

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

The Christmas season is winding down and the pace of life is returning to something closer to normal. As we move back into our routines and everyday activities one of the take-a-ways from this season is the Hope we have in Jesus. Hope for the future, hope for the church, hope for individuals as they struggle with life, and hope in our salvation. The challenge for each of us will be to carry the hope we have through all of 2017. One of the things I have done in the past to help me with this is to leave one Christmas decoration sitting out in my office at home. When I am working at home, reading, writing, or just catching up, I can pause for a moment, see the decoration I left out on purpose, and be reminded once again that the beginning of the story of our salvation starts at Christmas. Try it this year; it works for me.

As we move into 2017 we have a couple of mid-winter events coming up that you will want to participate in. On Saturday January 7th we will gather in Thompson Hall for the annual Youth Trivia Night Fundraiser. Put together a team and come and match wits with others and let's see who can raise the most money to sponsor our youth as they go to WOW, mission trips, and participate in our local community.

And, the first weekend in February is the annual Chili cook-off with somewhat of a twist. This year not only will we have the chili cooking contest along with the dessert auction, but we are also sponsoring a table decorating contest. Get together a group of creative types, put together a Chili Cook-Off theme table decoration and enter the contest. Let Donna Rives or Dennis Brouillette know if you plan to enter chili, donate a dessert for the auction, or have a group entering the table decorating contest. Hurry— the space for entries is limited. And, yes; there will be a prize for the table decoration contest.

Looking forward to a great start of 2017,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Day", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pastor Jim

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PRAYER LIST — SHARING CONCERNS, JOYS AND WITNESSES

FAMILY OF TRACY DOBBS * DENNY MURROW * PAT GRADY (JANE MYERS' COUSIN) * DOTTIE LUELF * BOB MYERS * CAROL RAPP * HAROLD WHEELER * CHRISTINA HUTCHINSON (NANCY & ROY WITHAM'S GRANDDAUGHTER) * WALLY FOWLER * CAROL COLE * KAREN FRAZIER * ELAINE BLACKWELL * BOB WHITE * PAUL HEIL * KRISTEN TURNER * CONNIE MCGREW * LOIS HILDRETH * JERRY THOMPSON * BOB CAMPBELL * SHAWN PEDERSON (KAREN PEDERSON'S SON) * JANICE REYNOLDS * BRAD (RUTH FOWLER'S BROTHER-IN-LAW) * GARY GOSWICK * PAUL SAMUELSON (WILLIAM & NANCY CULVER'S BROTHER-IN-LAW) * NANCY POPE & MARTHA WOODS (FRIENDS OF MARCIE CRANDALL) * JOANN MONTGOMERY (PAT BEFFA'S SISTER)

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FACING HARD TIMES DUE TO FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS

- * BAHULA UMC, MOZAMBIQUE (OUR SISTER CHURCH)
- * ALL MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY
- * LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED OF FOOD, EMPLOYMENT AND / OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS RESIDING IN LONG-TERM-CARE FACILITIES

- * **LAKESIDE MEADOWS** — DONNA MCCLAUGHRY * JACKIE UFHEIL * PHYLLIS HOVENDICK
- * MARGARET BERRY * RUTH CRAIG * ELAINE BLACKWELL * FERN MCGREW * JUANITA GROTE * IRENE SCHULTE * MARY BARBER
- * **OZARK HEALTHCARE CENTER** — RUBY SHORT

HARPER CHAPEL STAFF MEMBERS

PASTOR — JIM DAY

RESIDENT BISHOP — ROBERT FARR

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT — SHERRY HABBEN

CHILDREN'S / YOUTH MINISTER / SHINING STARS DIRECTOR — NIKKI BRAUER

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT — JO ELLEN STEEN

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER — SUSAN BUCKINGHAM

PARISH NURSE — HAZEL CROY

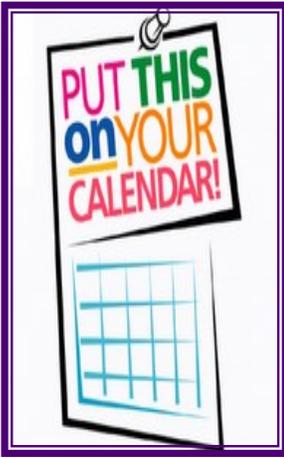
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The first two Sunday afternoons of each month Harper Chapel ministers at local Nursing facilities. We invite ALL those interested in taking part to join us.



