

Harrisburg Happenings

Our Mission: to cultivate authentic relationships with Jesus Christ by worshiping God, growing disciples and loving our neighbors

Join in to help the HUNGRY and FELLOWSHIP with friends.

Rise Against Hunger meal packaging volunteers produce millions of nutritious meals annually. Rise Against Hunger's meal packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. Each meal costs only \$.29. A group of 40-50 Volunteers can package approximately 20,000 meals in 4 hours.



Harrisburg UMC is excited to be in partnership with Pitts School Road Elementary School for this Rise Against Hunger Event. Having this event at Pitts Elementary School provides us a bigger space and the opportunity to work together with the community.

Partnering with the community increases our sphere of influence. We can't light up the darkness when we only hang-out inside the church walls. When working along side our neighbors in a relaxed atmosphere, we have a better chance for conversation and fellowship. Sign up today to be part of this amazing mission to love our neighbors and to feed the hungry

VOLUNTEER (sign up, sign up with a friend, sign up the whole family) [sign up here](#). and/or **make a CONTRIBUTION to HUMC-RAH mail checks to the church (P.O. Box 970, Harrisburg, NC 28075) or visit the [church website](#)** you can donate through the "sign up for online giving" link for a one time contribution to Rise Against Hunger.

Pitts School Road Elementary School Partnering with HUMC

Saturday, May 13th

8:00am – 1:00pm

Pitts School Road Elementary School GYMNASIUM



[sign-up on the LINK above to help whenever it is convenient for you, or Stop-In]

Pitts School Road Elementary School
720 Pitts School Rd, Concord
704-788-3430



Harrisburg United Methodist Church
4560 Hwy 49, Harrisburg
704-455-2311

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Attention all graduates, we will be recognizing you on Sunday, June 4th at the 11 am Worship Service. If you are a college or high school graduate, please send Richard Smith (rsmith@harrisburgumc.org) your name, where you are graduating from, and what your plans are for the next part of your life. If you are a college graduate, please let us know your degree. We would also like a headshot photo of our grads for the bulletin. Please send the information & photo electronically to Richard at rsmith@harrisburgumc.org by no later than May 21st.



Basics of Prayer

Join us on Thursday evenings in May (7:30-8:30 pm) as we explore what it means to be a person of prayer. Whether you're a 'beginner' or an 'expert', there's always more to learn and room to grow in our faith. You are invited to journey alongside your brothers and sisters at Harrisburg UMC as we seek to deepen and broaden our prayer life.

This class/group is free of charge and you are not required to bring any materials with you. The class will meet in the church library. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the tear-off sheet in the bulletin or on the Harrisburg UMC webpage. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wes wsmith2@wnccumc.net.



Real. Good. News.



The word Gospel means "Good News!" and the Gospel of Jesus Christ is **GOOD** news for everyone and for some in our world today it is actual **NEWS** – **new information** - to hear the **REAL** story of why Jesus lived, died, and rose again. In a world where we hear of "fake news" and "real news" what word has God given us that is **Real. Good. News** that can still change the world?

April 30th – Guest Preacher: Rev. Mark Andrews, Metro District Superintendent, *Kids Choir Singing*
May 7th – Acts 2: We're all in this together. *Communion Sunday*
May 14th – Acts 7: There is a bigger story than what you're facing. *Mother's Day*
May 21st – Acts 17: The idols have changed but God is the same
May 28th – The Ascension: Jesus has real power
June 4th – Pentecost: We are not alone. *Graduation and Communion Sunday*

Marie & Jeb

Invite you to celebrate their Marriage
Saturday, May 6th, 2017
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Harrisburg United Methodist Church



Please Join the New Mr & Mrs. Busse
in the Fellowship Hall for a Cake and Punch Reception
immediately following the ceremony

The happy couple is registered at Target

Two request from the Food Pantry

Hello - Food Pantry Supporters,

Request #1

The food pantry is in need of your assistance in forming a list of volunteers who would be willing and able to help with our Hwy 49 Food Lion pick up on Saturdays at 10 AM. This is not a weekly commitment, just as needed only! Usually you are given a week notice for the need, with a reminder the day before.

Those interested please email me telephone numbers and email addresses.

Should you have any questions about this pick-up and what is involved just call.



Request #2

The rain didn't dampen our spirits or keep the shoppers away! We shopped with 18 families

(53 individuals) yesterday.

Our needs for the coming weeks are:

*whole kernel corn
cut green beans
pasta sauce
toilet tissue*

Thank you for your continued support! You really do make a difference in our efforts to feed the hungry in our community!

Sincerely,
Maureen Floro
floromaureen@yahoo.com
704-453-3556



Safe Sanctuary Annual Training, Part 2

If you are Safe Sanctuary Trained, and did not make it to our March 26th refresher course, plan to attend the training this Sunday, April 30th at 9:30 am, in the Sanctuary. If you can't, please contact Richard rsmith@harrisburgumc.org at the church and set up a time to meet with him regarding your safe sanctuary certification.

A certified first aid and CPR training session is being offered on May 6th. This is an 8 hour course led by John Lomonaco. The course is free of charge but you must email Richard Smith rsmith@harrisburgumc.org by April 25th if you plan to attend.

Connecting with the Community



iBelong here at Harrisburg continues to reach out to the families in our community, through participating in the Autism Walk, Educating ourselves and the community about the needs of family facing the challenges of Autism. Robin Breidinger, our iBelong Chair has been helping with crafts and snacks for the AUKids at Patriots Stem Elementary.



And now are we hearing of a program spear headed by the 5th graders at Patriots. Focusing on the 3 As of Service Learning

(Awareness, Advocacy and Action) the students were to identify a current need in our building & develop and implement a plan to meet that need. Students quickly looked onto the courtyard where the AUKids play. As you can see in the upper left corner, there's nothing, except grass. Our kids deserve better! The other pictures show the types of items that the kids would like to build to create

a sensory garden in the space.

They chose items that would create a lot of light, color, sound and texture. This week the 5th graders will be supporting an Autism Awareness

Week that will include a fundraiser for the garden. If

you would like to

help my kids reach their goal, you can send a check to: Patriots PTO, c/o Patriots Elementary School, 1510 Holden Ave, Concord NC 28025. Indicate the Sensory Garden on the Memo portion of the check. THANK YOU!! The iBelong Team is sending \$100, we invite you to give as you are able. The Patriot Stem Elementary 5th graders are wanting to assemble these items themselves. If you would be interested in helping direct the children during this build. Contact Patriots Elementary 704-455-1882

