

THE GOOD NEWS!

August 2026



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24-25

This summer, we have ventured in the wilderness through our summer sermon series. The past seven weeks have drawn our focus into what we should do when we encounter the wilderness (or places and times of temptation, testing, and further growth with God). At any given moment, someone in our community is navigating the wilderness. Whether it be tension at work, difficulty at home, a new diagnosis (or the flare up of an old one), the loss of a loved one, or a new relationship, we are called to be a community of faith.

These two verses from Hebrews remind us of the ways we can be a community for one another, regardless of where we find ourselves. We all should be showing love and doing good deeds, but it doesn't end there! We should also be provoking one another to do the same. Just like how joy and excitement is contagious, let our love and service to others spread like confetti and spur others to act.

It's also important for us to be together! I think we all remember what the pandemic was like and how so many of us needed encouragement. We have a greater understanding of how vital human connection is. There are lots of opportunities this month to gather and to encourage one another:

- *Homecoming* – our sister church will be holding their annual special worship service and meal on August 16th at 11:15.
- *Mission Project at Talbert Chapel* – let's break bread together with Talbert Chapel UMC, Jeffersontown UMC, and people from around the Annual Conference August 14-15 from 8:30-3:30. We will also help do mission work around Talbert Chapel's campus.
- *Visioning Meeting* – August 19th from 6-8 – dinner is provided as the whole church gathers to reflect on where God is calling us.
- *VBS for adults* – August 25-27 from 6-8 we are hosting Vacation Bible School... for ADULTS! As we focus on three simple rules of faith, we will craft, play games, preform skits, and gain a greater understanding how to live out our faith.

Summer Book Club (last one!!) – come and encourage one another as we discuss our new book "Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess" by Tom Berlin on August 22nd at Drane's at 9 am!

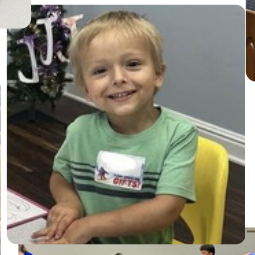
Let us provoke one another this month to good deeds,

Rev. Jess Welch



Summer Fun at Hardinsburg UMC!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026



THANK YOU
TO OUR
WONDERFUL
VOLUNTEERS!



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

AUG 25-27

6-8 PM

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HARDINSBURG KY 40143

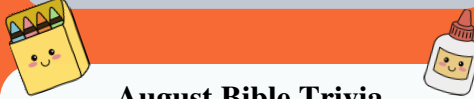
Hardinsburg
United Methodist Church

VBS
for
ADULTS

"Three Simple Rules"

VBS for Adults!

All adults ages 18-100 are invited to come to VBS for adults! This will be different than traditional Sunday school or Bible studies. We'll have snacks, games, skits, and more as we focus on our theme "Three Simple Rules" that sum up our faith. **Tuesday through Thursday, August 25 to 27 from 6 to 8 pm!**



August Bible Trivia

Who was the first person in the Bible to name God?

- A. Hagar
- C. Moses
- B. Abraham
- D. David

MINISTRY ACTION TEAM

Monday, Aug. 10th & Monday, Aug. 31st

at 1:00 pm

in the heart & soul room

BACK TO SCHOOL

BACKPACK & SUPPLY GIVEAWAY!

PREPARE FOR SUCCESS. START THE YEAR WITH CONFIDENCE!

AUGUST 2ND 5:00 PM

BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

FREE

SUPPORTING OUR KIDS. BUILDING OUR FUTURE.

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

On Sunday, August 2nd from 5 to 7, come join us at the Back-to-School bash at the fairgrounds as we pass out glue sticks to 400 students. Additionally, we need help collecting glue sticks. We have already collected 628 of our 800 goal! Please consider buying glue sticks and bringing them to church or making a financial donation as we support children in our community prepare for school.

