

Harrisburg Happenings

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Stepping Stones Preschool Registration open for the 2016/17 School Year.

Pre-registration for members of HUMC, existing students, and siblings of existing students will be Tuesday, January 26 - Friday, January 29. Registration for the public will begin at 9:00 on Tuesday, Feb 2.

Please share with your friends and neighbor that HUMC has a preschool program for ages 3 & 4 year olds. Visit the website, make an

appointment to tour the school. We'd love to have your little ones be part of this amazing program. For questions or appointments call

our Preschool Director: Lisa Wallace at 704-455-3544 or
Lisa.steppingstones @[gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.steppingstones@gmail.com)



Tickets will be available at the door.
THIS SATURDAY, 5 p.m.
Spaghetti Dinner/ Dessert Auction

Join us on **Saturday, February, 6th, 2016 at 5:00 pm** for a Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction! Dinner: *spaghetti, salad, bread and a beverage.*

Delicious and mouth-watering desserts will be auctioned – this is a truly amusing and entertaining time for all!

Proceeds will support HUMC Youth events and mission trips.

Please buy an advance ticket if you can (so we can better plan and prepare for the dinner). We hope to see you at this exciting and FUNdraising event!!

Support our Youth in Ministry!



UMCOR - Flood Buckets \$1,527.28

Thank you for your generosity

Divide by \$65 == 23.50 flood buckets
visit the UMCOR website to learn more
about the United Methodist committee
on relief

<http://www.umcor.org/>

Volunteer needed for front desk

Wednesday, February 10 at 10 a.m. there will be a gathering of people interested in volunteering to work the receptions desk during the week, between the hours of 9 - noon.

We will review responsibilities and schedules.

If you are interested please contact Shirley at the church office 704-455-2311.



Safe Sanctuary Annual Refresher Class

This class is for all Adults **who have been** Safe Sanctuary trained. This is a required refresher class designed to continually understanding, and focus on the policies and purpose of the Safe Sanctuary Program.

The class is 30 minute and will be offered annually. The class gives us the opportunity to check in, answer questions, to renew our commitment, to communicate policy changes and look at areas of weakness. Working with our children and youth is one of the critical areas of our church and it is a privilege to be able to be a part of ministry to these two groups. We must make every effort to protect these two vulnerable groups.

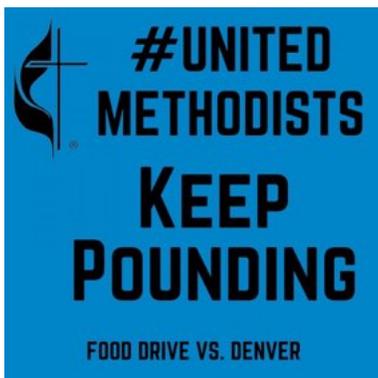
Refresher training will be offered 3 different Sunday mornings, February 7, 21, and 28 at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary. If you are a Safe Sanctuary Trained, plan to attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions, please email Richard Smith at rsmith@harrisburgumc.org.



Should you not be Safe Sanctuary Trained and wish to work with children and youth, contact Richard Smith 704-455-3544 rsmith@harrisburgumc.org

A Food Drive Challenge Charlotte vs Denver

Brought to you by the people of The United Methodist Church



*Let's beat Denver
on and off the field!*

As we look forward to the Panthers claiming their first Super Bowl victory, the United Methodist Churches in Charlotte have accepted a challenge from our brothers and sisters in Denver to a Food Drive and we are inviting you to join us.

The contest is to see which city can collect the most non-perishable food items between now and the Big Game. Suggestions include: soups, canned vegetables, peanut butter, canned meat, rice, dried beans... You get the idea.

Items brought to Harrisburg UMC, will be donated to the Harrisburg Crisis Assistance Ministries Food Pantry.

While Charlotte was challenged specifically, we're inviting all churches in the WNCC to participate. After all, we are the CAROLINA. The challenge ends on Feb 7.

