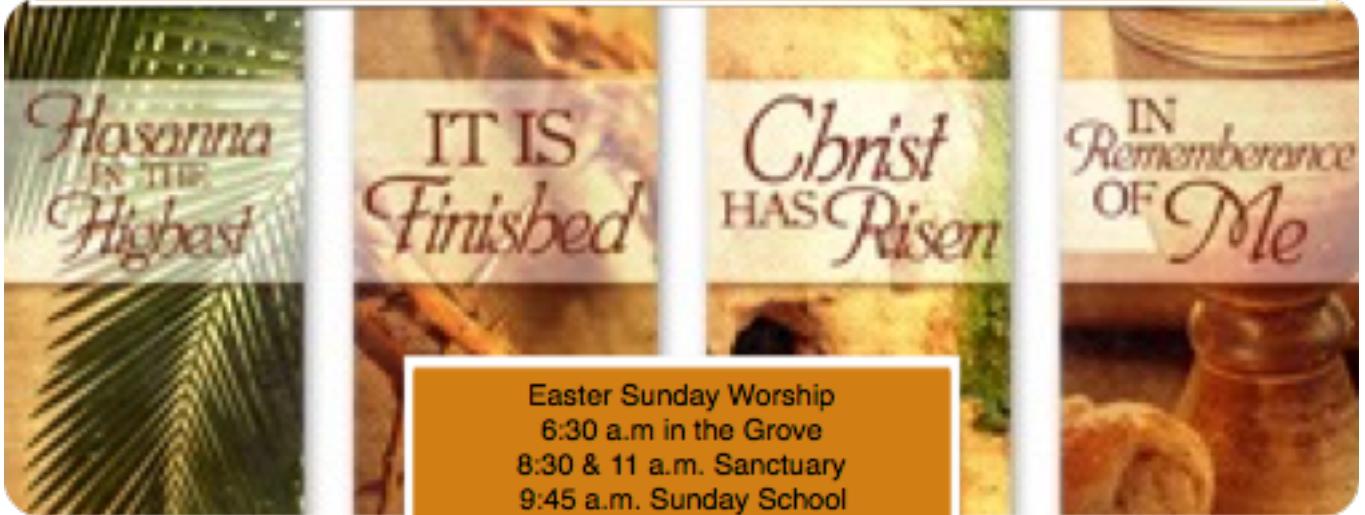


Harrisburg United Methodist Church's vision is to cultivate authentic relationship with Jesus Christ by worshipping God, growing disciples and loving our neighbors.



Greetings Church Family!

As I've mentioned the past two months, our mission at HUMC is to cultivate authentic relationships with Jesus Christ by Worshipping God, Growing Disciples, and Loving our Neighbors. There are lots of opportunities for each of you to be involved in living our mission, but I want to call attention to one opportunity that may not seem as obvious.

For as long as I can remember, our church has hosted a Fish Fry every year on Good Friday and this year will be no exception. On Friday, March 25th, we will once again invite the community into our fellowship hall for a meal. Now I know what you're thinking: "How is this fund raiser living out our mission? It just seems like another way to raise money." I'm glad you asked. All the proceeds from the Fish Fry are going to benefit missions. The Missions Committee has chosen two areas to support with these monies. First, a portion of each meal we sell is going to be given to support the Bible Teacher at Central Cabarrus High School. This teaching position is not funded by the state and each year funds have to be raised in order to pay this teacher and continue this ministry. She has been teaching at Central since I was a student there in the mid/late 90s and has had a tremendous impact on the lives of many students that have taken her classes – clearly a support of Loving our Neighbors and Growing Disciples. Second, the remaining funds will go to help fund the Stop Hunger Now event that will take place on May 7th – another example of Loving our Neighbors.

The Fish Fry also serves as a way for us to fellowship with one another and get to know your church family while working side by side for two great causes. There aren't many events where you'll have an opportunity to work alongside a teenager and a septuagenarian* simultaneously. To be a part of a group of people from all walks of life, working tirelessly for the sole purpose of growing the kingdom is a special thing. If you've never worked the Fish Fry, I encourage you to consider it. There are plenty of jobs to be done and I promise that you'll be glad you were a part.

