

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

09.24.2026 - 09.30.2026

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/>

T-Shirt & Yard Sign Orders Due

Please have your order forms and payment for our 'Love One Another' campaign turned in to the office by **SEPTEMBER 27!**

Serve Opportunity-Oct. 9

Take some time out of your day and serve at Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry on October 9! Sign up in The Hub to let us know you'll be there!

Shepherd's Staff Volunteer Celebration- Oct. 24 | 3-4:30

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.

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/>

How to Put This Week's Sermon Into Practice

from Pastor Jon

We kicked off our new worship series this past week entitled "Salt and Light" focusing on Jesus telling us we are indeed salt and light and James reminding us that we are to be "doers of the word". It follows naturally for us to put what we read in scripture and hear in worship into practice this week. Here are three ways you might consider to make that happen in your life: Receive. Become. Do. We recognize we do not have to earn God's grace, but once received our lives become our thank you note to God for gift He has given and it shapes the way we live our lives.

RECEIVE — Begin each day remembering grace comes first. Before you begin your list of things to do, stop and name one "good and perfect gift" God has given you. Thank God for it and remind yourself: I don't have to earn God's love today. I get to live in response to it.

BECOME — Let grace change one thing in you. Choose one area where there may be a gap between what you believe and how you live. Maybe it is forgiveness, generosity, patience, gossip, listening, or how you treat someone difficult. Ask, "Jesus, how would, how does, your grace change the way I respond here?" Then practice that change.

DO — Let someone experience Jesus through you. Salt has to touch something, and light has to shine somewhere. Each morning pray, "Jesus, where can I be salt today? Where can I shine your light?" Then look for one concrete opportunity to encourage, serve, forgive, welcome, feed, help, or make peace with someone. Touch another life or situation with God's grace.

This week's challenge: Receive grace. Become more like Jesus. Do something with it. Stay salty. Shine brightly.



Celebration of Baptism

This past week we celebrated with Everly Fitzpatrick and Stetson Cottrell and their extended families as they were baptized into family of faith. What a joy. If you are considering baptism for yourself or you a member of your family, please reach out to Pastor Jon. We would love to welcome you!

A Word of Encouragement to the Church

Someone said to me this week, "I think people just need to have some encouragement and a sign of hope." I do too. There are moments when it can feel difficult to know how to live faithfully in the world around us. We hear angry voices. We see division. We encounter fear and uncertainty. Sometimes we may even wonder whether our small acts of faithfulness can possibly make a difference. They do.

Paul wrote to Christians who also knew what it meant to follow Jesus in a complicated and difficult world. His encouragement in Romans 12 was remarkably practical: "Let love be genuine... Love one another with mutual affection...Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer...Extend hospitality to strangers...Live in harmony with one another...If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all" And finally: "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Paul reminds us that followers of Jesus do not have to become like the world around us in order to live faithfully within it. When the world becomes angry, we can choose kindness. When people become divided, we can build relationships. When conversations become cruel, we can speak with grace. When fear becomes loud, we can live with hope. When people are hurting, we can show compassion. None of those things are weakness. They are signs that Christ is forming us into a different kind of people. We may not be able to change everything happening around us, but we can decide what kind of people we will be in the middle of it.

So, Church, do not grow weary. Keep praying, serving, welcoming, forgiving, feeding people, caring for your neighbors. Keep making room at the table and standing with those who are hurting. Keep loving people—even when loving them is difficult. And above all, keep your eyes on Jesus.

The world does not need the Church to become better at reflecting its anger, fear, and division. The world needs us to reflect Christ. So, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Stay faithful. Stay hopeful. Keep loving. Because even in difficult times, God is still at work—and God can still use the Church to bring grace, hope, healing, and light into the world.

Congregational Survey-Last Call!

Please take some time to fill out this survey as part of a PhD dissertation in Organizational Leadership study about congregational life and health.

When asked for the Congregation Name, please enter Harrisonville HUMC.
When asked for the Conference Name, please enter Missouri Conference.

Scan QR Code for survey link

