

HARRISBURG HAPPENINGS

A Community of faith called by God to cultivate authentic relationships with Jesus Christ by worshiping God, Growing disciples, and Loving our neighbors

Have you signed up for Network, Connect, OR Sticky Faith?

Network-a class to help you unwrap your Spiritual Gift(s).

Lead by Pastor Wes, this class will meet Sunday, Sept. 10th, 17th, & 24th from 3 - 5 p.m. in the Library.

Connect

The Connect class will be offered Sept 10th, 17th, & 24th at 9:45 a.m.

Lead by the pastors you will learn about how you can cultivate your relationship with Jesus through worship, growing as a disciple, and loving your neighbors

Class will meet in the Fellowship all

Sticky Faith

This study is designed for anyone raising or hoping to influence an older elementary to high school youth on their faith journey.

This study is being offer by Richard Smith on Wednesday nights from Sept. 13th - Oct 11th, at his home.

SIGN UP BY EMAILING THE CHURCH OFFICE
administration@harrisburgumc.org

Fun Jumping into Sunday School



Promotion Sunday was so much fun, from the decorations, to meeting teachers, learning about Jesus, and enjoying a special frog snack. The children were excited. A huge thank you to the teachers and children's council for a wonderful celebration.

Sunday School is fun every week. We invite you to join us at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday. Classes are available for all ages and stages. The children are starting off this quarter learning about Talking & Listening to God, Arms (4th & 5th grade) will be discussing the early church, Middle and High School students will be jumping into the book Half Truths.

Adult classes:

Men's Class is studying the signs of the covenant.

Middle Ground Class continues a discussion of the Art of Neighboring.

New Community Class is tackling the book of Ezeikel.



The greeters will direct you on Sunday Morning to class locations. See you Sunday!





Finding God in the Movies

Christians have recognized the power of story ever since the ministry of Jesus himself. The gospel is at its core a story. Compelling stories trigger the imagination and emotion of the listener, deepening one's faith and understanding.

Through this study of movies, the hope is to bring faith and life together to link the experience of the story on screen with our personal experience of Christ.

This group is for anyone interested in movies and led by Shirley Luce with her better half, Dan. This is not a couples class, we both just love movies. So single or double, male or female you are invited.

This group will meet to discuss 8 different movies. Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, the first meeting will be Sept 13th at 2:30 p.m. (Location TBA)
Email Shirley at administration@harrisburgumc.org

The first movie: **The Straight Story**, starring Richard Farnsworth, Sissy Spacek, & Harry Dean Stanton. Discussion will be about reconciliation of families, the beauty of the earth, and wisdom

Movie two **The Shawshank Redemption**.

Movie three....to be announced after the commercial messages.

Youth Ministry Innovation Project

Our church is 1 of 24 churches across the United States that has been selected to participate in a Youth Ministry Innovation Project sponsored through the Fuller Youth Institute out of Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California. The goal of this innovation project is to "find ways to reframe common youth ministry approaches and reimagining the spiritual practices that have animated the church throughout history." We will be looking for methods of that are more mature and more systemic in aiding our young people to be able to live out their faith past youth group and high school.

So what does this mean for us here at HUMC? Well, Amy and I will be completing a 6 week online class this Fall to prepare for the actual innovation event in January. We will meet with the project leaders and the 23 other youth pastors and their partners in Pasadena, California, for 3 days to actually design an experimental process or approach that will be intended to lead and equip our youth with tools that will help them continue to delve deeper into their faith, even through the college years and later into life. We will then return with a plan to implement here from February 2018 that will conclude December of 2018.

The Fuller Youth Institute is compromised of our country's leaders in the youth ministry world. A decade ago the Innovation Project created the Sticky Faith Curriculum which has been a proven method of helping families and youth develop a strong faith in Christ. I am excited about us being invited to be a part of the next decade of youth ministry development, and what it will mean for our youth and church!



Metro District Disaster Response



Hurricane Harvey

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the U.S. August 26th affecting millions of people with multiple days of heavy rain, winds, and rising tides. The United Methodist Church is actively present, working with local and state emergency management, FEMA, and other volunteers active in disaster. The Western North Carolina Committee on Relief encourages you to:

Donate:

We invite you to stand with our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that the Methodist church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

You can give through Sunday's offering. We'll make sure your donation is sent directly to UMCOR Hurricane Harvey.