Tim Prentice
Church Council Chair

*The first person who can tell me what 90s song features the word septuagenarian gets to sample a piece of fish out back with the cooks at the Fish Fry. No Google – God will know if you cheat. J



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.

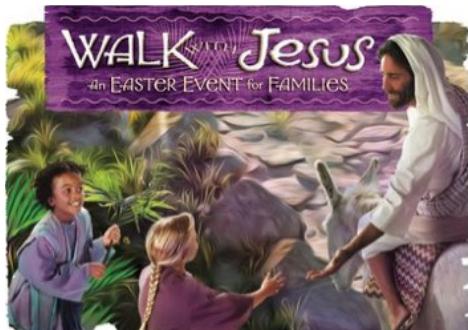
Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 25th 12:00Noon - 7:00PM

What are Stations of the Cross?

The Stations of the Cross, also known as Via Dolorosa, is a meditative journey through the final hours in the life of Jesus Christ on earth. Each station depicts an event that occurred from Jesus' condemnation by Pilate to his being laid in the tomb.

You may come at any time between the hours of 12:00noon and 7:00pm on Friday 3/25, moving at your own pace as you walk through the stations. This devotional journey is a good way to walk with Jesus, meditating on his passion and to allow Jesus to walk with you as you reflect on your own life struggles.



This Family Event is designed for parents and their children (of all ages) to experience Easter and the events leading up to it together.

Travel to Jerusalem for Palm Sunday, March 20, 2 - 5 p.m.

*sit down for the Last Supper
pray in the Garden of Gethsemane
discover the sacrifice of Good Friday
celebrate freedom from their sins at the empty tomb that first Easter morning*

Harrisburg UMC is excited to provide an opportunity for you to walk through the Easter experience.

Join us on Palm Sunday, March 20, from 2pm-5pm.

Experience Jesus' love for us all, so bring your friends and neighbors as well!
For questions you can contact Denise Spittle at denisespittle@gmail.com or 704-576-1243.
If you need nursery care, please contact Shanna Green at 704-516-4573.



PINE NEEDLE SALE

The youth will be selling fresh, long needle pine bales on Saturday, 3/19 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Cost: \$5.00 per bale, with free delivery within a 5 mile radius of the church. Sunday, 3/13 is the last day for pre-orders (which guarantees delivery if needed). We have 750 bales coming from SC, so there **WILL** be bales for sale on Saturday, 3/19! Please tell your friends and neighbors! Please note, however, that

although we'll try to accommodate delivery requests made on Saturday, we can't guarantee them. So if you need delivery, please stop by the narthex this Sunday to place your order! Thank you!
Questions? Please contact Steve or Martha Kite at 704.454.5006. Thanks in advance for supporting the

These sweetie will be selling sweets on Palm Sunday



Are you ready for some sweet treats?

Pictured to the left are some of the kids from the Kind Hands small group. They will be sponsoring a bake sale on Palm Sunday, March 20 between worship services. The children have selected Shriners Hospitals for Children to be the recipient of the proceeds from this bake sale.

Bring your sweet tooth on Palm Sunday and help support our children in missions.

Sisters in Spirit is a group of women seeking christian fellowship while growing in our faith.

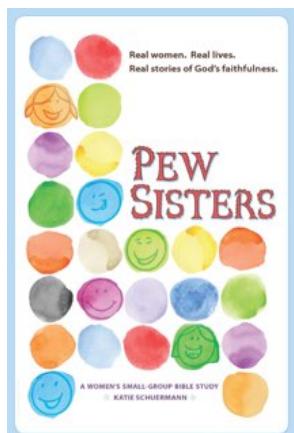
Please join us all are welcome on the 2nd & 4th Wed. at 7 pm.

We meet in each others homes you do not have to be a hostess if that is not in your comfort level.

The **next meeting is March 9th** at the the home of Chrisanna Voight you can e-mail her for directions at voightm@gmail.com.

We're just beginning a new study entitled "*The Pew Sisters*" this series helps us to understand the struggles that happen in the lives of God's children. Each section stands alone so if you miss a meeting you will not fall behind the rest of us.