Having a difficult time?

Call on a Stephen Minister for provide emotional and spiritual support. This service is free and confidential! Contact the church office 573-348-2617 for more information. The next meeting is Monday, January 9th at 4PM. We look forward to seeing you.

Online Electronic Church Directory

Want to access the Harper Chapel Electronic Online Church Directory? There's an app for that! Follow these simple steps and you're "good to go"— but FIRST, your email address MUST be loaded into the church directory to be recognized and assigned a password. Please let the church office know if your email isn't listed.

1. Search "Instant Church Directory" in your app store;
2. Download the app on your mobile device;
3. Sign in and receive your password;
4. Log in and enjoy the new online directory

Accessing the Online Directory via the web:

1. Go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com;
2. Click on "church members sign in";
3. Created your log-in (username) (if it's your first time signing in). A password will be issued and emailed to you;
4. Sign in & enjoy the online directory!



January 2017

- 2 Karl Buckingham
- 3 Paul Schaefer
- 4 Donna Rives
- 7 Maurice Overlander
- 8 Natalie Pasley
- 9 Donna McClaughry, Rachel Taylor
- 10 Don Crandall
- 11 Jeanne Gordon
- 12 Carol Wheeler
- 13 Tom Hoeft
- 15 Debbie Larson, David Mossman
- 16 Steve Kahrs, Brandon Pasley
- 17 Nancy Overlander
- 18 Lyn Hoeft
- 19 Jerry Hammond
- 20 Norma Mills
- 21 Josie Dinsdale, Polly Dinsdale
- 22 Brandon Campbell, Jack Wesels
- 25 Paul Baur
- 26 Kristi McGrew
- 27 Colleen Brayfield, Shirley Coleman
- 28 George Schifferdecker
- 29 Roberta Johns, Diane Oltmann
- 30 Kylie Wilcox
- 31 Bill Pemberton

If your birthday isn't listed it's most likely because it isn't recorded in or on the church records. If you'd like us to list your birthday (or anniversary), please leave word with your Administrative Assistant Jo Ellen.

IGNITE YOUTH HAPPENINGS

WE'VE BEEN REALLY BUSY SINCE SCHOOL BEGAN. WE MEET EACH WEDNESDAY NIGHT FROM 6:00-8:00 AND HAVE DINNER, LEARNING TIME AND GAME TIME. WE'RE AVERAGING 70 YOUTH A NIGHT.

THE 3RD-10TH GRADERS ARE USING "ORANGE CURRICULUM" THIS YEAR. THE DEVELOPERS OF ORANGE CREATED 252 BASICS FOR ELEMENTARY-AGED KIDS AND IT'S BASED ON THE THREE BASIC TRUTHS FOUND IN LUKE 2:52: 1) I NEED TO MAKE THE WISE CHOICE, 2) I CAN TRUST GOD NO MATTER WHAT, 3) I SHOULD TREAT OTHERS THE WAY I WANT TO BE TREATED.

THE DEVELOPERS OF ORANGE ALSO CREATED THE 6TH-10TH GRADERS CURRICULUM TO HELP THEM EXPERIENCE THREE THINGS: 1) WONDER FOR WHO GOD IS, 2) DISCOVERY OF WHO HE CREATED THEM TO BE AND HOW HE LOVES THEM, 3) PASSION FOR LOVING OTHERS THE WAY HE LOVES US. THERE ARE MATERIALS TO SEND HOME FOR THE KIDS AND THE PARENTS SO THEY CAN EXTEND THEIR LEARNING THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. IT'S PROVING TO BE A FANTASTIC LEARNING TOOL FOR US.

THE 11TH AND 12TH GRADERS HAVE BEEN DOING SOME VIDEO SERIES. CURRENTLY WE ARE STUDYING, "NOT A FAN: TEEN EDITION." THIS SERIES ENCOURAGES US TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AND SEE WHETHER WE'RE FANS OF JESUS OR TRUE FOLLOWERS.

