

# The Good News

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# From the Preacher . . .

# Regaining a Sense of Community

**Hebrews 10:24-25** (ESV) And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

One of the things that has really been stirring in my heart recently is this idea of regaining a sense of community within the church. This past year has been a struggle for a lot of people, and it still is in a very real sense.

I am so thankful for all the technology we have and the ability to Livestream our church service on Sunday morning. I'm also thankful for Zoom and our ability to meet together for Bible Study and other meetings. But it has been so awesome these last few months to see people face to face and meet in person.

One of the things I want to focus on over these next few months is finding ways to help us rediscover and reconnect as a community of faith. You know it's one thing to watch a service and worship at home, and it is totally different to worship together with family and friends.

I love this scripture in **Ecclesiastes 4:9:10** (NIV) Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

We need each other in so many ways. So, this is something I need from you all, and this is a way you all can help me out. What are some things we can do together to help us reconnect and regain a sense of community?

What are some things you would like to do over the next several months together? I want to hear your ideas and thoughts. You can email me <a href="mailto:brogreg63@gmail.com">brogreg63@gmail.com</a> or call me at the office or on my cell. You can even come to one of our Ministry Action Team meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the Heart/Soul room and help us plan some events. When you are thinking of events, think of both events for our church family and also our community as well.

We are definitely better together as a community of faith, and with God's help we will accomplish more together than we could ever do alone.

In His Love, Bro. Greg



# **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS**

August 10 ......6:00 p.m. Circle 4 Meeting in Memorial Hall

### **Ministry Action Team**

The Ministry Action Team will meet in the Heart and Soul Meeting Rooms on Tuesdays, August 3 and 17 at 4:30 p.m.

# **Soapy Second Sunday**

August 8

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.





Jocelyn, Jodie, Jesse and Tabby Photo provided by Joely

# We're so happy to be back!!

### **Early Childhood Ministry**

Children ages 1 month - 3 years are encouraged to attend during the Worship Service Located in the Nursery/Early Childhood Room We Love Our Children!

# Wear Your Favorite T-Shirt to Church Sunday, August 15







#### **Radio Broadcast**

Sundays at 12:10 p.m. on WXBC 104.3

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. If you would like to help sponsor this ministry, please write "Radio Ministry" on your check or offering envelope. Thank you.

#### **Crafting Days**

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 18, 19 and 20, 9:30 a.m. - ??? in Memorial Hall. Bring your crafting supplies and join the group for fun and fellowship.

#### **Methodist Mountain Mission**

### Truck will be in Hardinsburg Monday, August 23

The Methodist Mountain Mission is one of the ministries that Hardinsburg UMC has supported for many years. The following is a brief explanation from their website, www.methodistmountainmission.org, of their mission and purpose. Their truck will pick up items at the Good Samaritan Center.

The United Methodist Mountain Mission has been serving the people of eastern Kentucky since 1943. We have 8 opportunity stores in Kentucky that are located in Barbourville, Irvine, Harlan, Hazard, Jackson, Pineville, West Liberty, and Burkesville. We have trucks that travel to churches in Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and throughout Kentucky to pick up donated items. With the help of our supporters we are able to provide gently used clothing and household items at a reasonable price.

# Fifth Sunday Children's Home Offering August 29 Giving Hope, One Child at a Time

<u>Celebrating 150 Years of Hope</u>, the Kentucky Methodist Homes for Children and Youth have served children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or trauma. They currently offer residential treatment, independent living, community-based behavioral health, outpatient therapy, and adoption services.

If you would like to mail a donation directly to the Kentucky Methodist Homes for Children and Youth, their address is 1115 Ashgrove Rd., Nicholasville, KY 40356. If mailed directly, please make checks payable to The Methodist Home of Kentucky, and place your church's name and city on the memo line so they can give your church credit for giving. If it is more convenient, you may make your check to Hardinsburg UMC and note "Fifth Sunday Children's Home" on the memo line. The August 29th Fifth Sunday Offering is one of four Fifth Sunday Offerings this year, meaning it represents twenty-five percent of this critical source of income for the Children's Homes.

# **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

#### Ministry Outreach Focus for August - Back to School

Thank you so much for all the glue sticks that have been donated for the Community Back-to-School Bash. Our ministry outreach focus for August will continue to be "Back to School." Many of the families in our community are struggling financially, and purchasing clothing for back to school will be a struggle for many families this year. We are working to try to identify some families who may need some assistance with back-to-school clothing. The school Family Resource Center Coordinators are always helpful in distributing the items where they are most needed.

I have contacted the Family Resource Coordinator at HES to identify some of those families in need. As of right now, if you want to help, you can make a monetary donation. When I get a list of sizes and clothing needs, if you want to adopt a specific child, we will make the information available to those who are interested.

If you are wanting to make a monetary donation, please designate on your check or offering envelope as "school clothes." Please contact me or call the Church Office for details.

Bro. Greg

# **Word of the Month**

Together - with or in proximity to another person or people

Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

Acts 2:44 New King James Version

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
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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