

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/>

Back to Church Sunday- Sept. 13

Gather for a day of worship, fellowship and great food as we celebrate the joy of being together. More information on the HUMC website.

Lunch Bunch- Sept. 15

Join the Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Apple Barrel Restaurant at Sapp Bros at 11:30 a.m.!

Shepherd's Staff Volunteer Celebration- Oct. 24 | 3-4 p.m.

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

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Three Ways to Live Out Sunday's Message

from Pastor Jon

This week's message was a powerful reminder that grief and hope can live in the same space in our lives and that God's Word is always on time and never late in our lives. Here are three ways to live it out this week:

1. *Tell God the truth*

Don't pretend everything is okay when it isn't. Take a few quiet minutes and tell God what hurts, what disappoints you, or what you simply do not understand. Faith doesn't require hiding our questions. Like Martha, bring your whole heart to Jesus.

2. *Practice an "Even Now" prayer*

Identify one place where life has not turned out the way you hoped. Finish this sentence: "Lord, I don't understand _____, but even now I will trust you." You don't need all the answers to take the next step of faith. Martha trusted Jesus while the stone was still in place.

3. *Sit with someone who is grieving*

Think of someone carrying a loss—a death, broken relationship, illness, disappointment, or unwanted change. Call them, send a note, take them a meal, or simply sit with them. Don't try to explain their pain or fix it. Be present. Sometimes the greatest gift we can offer is to remind someone, through our presence, that they do not grieve alone.

This week's challenge: Tell the truth. Trust even now. Be present with someone who hurts.

Prayers of the People

In a busy world, it's easy to forget that we're people who are meant to pause, listen, and hold space for ourselves and one another. In this service, we will pray individually and communally and practice different methods of prayer. Join us in the Prayer Chapel on Sunday, September 20 at 10:15.



When Followership Flourishes Survey

HUMC has been asked to participate in a project that focuses on congregational life and health. The link for the survey has been sent in an email to our entire congregation. We need of at least 30 people, 18 years or older, to participate. Please take the time to complete the survey.

Faith @ Home: God Is With You at School

The first month of school brings a lot of changes—new teachers, new routines, new friends, and sometimes new worries. Take a few minutes as a family to talk about this question: “Where have you noticed God with you since school started?”

Maybe it was through a new friend, a teacher who helped you, someone who was kind, or a moment when you felt brave even though you were nervous.

Then ask: “Who at school might need to experience God’s love through you this week?” Choose one simple action your family can practice—sit with someone who is alone, encourage a teacher, help a classmate, invite someone to play, or pray for someone having a difficult time.

Family Prayer:

God, thank you for going with us wherever we go. Help us notice you this week and help others experience your love through us. Amen.

*Maybe you don’t have kids or grandkids at school anymore; you can ask yourself the same question: “Where have I noticed/seen God at work today? Who do I know that might need to experience God’s love through me this week?”

Sock and Undie Drive for Bright Futures

This month, Bright Futures is collecting socks and underwear for students in the Harrisonville School District. These are real needs, and our support provides a real boost to self-esteem and dignity. You can bring your items to church this week or bring a package to the Wildcat football game this Friday for free admission. Be sure to put them in the barrel for the Middle School to support our partner! Donations can also be made via our website; choose Bright Futures to designate your gift.

Diaper Shower

In the next few weeks, Nolan and Lorna Bradley will welcome a new baby into their home. Let’s shower them with our love, prayers and diapers. Bring your diapers to worship for the next two weeks as we surround them with God’s love.