WE ALSO COMPLETED SOME SERVICE PROJECTS IN OUR GROUPS. WE MADE SOME BLANKETS TO TAKE TO HELPING HANDS FOR THEM TO HAND OUT. WE ALSO MADE CHRISTMAS CARDS TO TAKE TO THE NURSING HOMES, AND WE MADE THE SIGNS THAT YOU SEE AROUND THE CHURCH.

IN JANUARY, WE WILL HAVE OUR **ANNUAL "TRIVIA NIGHT" FUNDRAISER** ON THE 7TH AT 6 PM. WE'LL ALSO BE ATTENDING **WOW** ON THE 21ST AND 22ND.

BLESSINGS,

NIKKI BRAUER
CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIRECTOR

FROM MISSIONS

LISA WAYMAN WRITES:

*"I WOULD LIKE TO THANK HARPER CHAPEL FOR THE GENEROUS DONATION TO MY UPCOMING TRIP TO GUATEMALA IN FEBRUARY WITH **MEDICAL MISSIONS FOR CHRIST**. DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR BIBLES, MEDICATIONS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TO THIS MISSION, PLEASE MAKE DONATIONS TO HARPER CHAPEL WITH MEDICAL MISSIONS FOR CHRIST IN THE MEMO."*

THE PEOPLE HARDEST TO SHOP FOR

Q: HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO USE 15,000 FEET OF TOILET PAPER?

A: LESS THAN A **MONTH!**

THAT'S CORRECT — THAT WHY **SHARE THE HARVEST FOOD BANK** HANDS OUT TWO (2) ROLLS OF TP PER FAMILY PER MONTH AND BARELY MAKES IT THROUGH A MONTH WITH 768 ROLLS. THAT'S HOW MUCH NEED THERE IS IN THE PORTION OF CAMDEN COUNTY WHICH THEY SERVE.

THE UNITED METHODIST MEN ARE TRYING TO LEAD OUR FAITH FAMILY IN THIS LOCAL *MISSIONAL* EFFORT. THEY HAVE A SOURCE FROM WHICH THEY PURCHASE THE TOILET TISSUE FOR UNDER 40 CENTS FOR A 500-SHEET ROLL. AND THAT'S DELIVERED TO SHARE THE HARVEST! THE ROLLS ARE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SO THEY CAN BE HANDED OUT TO MEET INDIVIDUAL NEEDS. THE MONTHLY OFFERING IS DONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH **DO-NUT SUNDAY ON THE 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**. WE'RE TRYING TO TURN OUR ACT OF HOSPITALITY INTO AN ACT OF *MISSIONAL* GIVING, AND WE REALLY NEED MORE SUPPORT.

PLEASE CONSIDER SPECIAL GIVING EACH MONTH TO MEET THIS LOCAL NEED. IF THE 1ST WEEK OF THE MONTH DOESN'T WORK FOR YOU, GIVE WHEN YOU CAN WITH YOUR REGULAR GIVING AND MAKE NOTE OF HOW MUCH YOU'RE ADDING FOR MISCELLANEOUS GIVING AND WRITE "TP" IN THE NOTE SECTION OF THE GIVING ENVELOPE. IT'S THAT EASY TO DO YOUR PART. WE ALREADY HAVE A NUMBER OF MONTHLY GIVERS OF \$5 TO \$40; WITH A FEW MORE, WE CAN EASILY MEET THIS NEED EVERY MONTH.

THANK YOU.



3RD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 16TH (OR EARLIER)
YOU MAY CALL IN, EMAIL, OR
DROP OFF MONDAY THRU FRI-
DAY BEFORE NOON OR FROM
1—3 EACH AFTERNOON



**United
Methodist
Women**
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

WILL MEET FOR ITS FIRST 2017 MEETING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH AT 10:30 AM IN THOMPSON HALL. WE WILL BE INSTALLING NEW OFFICERS AND *THEN* BE GUESTS AT A VERY SPECIAL PROGRAM: “SAUDI ARABIA — THROUGH THE EYES OF RENEE CANVER”; RENEE WILL BE SHARING HER EXPERIENCES LIVING IN RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA, FROM 2007—2010. HER POWERPOINT PRESENTATION DETAILS ASPECTS OF A CULTURE SO DIFFERENT FROM OUR OWN.

LUNCH WILL FOLLOW AT NOON!

