

THE GOOD NEWS!

September 2026



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

“Do not store up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21

Some of y’all may know I tripped a few weeks ago on some steps and cut the bottom of my left big toe. I went to the doctor, and they wrapped it so that I wouldn’t reopen the wound. The healing process wasn’t very painful, it was just... awkward. I ended up walking primarily on the outside of my foot to keep pressure off of the toe and I had to adjust what shoes I wore where. After about a week and a half, I started walking normally and didn’t have to wrap it anymore. But then I had horrible back pain on the left side. After walking differently for an extended time, I had gotten so out of alignment that walking at my normal rhythm was painful!

Have you ever been out of alignment before? It’s not an easy process, when our bodies are out of alignment, we have pain. The same hurt happens when our priorities are out of alignment. The above passage for Matthew is a helpful reminder for what truly matters. If it can be destroyed by moth, rust, or theft, then that is not our priority. Instead, we should prioritize our treasure up in heaven.

I had a moment a few months ago where a member of HUMC was sharing the delicious fruit they had just gotten locally. When I responded to their encouragement to shop there with, “I don’t have [insert shop’s name] money,” they said, “well, you can’t take it with you!” I can’t describe to you how helpful that reminder was. The reminder to enjoy God’s creation – including the gifts of rich & ripe fruit – and to focus more on what I am reaping for the kingdom than what’s in my bank account.

Are you in alignment? As summer comes to an end, we have a wonderful opportunity to recalibrate and live out our deepest priorities that will not rust nor fade. Let us take time to prioritize building God’s Kingdom here on Earth. Here are some of the ways you might consider taking that next step:

- Ephesians Bible Study – Every Wed in Sept. from 230 to 400 pm.
- Young Adult Bible Study – Every other Monday – Sept 7 and 21 from 630 to 730 pm
- Blessing of the Animals – September 19th at 10 am.
- Inviting People to Church – your neighbors, strangers, waiters, and more! Consider inviting Pastor Tess to connect with them beforehand!
- Serving God by signing up using our new opportunities to serve table (more information below).

In God’s unending and abiding love,

Rev. Tess Welch



CIRCLE 4
Tuesday, Sept. 1st
1:00 pm
in Memorial Hall



MEN’S BREAKFAST
Sunrise, Sizzle, and Scramble
with the Guys!
SATURDAY, SEPT. 5TH
8:00 AM
IN MEMORIAL HALL



..... HARDINSBURG UMC

BIBLE STUDY

EPHESIANS

Wed. Sept 2 - 30 & Mon. Oct 5

2:30-4 PM

123 S Main St., Hardinsburg

www.HardinsburgUMC.org

270-7565901

Ephesians Bible Study



Every Wednesday in September & Monday, October 5th from 2:30-4:00 pm. 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.

TRUSTEES MEETING



Tuesday, Sept. 2nd
at 1:00 pm
in the Heart & Soul rm

Blessing Team



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



SPRC MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 8th

2:00 pm

in the Heart & Soul rm

MADE WITH LOVE (AND A LITTLE GLUE).

CRAFT GROUP

Wednesday, Sept. 16th & Thursday, Sept. 17th

Doors open at 9:30 am

Heart & Soul rm

September Bible Trivia

Which of the following descriptors does NOT describe John the Baptist?

- A. He shares a family tree with Jesus.
- B. He baptized people in Samaria.
- C. He ate locusts and wild honey.
- D. He wore clothing of camel’s hair and a leather belt.

Single Ladies Supper Club

Tuesday, Sept. 15th

2:30 pm

at Joan Smiley’s home

Sat. Sept. 26th at 10 am

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Hardinsburg United Methodist Church

Parking Lot

123 S. Main St



Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 29th
1:00 pm
in the Heart & Soul rm

Blessing of the Animals

On September 26th at 10 am, we are celebrating and blessing our furry, feathered and scaly friends who enrich our lives! Please bring your pets to our parking lot for a special blessing that honors the love they offer. All creatures, great and small, are welcome (including stuffed animals). Please ensure your animals are leashed, in a carrier, or in a vehicle. Let’s come together in faith and gratitude for God’s creation!

"Life starts all
over again when
it gets crisp in
the fall."
~ F. Scott
Fitzgerald



Talbert Chapel
Potluck & Activity

On Thursday, September 24th, our sister church, Talbert Chapel UMC is gathering for a fellowship night and a potluck on Thursday, September 24th from 6-8 pm. Come break bread with our brothers and sisters at 312 E. Second St. here in Hardinsburg





New Sign-Up Sheet Process

We are testing out a new way to offer opportunities to serve. Instead of passing around a clipboard on Sundays, in September, we are going to have a table in the back of the Sanctuary with the sign-up sheets available. This should help limit distraction during the service and allow everyone to take the time needed as they say yes to serving God in various ways. Please give Pastor Tess feedback on how this trial goes and make sure to utilize it!



Young Adult Bible Study

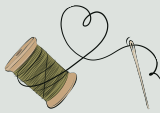
Do you know a young adult (18-35) who is looking for Christian community? Pastor Tess and other young people in Kentucky meet every other Monday at 6:30 pm CT on Zoom for Bible Study. Each session is led by a different young adult and is a place for community and deeper spiritual growth. In September, they will meet on the 7th and 21st.



Quilt Show

On Saturday, Sept. 19th during Market on the Square (Hoedown) from 9 am to 2 pm, come see the beautiful quilts displayed in our Sanctuary and vote for your favorite. Want to volunteer? Contact Suzanne Myers about getting involved.

If you'd like to include a quilt in the show, you may drop off on Friday, Sept. 18th between 2 and 6 pm and pick up on Saturday, Sept. 19th between 2 and 4 pm.



Sat., Sept. 19th
Quilt Show

9 am to 2 pm

Hardinsburg United Methodist Church
123 S Main St

August Bible Trivia Answer

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

A. Hagar

B. Abraham

C. Moses

D. David

MINISTRY ACTION TEAM

**Monday, Sept. 28th
at 1:00 pm
in the Heart & Soul rm**



Stop By & Say Hello!

Pastor Tess invites you to stop by and talk! Whether you have something on your mind, need a listening ear, or simply want to visit, she'd love to hear from you. Drop in during her walk-in hours, or text, email, or call to set up a time that works for you. Text: (713) 454-3778, Email: twelch@kyumc.net

The church office is open Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–Noon. To leave a message at the church office, call (270) 756-5901.



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