Make checks payable to:

Harrisburg United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 970, Harrisburg, NC 28075
Memo Line: Hurricane Harvey

or give online at www.harrisburgumc.org

Or you can send your donation directly to the Western North Carolina Conference
PO Box 18005
Charlotte NC 28218
Memo: UMCOR Advance 901670

Calling All Kids 1st - 6th Grade!!

Kids Khorus will begin on Sunday, September 10th at 4:00pm

We will be working on pieces to sing during worship and will soon start preparing for the Christmas Play.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact Melissa Prentice with any questions at 704-929-0720 or melissaprentice@yahoo.com



Hello Food Pantry Friends,

Last day of shopping this month and the beginning of school, what a day! We shopped with 21 families (87 individuals). There was a gracious plenty for all of them, thanks to your generosity!!

The food pantry will be open next Monday, Labor Day. The following items are needed this week:

- spaghetti
- large and small cans of soup (no tomato, please)
- small jars of jelly
- dish washing liquid
- shampoo



As always, you all do a wonderful job in helping to support the Food Pantry! Please keep those donations coming. Without your assistance, I don't know what we would do. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.



Youth will NOT meet Sunday, September 3rd because of the Labor Day Weekend.

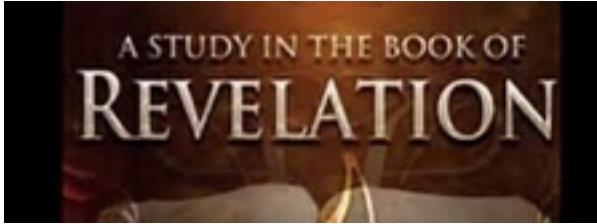
The UMYF adventure will begin on Sept. 10th. An adventure that will help us make our faith stick for a lifetime of following God. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall most every Sunday evening from 5 pm – 6:30 pm.

Friends are always welcome. There'll be time for learning, games and a

snack. We have to eat, we are after all Methodists! Parents you are needed to help

chaperone and provide snacks. The following is a sign up genius link to reserve your night to be a part of youth group! Feel free to sign up more than once. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084ba9a722a3fc1-winter>

If you are an adult and youth ministry interest you, you too can sign up to help .



The fall cool breeze brings a feeling of restarting, making schedules and it's a good time to take stock of priorities and goals. Take a minute to reflect on this question: *what should I be doing as a Christian with my life?* Should this time of reflection bring you to

wishing to attend a Bible Study. Pastor Wes is offering a study on Revelation Thursday evenings beginning Sept 7th. 7:30 p.m. in the church library.

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Homecoming

Homecoming is Sunday, September 24th. Guest Speaker, Pastor Dan Hester

Church and Parsonage Clean up day

The Trustees are hoping you will join forces with them to do some much needed fall sprucing up. Mark your calendars for September 16th. Details about projects and time are upcoming.

In the meantime, get your work gloves out, trimmers, rakes....anything you might use in your own yards.

Tuesday Bible Study resumes September 5th at 10 am in the Library.

Tuesday morning Bible Study is continuing to think about what it means to be a good neighbor and how we can engage our neighbors at a deeper level as we study "The Art of Neighboring". No preparation needed, just bring your bible and an openness to learn from God how to love our neighbors.

Breakfast of Champions to resume Sept. 6th, 7 a.m.

Breakfast of Champions is not anything too intense or overly complicated, just men who believe in Jesus coming together for breakfast and fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Todd Foulks or Pastor Wes. We hope to see you Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 7 a.m. at Rocky River Coffee Company.

Church BBQ

The Missions Committee will be hosting a **Church BBQ on Thursday, October 12th** serving both lunch and dinner at the church. We will also be offering take-out for both Lunch and Dinner this year (and offering to-go Tailgate Packs for those who are attending or watching from home the Panthers' game in Charlotte that evening). We'll need volunteers for both meals, so please mark your calendars. All proceeds will benefit HUMC Missions Projects.