



**VETERANS
APPRECIATION
DINNER**

**Saturday, February 18
4:30—7 pm**

If you have served our country, Boy Scout Troop 100 wants to thank you with an appreciation dinner and entertainment provided by the Scouts.

On the menu will be ham and beans or chili, drink and dessert, all FREE of charge.

RSVP by February 9!

Contact us

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Sunday Worship Experience

Heritage: 8:15 am
The Crossing: 10:45 am
CrossWalk (a learning time for all ages) 9:30 am

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Collecting for a Cause

Our mission

To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision

To provide safe haven where people:

- Encounter Christ's love and God's grace
- Become committed Christians
- Experience a sense of belonging



Roll over this QR code with your smart phone to be linked instantly to our website!

Once again, February is our church's turn to collect food items for distribution at the Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry. Last year we collected 1,366 canned or boxed items, 205 pounds of beans and rice plus cash donations of \$1,420. The food items were handed out to the families needing assistance and the dollars were used to purchase additional food items from Harvesters in Kansas City.



Demand at the pantry is hard to explain. Thanksgiving 2011 we had 355 families at our door while at Christmas, 226. I do know that a typical Friday sees 8 to 12 new families signing up for assistance. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, each Friday had 10 to 22 new families sign up.

Two major changes occurred at the pantry last year. One is that Harvesters changed their focus from canned items to fresh produce. We receive a truck containing approximately

14,000 pounds of food every second Friday and fifth Thursday of the month. These trucks normally contain an assortment of yogurt, apples, oranges, bananas, potatoes, sweet potatoes, cabbage, lettuce, berries, bread and carrots.

This amount of fresh produce forced us to move forward on the second major change, a walk-in cooler to store left-over items and keep fresh berries from becoming moldy when kept overnight. When the community learned of the need, they responded with the funds and the cooler has been in use since this past June. Starting in September, word was spread about the need for a walk-in freezer. The community again responded and the freezer is scheduled to be installed the first week of February.

Additional food is normally purchased from Harvesters during the weeks without a truck. Previous years, items were plentiful but with the change to fresh produce, variety and availability has been reduced. The bread store in Grandview normally supplies the pantry with a pick-up load of bread every week. The pantry's phone number is also on file at the Wal-Mart distribution center. If items are refused by the center and the trucker is willing, a call is placed to us and we meet, normally at Flying J in Peculiar around midnight, to receive the donation.

This year, it would be most helpful to the pantry if we focused on the following:

- February 5 – Soup and canned fruit
- February 12 – Canned vegetables
- February 19 – Pasta, dry beans and rice
- February 26 – Canned meats and peanut butter

Thank you for your continuing support.

Cecil Law





A month has come and gone since Christmas and the memories of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are still vivid in my mind. We were so blessed during our Christmas season by talented singers and musicians, soloists and instrumentalists, wonderful music, special Christmas programs by our Latch Key Ministry children, and the young people of our children's ministry, and very good weather!

I am so very grateful to all of you who worked with our children to provide such meaningful Christmas musicals and I am grateful to our staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes for weeks to help me prepare worship for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Thank you to our choir, praise band, singers, music leaders, musicians, hospitality hosts, greeters, ushers and our altar guild. And I know there were many others who contributed in very meaningful ways. We were blessed in all that we shared together, and we were a blessing to our guests who joined us for our multiple worship experiences.

Melissa and I are also grateful for the many cards and letters we received over the holidays. It is always a blessing to receive letters and pictures sharing how families are doing and how children are growing. And we are especially thankful for the gift from all of you demonstrating your generosity and friendship. We feel blessed to be a part of this congregation.

As we look to this New Year...the season of Lent is near. Lent is the season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins in about a month on Wednesday, February 22 (Ash Wednesday) and ends on Holy Saturday, which is the day before Easter morning, April 8. We will offer the two traditional Ash Wednesday worship services on February 22 at noon and 6:30 p.m. Please make a note in your calendar.

Our choir is preparing for its annual Easter cantata and several ministry teams are preparing for our annual Spring Adventure on our parking lot on Saturday, April 7. This is always a church-wide effort and we want to encourage everyone to be a part of this opportunity to reach out to our children and to the children in our community at this fun event offering games and activities, live music and an egg hunt.