Talbert Chapel Homecoming

~ Sunday, August 16 at 11:15 ~

Join our sister church, Talbert Chapel, for their homecoming celebration on Sunday, August 16th at 11:15 am. Rev. Elizabeth Smith, senior pastor of Jeffersontown UMC and African American Ministry Coordinator for the Kentucky Annual Conference, will be preaching. After worship, please stay for our church meal!

Neighbor Helping Neighbor ~ Breaking Bread Together ~



Churches from around the Annual Conference will be gathering at Talbert Chapel UMC August 14-15 from 8:30-3:30 central for a weekend of service and breaking bread together. We need help in the kitchen and to assist with the mission work. Please RSVP by emailing esmith@kyumc.net or by calling 502-267-1437.

UNITED METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISSION

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Pick-up day is Monday, August 3rd

Please drop donations at the Good Samaritan Center before August 3rd

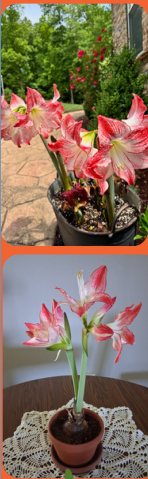
BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION

JAM SESSIONS

TUESDAYS in MEMORIAL HALL 6 - 9 pm

Ephesians Bible Study

Save the date! Our next Bible Study will be Wednesdays from 2:30-4 pm beginning September 2nd through October 30th, with the last week held on Monday, October 5th. We will explore the book of Ephesians. This is Bible study is open to all people – whether you’ve never read the Bible or if you read it daily – we will certainly learn and grow together! This Bible study is a part of Pastor Tess’s ordination process, come to learn & support her as well.



SUMMER BOOK CLUB

TOM BERLIN

RESTORED

FINDING REDEMPTION IN OUR MESS

Saturday, August 22nd at 9:00 am at Drane's Kurve Inn to discuss



Blessing Team

Meets every Monday at 9:30 am in the Heart & Soul rm

Every Joy. Every Sorrow. Every Prayer

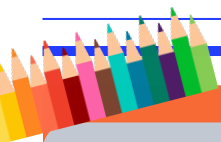


Administrative Council Meeting

Monday, Aug. 17th 6:00 pm in the Heart & Soul rm

More Summer Fun at Hardinsburg UMC!





Visioning Meeting

Everyone who calls HUMC their church is encouraged to attend our visioning meeting on Wednesday, August 19th from 6 to 8 in our Memorial Hall. We will have dinner. This conversation will help us reflect on God’s movement within our church and guide us to take the next faithful steps. We will reflect on these questions. If you are unable to attend, please still send Pastor Tess your thoughts.

- How would you describe this church & it’s essential DNA in 1-2 words?
- What are our deepest hopes for our church?
- Give an example of our church at its best from the past 24 months.
- What’s holding us back from being the church God is calling us to be?
- How might we celebrate our church’s 200th anniversary in a way that celebrates our past and points to our future?

HUMC VISIONING Together

REFLECT. DISCERN. DREAM. TOGETHER.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

6:00 - 8:00 PM

MEMORIAL HALL

We will have PIZZA!

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5

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Our past has shaped us.
Our future is in God’s hands.

LET’S DISCERN IT TOGETHER.

SINGLE LADIES SUPPER CLUB

2:30 PM
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH
AT WILMA THOMAS’S HOME

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SALAD



MADE WITH LOVE (AND A LITTLE GLUE).

CRAFT GROUP

Wednesday, Aug. 19th & Thursday, Aug. 20th
Doors open at 9:30 am
Heart & Soul rm



You have one business on earth – to save souls.
– John Wesley



Looking Ahead in September . . .

Saturday Sept. 26th at 10 am

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Hardinsburg United Methodist Church
Parking Lot
123 S. Main St

July Bible Trivia Answer
Which of these books is the shortest book of the Bible based on word count?

A. Philemon
B. Jude
C. 2 John
D. 3 John



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