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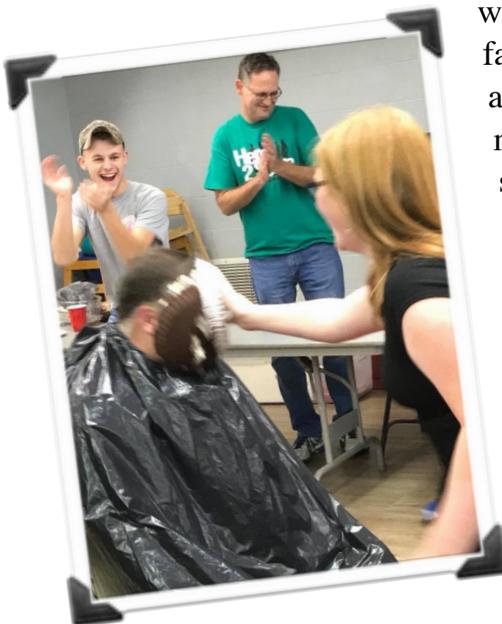
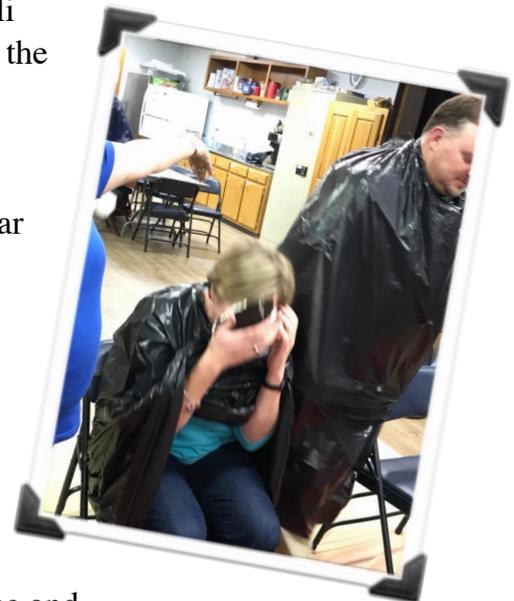
## Chili Cook-Off 2017!

Congratulations to our awesome chili winners this year! Colby Davis won the mild category, Karrie Hill took the medium category, Scott Kleban got the hot category, and Wendy Pitts won the unusual with her secret boar chili recipe. Our overall winner is

once again Colby Davis, with his Sweet Thang family recipe. We raised around \$600 for youth missions for our summer trips. Thank you to everyone who provided chili, who came and

set up, and cleaned up. Thank you so much for supporting our young people! Also thanks to Wes and Toni Ruth for being good sports and taking pies to the face for our youth! Yes, they were real pies!

Wes got chocolate and TR got cookies and cream!



## Best Ending for a Charge Conference Ever!

As promised a list of 2018 officers is on the church website. Log-in to [www.harrisburgumc.org](http://www.harrisburgumc.org), go to Growing, then to Ministry Groups and there you will find the Church Council Page. Hard copies of the officers are also available at the receptionist desk at the church.



### Giving Tree

## Exciting news from The Missions Committee

The Gift Giving Tree will be up in the Narthex the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The Giving Tree supports CVAN (Cabarrus Victims Assistance Network).

Please take a request from the tree and place the unwrapped gift under the tree by Sunday, December 10th.

Your gifts make a huge difference to the women and their children who are in the battered women's shelter in the Concord area.

Thank you for your support. Please call Margaret Williams 719 213 5278 if you have questions.



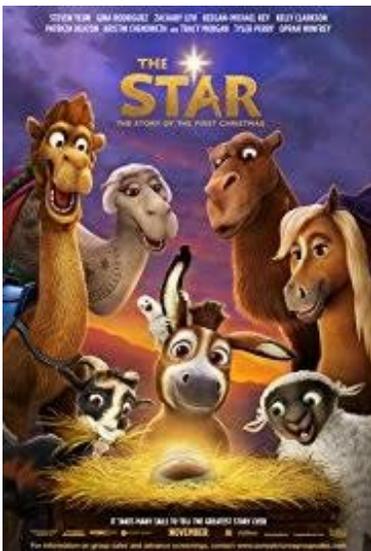
We're only \$165 short of our goal to raise \$2,000 for Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity is an awesome organizations whose mission statement is "Guided by God, Habitat Cabarrus transforms lives and our community by uniting all of Cabarrus County around the cause of decent, affordable housing for everyone."

