



HARDINSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE GOOD NEWS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

OCTOBER 2026

We have officially begun the season that some of us call “Hallow-Thanks-Mas” aka the blur of events, family gatherings, and shorter days that mark October to December. I have already heard about the slew of ball games, vacations, birthday parties, and more that are upcoming for many of us. For some, this season isn’t as busy as it once was. Some might be impacted by the darkness of the longer nights and feel more alone. Maybe some of us have some dread for what is upcoming.

Now, there is certainly cause for excitement and joy, especially in the life of the church for this season. Our VBS for Adults was a grand time of fellowship and growing deeper, the Spirit has moved in mighty ways through our Ephesians Bible study, and so much more.

Wherever we find ourselves physically, emotionally, and mentally this season, the words that I felt called to share this month are from William D. Longstaff who wrote the hymn, “Take Time to be Holy.” Music has a staying power with us that typical words we might forget. I love these words because they remind us to stay in touch with God, to take time to receive God’s grace through prayer, scripture, gathering as a church, etc.

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in Him always, and feed on His word. Make friends of God’s children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy guide, and run not before Him, whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in His word.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath His control. Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

Take time to be holy my friends, know that you are beloved by our God of abundant love.

Rev. Tess Welch

September Bible Trivia – answer.

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.

October Bible Trivia

Where did Jonah run from?

- A. Sodom
- B. Babylon
- C. Gomorrah
- D. Ninevah
- E. Jericho

A COMMUNITY FOR WOMEN

Circle 4.

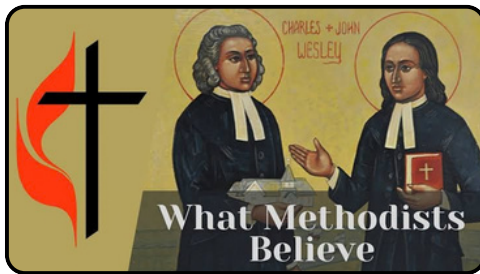
Tuesday, Oct. 6th
at 2:00 pm
in Memorial Hall



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4 WEEK STUDY: UNITED METHODISM 101
BEGINNING SUNDAYS OCTOBER 25 AT 5 PM



What does it mean to be United Methodist? Beginning Sunday, Oct. 25 at 5 pm, we will unpack the basics of what being a United Methodist means. We will learn what makes our theology unique, how United Methodists are connected to across the world, the nature of Kentucky United Methodism, and more! Join us October 25, November 1, November 8, and November 15.

CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION DAY
THANK YOU NOTE COLLECTION

Friday, October 2nd is Custodian Appreciation Day. If you would like to drop off a thank you note to the church office, we will make sure Mary Ann Ramsey, our custodian, receives your appreciation. We are so blessed by the hard work and dedication of Mary Ann, she does a wonderful job working behind the scenes to make sure our facilities are clean, safe, and welcoming.

OPERATIONAL CHRISTMAS CHILD

This month's gopher collection will go toward the shipping of our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Each box costs \$10 to ship to the receiving facility for review and then to be shipped internationally. It might feel too early to talk about Christmas, but it is *less than 85 days away!* As you shop, make sure to remember the little children around the world your generosity can impact!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 1

On Sunday, November 1, we will remember all who have gone on to glory and the ways they have shaped us. We invite you to bring a framed photograph of your loved ones to the service to place in the church windows. Photos can be dropped off from 9-noon the week prior and can be picked up after 10 am service. Please make a note on the back of the frame with your name.

GUEST PREACHER: REV. RENEE JENNINGS, OCT. 4TH

Rev. Renee Jennings is preaching on Sunday, October 4th while Pastor Tess is at a friend's wedding. Pastor Renee serves as a Chaplain Resident at Baptist Health in Louisville. She is an ordained elder in the Kentucky Annual Conference. Pastor Renee has served in a variety of appointments including at River City United Methodist Church and as the campus minister at the Northern Kentucky University Wesley Foundation "Vine and Branches."



NEW THIS YEAR: A CANDY COMPETITION!



We are collecting candy for Trunk or Treat. Last year we had over 300 people on our church property – the most since before our renovation! This year we are adding a competitive twist, each "side" of the sanctuary is competing to collect the most candy! We are hoping to collect at least 8,000 pieces. Please bring candy or trinkets for trunks to pass out. **May the best side win!**

GUEST PREACHER: REV WADE ARP, OCT. 11TH

Rev. Wade Arp is preaching on Sunday, October 11th while Pastor Tess is on her residency Wesley heritage trip. Rev. Wade is our district superintendent. Before being a D.S., he was senior pastor at Nicholasville UMC. He has two college-aged children. Rev. Wade brings a warm spirit to ministry. We are blessed to have him as a district superintendent and look forward to hearing the message God places on his heart.



2ND ANNUAL HUMC TRUNK OR TREAT!

Get your costumes ready and your candy buckets emptied! Following the city parade on October 31, HUMC will enjoy our 2nd Annual HUMC Trunk or Treat! This is one of the funnest nights of the year, with cars dressed up almost as much as the kids! Come stroll through the decorated trunks, and enjoy an evening full of laughter, fellowship, and fall fun. Last year was an incredible success. We're excited to join with our community.

And what better way to kick off the evening than cruisin' in the city parade on your golf cart! We loved seeing our HUMC family represent the church and bring some extra fun and church spirit to the parade. If you joined the Golf Cart Brigade last year, thank you! If you'd like to join our fleet, please reach out to Sheila Eakin.



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