ANY WOMAN MAY BECOME A MEMBER OF HARPER CHAPEL UMW BY PLEDGING TO SHARE HER PRAYERS, SERVICES AND TALENTS. OUR MISSION AREAS INCLUDE SPIRITUAL GROWTH, SOCIAL ACTION, EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION, AND MEMBERSHIP NURTURING & OUTREACH. COME BE A PART OF OUR “SMALL GROUP”; IT’S A GREAT WAY TO MEET OTHER LADIES AT HARPER CHAPEL UMC! FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SUE WESTENHAVER AT 573-302-0411 OR EMAIL WWW.HARBOURRIDGEINN.COM

UNITED METHODIST MEN

... MEET EACH MONDAY EVENING AT 7:00 FOR A TIME OF BIBLE STUDY. WE INVITE ALL MEN TO JOIN THIS GROUP AT THAT TIME.

COME JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY MORNING AT 6:30 AT COZY CAFÉ IN OSAGE BEACH FOR A TIME OF BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP.

THE UMM GENERALLY HOLDS ITS MONTHLY MEETINGS ON THE 4TH THURSDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH. THE NEXT UMM SESSION WILL BE THE 26TH AT 7:00.

Board OF Trustees' MEETING

HARPER CHAPEL UMC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS EVERY 4TH TUESDAY EVENING OF THE MONTH. THIS MONTH’S MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 24TH AT 6:30PM. ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE ATTEND!

LETTERS OF THANKS

HARPER CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HAS RECEIVED A LETTER OF THANKS AND A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FROM THE MOZAMBIQUE INITIATIVE, ALONG WITH AN AUTHENTIC MOZAMBICAN PAINTING FROM INHAMBANE, A COASTAL CITY IN THE COUNTRY'S SOUTHERN REGION. THE PAINTINGS DO NOT DERIVE FROM TRADITIONAL AFRICAN ART, BUT THEY DO ORIGINATE FROM EAST AFRICAN CULTURE.

THE PAINTING IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FRAMED AND WILL BE POSTED, ALONG WITH THE CERTIFICATE, IN THE 200 HALLWAY AT THE MOZAMBIQUE BULLETIN BOARD. HARPER CHAPEL PROUDLY SPONSORS OUR SISTER CHURCH IN BAHULA , MOZAMBIQUE, WITH ITS ENDEAVORS TO BUILD A WELL FOR FRESH WATER, AMONG OTHER ASPECTS OF SUPPORT. EVERY 5TH SUNDAY AT HARPER CHAPEL UMC IS DESIGNATED "SPARE CHANGE SUNDAY"; ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD THIS WORTHY MISSIONS PROJECT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIVING.

FROM THE MUSIC TEAM

WHAT A JOYOUS MUSICAL ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON WE HAD HERE AT HARPER CHAPEL AND IN THE COMMUNITY. HOPEFULLY WITHOUT FORGETTING ANYONE, WE THANK ALL OF THOSE WHO SHARED THEIR TIME AND TALENTS: HARPER CHAPEL CHANCEL CHOIR, PRAISE BAND, HAND BELL CHOIR, AND KEYBOARDISTS IN THE REGULAR SERVICES; THE CHRISTMAS CAROLERS AT OZARK HEALTHCARE CENTER AND LAKESIDE MEADOWS; THE CHILDREN AND DIRECTOR NANCY CULVER IN THE CHRISTMAS PLAY; EVERYONE WHO SANG ALONG AT THE CHRISTMAS DINNER; THE CHURCH MEMBERS WHO RANG SALVATION ARMY BELLS AT WOODS SUPERMARKET IN OSAGE BEACH; SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMERS; AUDIO/VIDEO TECHNICIANS.

FINALLY, THE MUSIC TEAM WANTS TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN SO SUPPORTIVE OF OUR EFFORTS. AFTER CATCHING OUR BREATH, WE'LL START AGAIN IN JANUARY, PREPARING FOR THE LATE WINTER AND SPRING "SEMESTER". WE WELCOME NEW PEOPLE TO JOIN US, PARTICULARLY IN THE CHANCEL AND HAND BELL CHOIRS. THESE GROUPS REHEARSE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS.

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN MUSIC AND WOULD LIKE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS AT HARPER CHAPEL, PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE MUSIC TEAM LEADERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

— MARY ENGELS, JO BETH NICKLAS, & MICHAEL FULK