Our year is off to a great start and I have no doubt that God will continue to bless us as we strive to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Blessings,
Pastor Scott

January Sermon Series

This month we are answering the question, "What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?" Each week will look at particular faith beliefs and what we should know as faithful Christians. Hear these upcoming sermons at the 8:15 (Heritage) or 10:45 (The Crossing) worship services:

- Jan. 29: *What's the Least I Need to Know About Salvation?*
- Feb. 5: *What's the Least I Need to Know About God?*

Youth Ministry

2012 Summer Mission Trips

\$50 Deposit
Due January 29

Mid-High
Joplin, MO
July 20
through
August 3



Senior High
Joplin, MO
July 8
through
July 13

Winter Jam Concert

Friday, Feb. 17 5—11 pm
Sprint Center

Only \$10! Sign up on the bulletin board
outside Lois' office.

Confirmation Class

Over the next 6 weeks, the youth will be given a basic knowledge and understanding of the Christian story through study, journaling and learning together.



Schedule

Sunday, 4:00-5:30 pm
Mid-Hi & Senior Hi at Same Time, but
meet separately

Jan 29: Regular Schedule

Feb 5: "Souper" Bowl Party @ 5 pm

Fri, Feb 18: Winter Jam Concert

Feb 19: Regular Schedule

Feb 26: Food Pantry Service Project—
deliver food donations to pantry.

"Souper" Bowl Sunday

Invite your friends/family for a great
game night at HUMC! Kick-off at 5 pm.
Bring a snack to share and cans of
soup to donate.

2012 Summer Camp

Information is here— check it out at
www.momethodist.org/mocamps
Or scan this code with your
smart phone barcode app!



Lois Green

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Prayers for Church Family

Please let us know when someone is ill, hospitalized or in need of pastoral care by calling the office.

Prayers for Military Members

2175th MPW	Unit of James Jacobs
Brandon Almqvist	Great nephew of Ed Roberts
Brian Bell	Grandson of Vera Bell
Stephen Black	Son of Jeff & Michelle Black
Nathan Briggs	Great nephew of Eldon & Ellen Kew
Andrew & William Cobb	Sons of John & Debbie Cobb
April & Becky Cobb	D-I-L's of John & Debbie Cobb
Brent Farnen	Cousin of Debbie Wood
Brian, Erik & Patrick Feild	Nephews of Helen Famuliner
Jim Fields	Brother of Jenny Allen
Father Robert Glasgow	Nephew of Lee Kingery
Guye Gulickson	S-I-L of Darryl & Vickie Lawrence
Alex Hunter	Grandson of Jay & Helga Hunter
Derek Hunter	Grandson of Cecil & Alice Law
Timothy J. Hunter	Son of Jay & Helga Hunter
Brian Huttinger	Son of Allison Huttinger
James Jacobs	Husband of Tracy Jacobs
Bryan Johnson	Nephew of Charla Yoder
Megan Kennington	G-daughter of Cecil & Alice Law
Michael Kinnaman	Grandnephew of Wanda Morris
Todd Lincoln	Husband of Kim (Cobb) Lincoln
Ryan Maid	Son of Shirley Maid
Evan & Zach Marconett	Sons of Glen & Clara Wolf
James McGee	Son-in-Law of Ruth Lehr
Brandon Nash	Great nephew of Edith Davis
Milt Nation	Nephew of Karen Olson
Loren Newkirk	Son-in-law of Glenn & Clara Wolf
Bailey Norton	Son of Rev. Scott & Rev. Melissa Bailey-Kirk
Jason & Carolyn Price	Grandchildren of Onalee Price
Nathan Rutherford	G-son of Ben & Velma Fletcher
Travis and Beth Ryan	Nephew/ niece of Ed & Gail Roberts
Rusty Scott	Son of Delene Scott
Kevin Taylor	Grandson of Geraldine Pirtle
Chap Major Sam Tucker	Friend of Udell & Nancy Wolff
Matthew Umland	Great-Nephew of Fannie Sanders

Prayers for Extended Church Family

Prayers for Church & Extended Family are not included on the online version for the newsletter. Call the office or see the Sunday bulletin for updated prayer requests.

Names are left on church family/extended prayer lists for three weeks. If you want a name to remain on the list or to be put back on, contact the church office or list them on the prayer request form located in the sanctuary pews.

Attendance CrossWalk Worship Offering

1/15	100	215	\$4327
1/22	86	214	\$6591

Acolytes

Jan 29 Bethany & Blake

Feb 5 Bethany & Max

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YOU ARE INVITED TO A "SOUPER" BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 5 Kick-off @ 5 pm



Watch the game with all your friends at HUMC! The Super Bowl will be shown on a giant screen in the RCLC (gym) and for those not watching the game, there will be various activities to play (board and videogames).