We're counting items, not weight. Monetary donations will count as 1 item per dollar.

Follow our progress at: <http://wnccumc.org/umkeepounding>

IN CONNECTION TO "KEEP POUNDING" This SUNDAY, Feb 7 is designated as Food Pantry Sunday, Bring your donations and place them at the altar, all counting toward the "Keep Pounding" Challenge.

This week 25 families totaling 79 individuals were served by the Harrisburg Crisis Ministry Food Pantry. We've been blessed with many food drives this week but still have a need for Toothpaste, Laundry detergent, Dish Washing Soap. Financial Donations are always welcome. Make checks payable to HCAM. Thank you for your continue support .



CONNECTIONS

Ways to Worship, Grow and Love at HUMC

Sunday, March 13, 2-4 PM

It is time for our next CONNECTIONS event. Ever wonder what's behind that door in sanctuary or what goes on in the audio/visual booth? Just exactly what is SPR and what the heck do they do? Have you ever visited our awesome nursery or wondered about the Sensory Room? Just what is Godly Play anyway? Wonder how to join in our music ministries? How do you become an usher, communion server, or scripture reader?

Have you ever thought about joining a small group, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, or an adult education class? Do you wonder when they meet, what are they studying, and how do you join an ongoing group? All will be revealed to you.

Our CONNECTIONS event will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2 - 4 PM. It is for all our guests - anyone who worships here or visits here, and wants to know more about connecting with the HUMC family and finding ways to be in service to God. Please contact the church office (704-455-2311 or administration@harrisburgumc.org) if you plan on attending, and also let us know if you will child care.

Ash Wednesday Service — 6:30, Feb 10, 2016

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.



Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During some Ash Wednesday services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshippers. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins.

It is traditional to save the palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday service to burn to produce ashes for this service. Sometimes a small card or piece of paper is distributed on which each person writes a sin or hurtful or unjust characteristic. The cards are then brought to the altar to be burned with the palm branches. The ash cross on the forehead is an outward sign of our sorrow and repentance for sins.

— Adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship



Morning Glories Circle

Greeting ladies, we invite you to join us on Tuesday, February 9 at 10 a.m. We will be assembling “Pillow Kits” for the Room at the Inn residents.

Morning Glories is a United Methodist Women’s Circle all women are invited to join.



United Methodist Men

On the first Sunday of the Month the Harrisburg United Methodist Men combine breakfast with their monthly meeting. All men of all ages and stages are invited to attend.

The General Commission on United Methodist Men (UMMen) involves men in a growing relationship to Jesus Christ and his church.

Join us!

**Metro District
Laity Roundtable Training**
(Formerly DLC - District Leadership Conference)

March 5, University City UMC (3835 West W. T. Harris Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28269)

ENTRANCE ON LOWER LEVEL AND IS MARKED "CHURCH OFFICE ENTRANCE"

Laity Roundtable Training for laity in the Metro District is similar to the former DLC. Training is for committee chairpersons, committee members, and all laity of local churches. Each Focus Group will be offered twice during the Roundtable (the same material will be presented at each session.) You may choose to attend one or two classes. Select each class and the session you plan to attend on the registration form.

*(March 6 is being slated as a snow/bad weather date. In the event of bad weather classes will be held at 2pm-3:15pm and 3:45pm-5pm)
Deadline to register is **February 25th.***

FIRST SESSION: 9:00AM - 10:15AM

SECOND SESSION: 10:45AM - NOON

You may choose to attend one OR both sessions! You may choose a different class for each session. Please select on the registration form each class you plan to attend. Below is a listing of classes being offered (with facilitators):

- Staff Parish Relations Committee (Rev. Sally Langford)
- Lay Leader (Jatana Royster)
- Finance Committee (Jennifer Burton)
- Communications / Websites (Michael Rich)
- Leadership Development/Nominations (Rev. Jim Parsons)
- Trustees (David Wright)
- Church Vitality and the Laity