



The Good News

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From the Preacher . . .

Isaiah 43:18-19 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)

Forget what happened in the past, and do not dwell on events from long ago. 19 I am going to do something new. It is already happening. Don't you recognize it? I will clear a way in the desert. I will make rivers on dry land.

What a year 2020 has been! Are you ready to close the book on 2020? I don't know about you, but I know I am, and I bet you are too. It sure has been a year of a lot of twists and turns and a lot of firsts. A year full of ups and downs, heartaches and pain.

I'm ready to move on to 2021 to see what this new year might bring. I love this scripture from Isaiah, for it says, forget what happened in the past, don't dwell on events of long ago. But look at the new thing that I'm going to do. Look at what is already happening among you.

I don't know about you, but I'm going to look for that new thing that God is going to do among us. I'm going to look for the Spring that will soon be on the horizon, the fresh start.

In so many ways I feel like we at Hardinsburg UMC were robbed last year. We just completed our new building. Things were about to take off for us, and then Covid-19 hit, and everything was shut down.

I feel like we've been stuck in the winter, and to be honest, we will be stuck in the winter a little longer. But in my spirit, I know spring is on the horizon. Soon we will be out of this mess, spring will be here, and God will do something brand new among us.

Can't you feel it, can't you see it, can't you see it has already begun? Just hang in there a little longer, it's just around the corner.

Blessings,
Bro. Greg



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

January 12 6:00 p.m. Circle 4 Meeting via Zoom Video Conference

Kentucky 120 United Bible Reading Marathon January 1 - 4 in front of the Breckinridge County Courthouse

Radio Ministry

We have been given the opportunity to go back on WXBC radio with our church service beginning on **January 3, 2021**. The time slot we have been given is right after the noon news on Sunday afternoon from 12:10 - 12:40 p.m. each week. This is a really good time slot for us to share our church service. Each week our previous Sunday's service will air during this time. We feel this is important because there are many in our congregation and community who do not have internet access to watch our service on Livestream. This would give more people an opportunity to worship with us.

If anyone would like to make a donation toward the Radio Ministry or sponsor a weekly broadcast, that would be great. WXBC gave us a really good rate of \$30 per show which includes them editing and putting the show together. This is less than we used to pay for the five day a week, two-minute devotional show. If you would like to help sponsor this ministry, please write "Radio Ministry" on your check or offering envelope. Thank you.

Methodist Mountain Mission

The Mountain Mission truck will be in Hardinsburg **Monday, January 4**. Please write "Mountain Mission" on your boxes and bags, and contact Bro. Greg to place your items in the storage building.

We received the following update from Methodist Mountain Mission:

EMERGENCY NEEDS

Men's Winter Clothes
Children's Winter Clothes
Socks & Underwear
Children's Shoes/Coats

NEEDS

Good Pots n' Pans
Good Used Furniture

Older-ish Clothing

If you have items that aren't in the best shape (clothing with a couple stains or holes, etc.) we can still use them! We can bale them, sell them by the pound, and they're sent to either be recycled or to harder hit areas of poverty in the world.

Soapy Second Sunday

January 10

Once a month, on the second Sunday, HUMC collects cleaning and personal hygiene items for distribution through the Good Samaritan Center. This is a mission outreach that anyone can participate in by just picking up that extra bar of soap, dish or clothes detergent, shampoo, etc. The donation basket for these items is located in the Worship Center hallway. Thank you so much for caring for those in our community.

Person of the Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
(Zoom Video Conference)

In order to participate, you will need to download the “Zoom Meeting” app. If you are interested, just let Bro. Greg know, and make sure he has your email address so he can send you an invite to the meeting room. If you would like to participate but you are not able to Zoom, please contact Bro. Greg.

January 13 Joshua
January 20 Matthew
January 27 Esther

January Meeting

Administrative Council Meeting Wednesday, January 13 at 12:30 p.m. Zoom and in the Heart and Soul Meeting Rooms

Ministry Action Team

The Ministry Action Team will meet via Zoom Video Conference and in the Heart and Soul Meeting Rooms on Tuesday, January 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Fifth Sunday Children’s Home Offering

January 31

From the KYUMH.org website:

Mary Kendall Campus History

The Mary Kendall Home was purchased in 1984 and became a part of The Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth, under the direction of Dr. Donald Durham. The Mary Kendall Home came into existence because of an effort spearheaded by United Methodist Women, therefore, it is fitting that we would incorporate Mary Kendall.



The Mary Kendall Campus of The Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes serves a similar purpose as it did when it was established: to help those children and families who have had difficult lives. We are serving more children and providing more services than ever before. All of this is possible because years ago, women who were compassionate Christians united to help desperate women and children.

Blessing Box

The donations for the Blessing Box have been amazing. Thank you to everyone that has helped with this ministry and to Jill Hobbs for keeping the box filled. The need for food assistance is obviously great as items have to be added daily. The following items are especially needed: vegetables, peanut butter, tuna, spaghetti, saltines, granola bars, soup, mac and cheese, instant meals, etc. Please place items on the table in the Worship Center hallway, or if you would like to make a monetary donation, please write “Blessing Box” on your check or offering envelope. Thank you.



Photo provided by Bro. Greg Shannon

Word of the Month

New - having recently come into existence

But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary.

They will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 New Living Translation (NLT)

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Sundays
10:00 a.m. Worship Service and YouTube Livestream
12:10 p.m. WXBC Radio Broadcast of the previous Sunday's Service



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Hardinsburg United Methodist Church

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