We are so close to our goal. Let's work at going above and beyond.

Make your check out to HUMC, memo Habitat and place in the offering or mail to HUMC, P.O. Box 970, Harrisburg, NC 28075

## The Star



On November 19th, the Children's Council has arranged for a private showing of the movie "The Star, the Story of the First Christmas". This private showing will be at AMC's Concord Mills theater.

**The Star** is an animated comedy/musical of the first Christmas told from the perspective of the animals. Show time is approx 3:30-3:45pm. (after Christmas Pageant practice). Movie length is 1 hr 26 min. Prices: Children (2-12) and Seniors (60+) is \$7.50. Adult ticket is \$9.00. We will be taking orders for tickets until Sunday, Nov 12th.

**Reservation along with payment due by this Sunday, Nov. 12th.**

Checks should be made payable to HUMC. They can give checks to Pam Parker or Richard Smith this Sunday.

Contact Denise Spittle if you have questions: [denisespittle@gmail.com](mailto:denisespittle@gmail.com) (704) 576-1243



## Christmas trees are coming!



It is that time of year the UMM have the annual Christmas tree lot. We are asking for help on November 18 mid to late afternoon to unload the trees. Bill Shepard will put updates on Facebook, as to the arrival of the trees or you can call Bill Shepard at 704.796.1938. Many hands to make light work. Volunteers are also needed after thanksgiving to work the tree lot. A sign up sheet will be posted on the United Methodist Men's bulletin board, which is in the mail hallway, next to the choir room.

### Saturday, Nov 11, at 9 a.m.

We are in need of 5- 8 youth to help (or any one wishing to help) split wood at the home of John Lomonaco for a family in need of heat this winter. The work will mostly be just moving and stacking wood. You will need a pair of gloves. **Please let Richard Smith know if you are able to help.** This is a great way to be the hands and feet of Christ in our very own community! Youth willing to help will need a permission form completed. We'll meet at the Lomonaco's home at 9 am and work until not later than noon. Contact the church office for information 704-455-2311.



## Update from the HUMC Building Team



The HUMC Building Team commissioned during our June Charge Conference continues to be hard at work and provides this update. Over the past few months, architectural firms were interviewed, and WGM was selected to assist with the visioning process (also referred to as "the charrette process") as HUMC plans for the future of its facilities and programs.

In the coming weeks, WGM will lead 1:1 discussions with carefully and prayerfully chosen church members representing various ages and stages of life. WGM will also meet with staff members, community groups, town leaders, and host an HUMC open house. Upon completion of these meetings, WGM will compile discussion findings and outline suggestions for future enhancements to our church campus.

Please continue to be in prayer for HUMC and our community. The Building Team commits to keeping

you updated as we move through this process. If you have any questions, please contact me or a member of the HUMC Building Team.

Mike Askins — Brad Green — Jennifer Kite — Shirley Luce — Richard Morrison  
Andrea Blankenship — Tim Prentice — Mike Stanley

Sincerely,  
Chrisanna Voight, Building Team

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

December 17th, 6:30 p.m.

We are going OUT OF THE BOX with this years Christmas Play. The rehearsals are in full swing; singing, memorizing script and dancing. There's so much to do and so little time. We are in need of some unusual costumes for this Christmas play.

We received a few things put are still in need of the following: *Cheerleading pompoms, cowboy vest, stick horses, pirate hats, pirate (plastic swords), scarfs, soliders uniform, sailor suit, princess costume, ballerina costume, a stuffed fox, large super hero cape.* No size requirement just need the costumes. Please contact the church if you have something we can borrow 704-455-2311 or [administration@harrisburgumc.org](mailto:administration@harrisburgumc.org)

Thank you

### Rehearsal Schedule for Out of the Box

The children are working very hard on this musical and are trying to work around all the holiday events. As it stands the practice schedule is listed below. We'll continue to keep this updated.

