a regular financial gift, increasing your giving, sharing a talent, or committing to serve in a ministry. Choose one specific step you can take this week. You don't have to wait until you have more than enough to begin living generously. Start where you are, with what God has placed in your hands.

As you do these things, ask yourself this question: Who might experience God's love this week because I chose to be generous? Always keep in mind – love received becomes love given.

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/

- **UMM Breakfast -** Nov. 21 @ 8:00 a.m.
- **Thanksgiving with Friends-** Nov. 26 @ 12:00 p.m.
- **UWF Meeting-** Dec. 1 @ 9:30 a.m.
- **Night Owls-** Dec. 1 @ 5:30 p.m.
- **Silver Star Gift Assembly-** Dec. 1 @ 5:30 p.m.

Follow us on Facebook and check out the HUMC website!

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/

Welcome to the Family, Lorelai!
We celebrate with joy the baptism of Lorelai, daughter of Laurna and Nolan Bradley. What a joy to welcome her into God's family. May she always know the joy and gift of God's love that surrounds her.

This Week in Worship
This week is going to be another great week of worship as we bring our 2027 Financial Commitment cards to worship and offer ourselves to Christ's mission here at HUMC and beyond.

It is also the kickoff of our Advent Conspiracy. This is our third year to worship fully, spend less on ourselves, give more of ourselves to others and love all. We do this by giving away our Christmas. This Sunday, we will have tags and envelopes designated for support for Bright Futures Food Boxes, Silver Star Gifts, gifts for foster kids and kids aging out of the foster system, Gifts for Bright Future kids, support for our School Building Partner and gifts to fill in the gap. In addition, our offering on Christmas Eve will go entirely toward the support of our missions ministry for the coming year. Join us as we together make a difference in Loving One Another.

New Lights In RCLC
New lights are being installed in the RCLC this week! As the electricians complete that task, they will be testing new lighting fixtures in the sanctuary in order to identify the fixture and wiring needs to relight the sanctuary. Thank you for your patience as we have pursued these two projects and for your generosity in making them happen.

Join Our Prayer Ministry
The prayer ministry of the church is holy work, lifting others before God, interceding for their needs, offering encouragement, and surrounding them with Christ's love and grace. Through faithful prayer, we participate in God's work of bringing hope, healing, comfort, and peace to individuals, families, our church, and our community. You can be part of this ministry by joining our email Prayer Chain, where we share prayer needs, including hospital updates, notices of a time of death and prayer concerns in our church family. Contact the church office to be put on our prayer chain. You could also join us in the prayer chapel 10 minutes before each service as we pray for persons by name and for the worship service.

Blue Christmas Service - Sunday, December 6, 4:00 PM
For many, Christmas is a season of joy and celebration. But for those experiencing grief, loneliness, loss, or difficult circumstances, the holidays can be especially hard. If your heart feels heavy this Christmas season, we invite you to join us for our Blue Christmas Service—a quiet, reflective time of prayer, comfort, and hope. Come as you are, with whatever you are carrying. Together, we will remember that even in life's darkest moments, God is with us, and we are not alone.

Pastor's Note: Even if this is not you, you may know someone for whom this would be a meaningful service to share in. Invite them, pick them up, and attend with them to remind them that we are all in this together. No one is alone.

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.