

THE GOOD NEWS



A Letter From The Pastor

PASTOR TESS WELCH

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NRSVUE

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. I love the food, the tradition, and the time spent with loved ones. Many of us focus intently on gratitude in November due to this holiday, yet 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 reminds us to give thanks in **all circumstances** – not just on Thanksgiving.

This month, there are many opportunities at HUMC for us to practice gratitude & share God’s love:

1 – All Saints Sunday –

November 2: We will give thanks to God for those who have gone before us in faith.

2 – Upper Room Small Group – Wednesdays at 10 am:

Consider joining our Upper Room Small Group on Wednesdays at 10 am. We will read the Wednesday devotion together, answer the weekly reflection questions, and pray together.

3 - Operation Christmas Child -

November 16th: We will give thanks for the opportunity to bless children around the world with gift-filled shoeboxes for Christmas.

4 – Thanksgiving Day Meal –

November 27 at 11 am: Join us on Thanksgiving for a free community meal in Memorial Hall as we give thanks for our community and love our neighbors.

5 – Soup Can Drive for the Good Samaritan Center: Give thanks for your blessings as you us bless others with our soup can drive. Our goal is 500 cans by Sunday, November 30th.

However you choose to live out your faith this month, may you do so with joy, unceasing prayer, and a heart full of thanksgiving.

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Tess

Community Thanksgiving

Wilma Thomas coordinates our annual Community Thanksgiving Meal, a tradition that began as a way to offer fellowship to anyone without family nearby. Over the years, it has blossomed into a joyful celebration of gratitude and community. Last year, we served more than 100 meals—both dine-in and carry-out—all made possible through donations and volunteers! On Thanksgiving Day, people gather in Memorial Hall for many reasons: to share companionship, enjoy a free meal without the stress of cooking, or simply to be part of something bigger. You're invited to join in—help cook, bring a dessert, or come share the meal with us!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH FROM 11 AM UNTIL FOOD RUNS OUT!



**Circle IV
Tuesday, Nov 4th
@ 2:00 pm
in Memorial Hall**



**Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, Nov 11th
at 1:00 pm in the Heart and Soul rooms**



**Blessing Team
every Monday
@ 9:30 am in the Heart and Soul rooms**



**Ministry Action Team
Monday, Nov 3rd
@ 1:00 pm in the Heart and Soul rooms**

Advent is almost here!

Stores already have Christmas decorations for sale and soon the radio will be playing our favorite tunes as we celebrate the greatest story that ever occurred.

HUMC has two opportunities for you to help us get prepared for the season of Advent where we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

1 - After service on November 23rd - we need all capable hands. Help us to bring our decorations from our upstairs storage downstairs to the sanctuary.

2 - Monday, November 24th, we will deck the halls of HUMC for advent from 3 to 6 pm. Come help us prepare our sanctuary for Christmas and then we will go out to dinner as a church!

Usher Touch Base

Have you ever served as an usher or want to try?

Stay after worship on **Sunday, November 9th** and we'll touch base!

We'll go over best practices, offering, and communion.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Flower Dedications

From November 16th to December 9th we will be taking poinsettia flower dedications (\$10) for our Christmas Eve Service. You are invited to make a dedication in honor or memory of family and friends.



All hands on deck! After service on Nov. 23rd help us move decorations.

Deck the Halls! Nov. 24th we will decorate from 3 to 6 pm and then go out to eat.

Young Adult Picnic at Rough River State Park



The West Region Young Adults (18-35) are hosting a picnic on Saturday, November 8th from 3 to 6 pm. Bring a snack to share & blankets or chairs. We'll enjoy games, fellowship, and the crisp fall air. Register using the QR code or the link below

<https://kyumc-reg.brtaapp.com/Picnic>



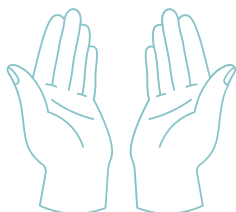
Soup Collection for The Good Samaritan Center

The Good Samaritan Center needs our help! The government shutdown has created hard times for many of our neighbors, especially those who rely on programs like SNAP and WIC. The Good Samaritan Center has asked us to provide **500 cans of soup** for their December food boxes. HUMC has a long history of supporting The Good Samaritan Center. Please bring unexpired cans of soup to HUMC by **Sunday, November 30th**. You may also give a monetary donation and we will purchase soup on your behalf.



Bring your shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child on November 16th! We will bless them so the children who receive them around the world may know God's tender love and care.

OTHER EVENTS TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR



Upper Room
Small Group
Every Wednesday
at 10 am
in the Heart and
Soul rooms

Charge
Conference
November 9th
3 - 4:30 pm
Central City
First UMC



Craft Group
Wed-Thurs
Nov 19-20th
at 9:30 am
in the Soul
room

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TO HARDINSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**SUNDAYS
10 AM WORSHIP
IN PERSON & ON YOUTUBE**