Nov. 12th 4 - 5 pm. Music Practice

Nov., 19th 1:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m. Everyone (time adjusted for The Star movie)

Nov 26th 4 - 5 p.m Everyone

Dec 3rd 3 - 5 p.m. Everyone

Dec. 10th 3 - 5 p.m. Everyone

Saturday, Dec 16th, 9 a.m. Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, Dec 17th 6:30 p.m Performance



**Fresh Flowers** are one of my favorite things in the Sanctuary. They have a way of reminding us of the beauty of creation and the life God gives. Did you know that you can provide the flowers in the Sanctuary for worship? Here are just a few reasons why you might want to consider it:

1. It is an opportunity to give God glory and gratitude for the life of a loved one or just because you are thankful for what God has done.
2. You get to take BOTH arrangements home after worship and can easily put them into your own vases to enjoy.
3. Two arrangements for \$50 is WAY less expensive than buying them on your own. It is a great way to celebrate someone's birthday or a special anniversary that you would want to acknowledge anyway. If you have particular colors you would want, the florist can accommodate that.



If you are interest in signing up for a special week to honor or commemorate what God has done, call the church office 704-455-2311.



Calling all Wise Men and Wise Women!

The Welcoming and Connecting Committee is looking for several people to don their Jerusalem best and represent us at the Live Nativity during the **Harrisburg Town Center Tree Lighting on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**. All costumes are provided. We will have 1 hour shifts starting at 6pm and running to 9pm. We also need young families with babies under 1 to play Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Narthex. Please email Susan Foulks at [sfoulks1@gmail.com](mailto:sfoulks1@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating in this wonderful chance to celebrate and share the real reason for the Christmas season.



The truth be told.....the most important part of the Harrisburg Tree Lighting is not the tree, the hay ride, the hot cocoa, the music, or all the fun...and there's lots of community family fun at the Harrisburg Tree Lighting. But the most important part is that we have an opportunity, as a community of faith, to tell the story of the birth of Jesus.

## HUMC PARTNERSHIP with PITTS SCHOOL ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*It has been a fun year so far, helping in the school.*

We helped to provide: Back-To-School Breakfast for the teachers, Donated school supplies, Helped the Kindergartens in the lunch room every day for the first 4 weeks

NEXT ..... We want to:

### INCREASE OUR NUMBER of VOLUNTEERS:

*Working with the children is a VERY rewarding experience...*

*Could you...*

- ☀ Work in the classrooms with the students (once a week)
- ☀ Help the students with their Science Fair projects (one-time event)
- ☀ Periodically provide small 'mailbox' Thank You gifts and notes to the teachers
- ☀ Cafeteria day-off relief for teachers (one-time obligation)
- ☀ Eat lunch with a class of students
- ☀ Possibly start a mentoring program for students



Please contact Linda Brown 704-453-1030; [linda@leadingedgeideas.com](mailto:linda@leadingedgeideas.com) if you can help



## Update from iBelong Team:

The iBelong Team is reaching into 4 special needs classrooms in Harrisburg this school year!

This will be our third year in the AU classes for autistic children at Patriots

Elementary. We provide a monthly, theme-based craft and a snack for these children.

This will be our first year in the MU classes for multiply disabled children at Pitts School Road Elementary. These children have more severe disabilities and significantly different needs than the students at Patriots. Their teachers have requested that we provide them with prepackaged individual servings of plain applesauce and with Goldfish crackers on a regular basis as they need them. The craft for these students will be very simple because they must be done with hand-over-hand assistance. The teachers have also asked if we could provide help with field trips when extra hands are needed. Another way we can help is to provide some extra clothing to be kept in the classroom for changing after spills or accidents. They said clothing in sizes 7, 8 and 10 for both boys and girls would be most welcome. If your children have outgrown things in those sizes, perhaps you would “hand them down.”

We are hoping that individual members of the congregation will take turns providing the needed supplies for crafts and snacks. I will be developing lists of needed items on a monthly basis. A sign up sheet for items will be placed outside the iBelong room. We will also communicate needs for these classes via the newsletter and bulletin. Requests will be posted far enough ahead so that individuals can get the items they sign up for to the church in time for any prep work that may be needed.

In some cases, there will be prep work involved in readying the crafts for the students. If you would be interested in helping with that, please contact Robin Breidinger (607) 743-9247 directly.

Thank you in advance for sharing the love of Christ with these special students!

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