Call Sandra Bilbro at 704 536 0707 or Margaret Williams at 980 236 8176 for questions. Hope you will join us!



Good Friday Fish Fry—March 25, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Fish Fry Meal: *Fresh Fried Flounder, Tartar Sauce, Hushpuppies, Fresh Cut Fries or Baked Potato & Homemade Slaw.*



Adults \$9 (Includes drink and al you can eat),
Children \$4 Ages 4 - 9, under 3 free,
Take out Plate \$6

Proceeds Support: Stop Hunger Now and Central Cabarrus Bible Course.

Friends check out the bulletin board at the church where you can sign up to volunteer. Jobs are listed, times, we need you lots and lots of help. Should you have questions or need more details about the jobs listed, contact Mike Brown he would be please to speak with you.



Good Friday Fish Fry Bake Sale ... Friday, March 25, 2016

Let's do some baking for a good cause (Missions of the Church: Stop Hunger Now and Cabarrus School Bible Study) we are asking for donation of baked goods for the Good Friday Fish Fry Bake Sale on Friday, March 25, 2016. We also need workers for the bake sale. Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in main entrance. Please bring your baked goods to kitchen or overflow areas By 9:30 am on Friday, March 25, 2016.

COOKIES, BROWNIES, LEMON BARS, MUFFINS, and SLICED CAKE AND SLICED PIES are to be individually placed in zip lock bags or individually wrapped in clear plastic wrap to equal a \$1.25 value - Do NOT wrap in foil or

'colored' plastic wrap as customers want to "view" your delicious dessert!

WHOLE PIES, CAKES and BREAD should be on a disposable plate - either whole or cut in half.

Please bring baked goods that do not require refrigeration as we do not have space to keep items cold.

Note: If you have questions, please contact Dottie Davis at 704.455.9628



"Thank You it the right word for a right deed done at the right time. Hope you realize how much your deeds are Appreciated."

I wish to thank my church family for the prayers, cards, visits and love I received while I was in the hospital and while I was recovering at home. It has meant so much to me to be surrounded by Christian Love, during a difficult time.

Thank you, Annie Louis Hoover

Community Work Day - April 16

The Missions committee is sponsoring a work day to perform missions in our local area, as we did last year.

There will be a sign up sheet on the missions notice board where you will be able to volunteer.

We hope to send a group to CVAN for general yard and house work, we are also currently searching for other projects they can be small - helping with cleaning or large such as yard work, ramp building or painting. If you know of someone who needs help contact Margaret Williams 980-236-8176



Please join us in taking the Church out into the Community

United Methodist Women's Reading Program

Do you love to read? For 140 years, United Methodist Women have been involved in mission that includes prayer, study and action. The Reading Program is a study opportunity, but it should also lead to action. The purpose of the program is to encourage United Methodist Women members to:

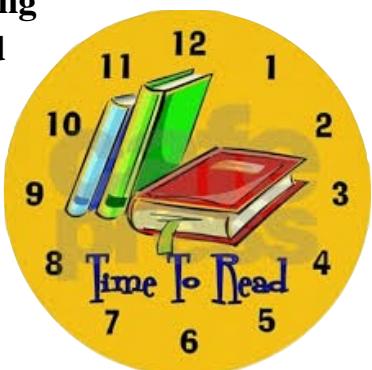
- Expand understanding of and participation in God's mission.
- Increase sensitivity to all human beings—their needs, interests and concerns.
- Encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today.
- Grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life.
- Enhance self-knowledge and act from that knowledge.
- Strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

The Harrisburg United Methodist Women have been participating in this Reading Program for years, and invite all who love to read to participate.

IT'S TIME TO READ

This program is open to everyone.
The UMW books are in the church library

- ★ In the library you can pick up a brochure or print one from the UMWWomen's page on the church website
- ★ Four different reading plans are on the brochure, pick which works best for you.
- ★ There's a notebook in the library for you to record the books you've selected.



Should you have questions contact Phyllis Putnam 704-456-7726, the UMW Reading Program Coordinator.

Join the Reading Program!