Bring a can of soup to donate, a snack to share, your friends, and your favorite bean bag/big pillow/comfy chair. Drinks will be provided.

Food Pantry

The next date for our church to work at the Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry is Friday, January 27. We will start at 1:15 pm. Call the office at 816-380-3424 to sign up.

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, February 21 11:30 am

We are a group which meets every month for lunch at a restaurant in Harrisonville for food and friendly conversation. Join us February 21 at Branding Iron BBQ. All church family is invited.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

We are ready to start making our Children's wing spectacular and we need all artists on board. I would like to get together and come up with ideas, themes, colors, etc. No one person will have to do ALL the work, but if we all work together we can make a space where kids are excited to come to and NEVER want to leave.

Contact Kristi Meeks, Director of Children's Ministry, if you are interested at meeksk@harrisonville.k12.mo.us.

Thank You

On behalf of the Altar Guild, we would like to say a special thank you to Wendy Verbeek, Color Star Growers, for donating the poinsettias which are beautifying the sanctuary, narthex and prayer chapel. Wendy has requested that money received for the poinsettias be given to the Outreach committee and be used for assisting families within our community as needed. Again, thank you Wendy for your contribution and all those who generously purchased a poinsettia.

Page 3 Heather Caruthers and Lee Cunningham

The Harrisonville Middle School (HMS) Cat's Closet has changed dramatically. With the help of a lot of HUMC people and the funds made available from a grant and HUMC, renovation of the school's storage space began in December. Taylor Morse, a senior at Harrisonville High School who is interested in becoming an architect was asked to be on the design team. George Morse was also involved in design and construction of the shelving units. Our youth painted the shelving units (great way to spend Christmas break). Storage units for clothes have been bought so that the Closet could be opened and ready for student use. Currently the HMS leadership team which includes three of our HUMC youth: Dakota Mathew, Liam Redinger, and Tucker Quinn, are getting the clothes sorted to be hung (with hangers donated by Kohl's) and displayed.



As the work was going on, the need for clothes from the Closet was great. A young person needed something warm to wear during the school hours because he only had on a short sleeve t-shirt. Another youth needed jeans, a winter coat, shirts and socks; then asked if a sister could also get some clothes. Through our help, middle school students were able to have clothes so that they could participate in the holiday choir concerts. Almost every day students go to the Closet for clothes.

So what else can be done? There are a couple of ways for you to serve.

1. Help sort clothes and straighten the closet.
2. Donate boys & girls athletic socks, boxer briefs, girls underwear—all in a variety of sizes.
3. Shop for items for the Closet



If you can help in any of these ways, contact Ann Morse at morse88@embarqmail.com or Lois Green at lgreen@hvilleumc.org.

As we reach out into the community to serve, we are fulfilling the mission and vision of our church. We are living into what God calls us to do.

Sympathies

Our prayers are with Frances Kochsmeier and family. Ralph Kochsmeier, long-time member of HUMC, passed away January 18.

Are you looking for a hands-on way to serve God?

United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women whose entire program focuses on mission. Our mission initiatives include equipping women and girls of all racial, ethnic, language and economic groups around the world to be leaders. These initiatives provide opportunities to grow spiritually, provide transformative educational experiences, organize for growth and flexibility, and work for justice through service and advocacy.

Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

Here are the organizations supported by Harrisonville UMW in the past year:

Harrisonville

- HUMC Relay for Life team
- HUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Food Pantry
- Nursing homes (lap robes)
- Cass Co Sheltered Workshop
- Ministerial Alliance
- Bereavement dinners for HUMC families
- Hope Haven
- Supplies/camping fees for HUMC children/youth
- Thrift Store

Kansas City

- Scarritt Bennett Center
 - Spofford Home
 - InterServ
 - Grace United Community Ministries
 - Della Lamb
- ### Missouri
- Local and district missions
 - Festival of Sharing
 - Prison Ministry, Chillicothe
 - El Mesias Church: Monett, MO

National & International

- Four Corners Ministries (AZ)
- American Bible Society (Bibles for our troops)
- School of Missions for women/youth
- Helen Shepherd (Missionary: Mongolia)
- Mutarara UMC in Mozambique (sent birthing kits)



For more information on UMW, go to <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/umw/about/mission> or scan the QR code to the right with a smart phone barcode scanner.

Thank You

Doris and I want to thank you for your generous Christmas love gift. Including the car—talk about *sub* compacts (made by Hot Wheels)! We are also very grateful for your prayers, cards, and greetings during Doris' convalescence. She is getting better.

George and Doris Moore

Thank you very much for all the support you have given me and my family.

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