



The Good News

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From the Preacher . . .

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT) Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.
⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

We can't always predict the future no matter how hard we want to. One of the areas I've struggled with my entire life is daydreaming. I can still remember sitting in class staring off into space and my teacher asking, "Gregory are you with us, or are you off on one of your adventures again?" Honestly, I've always liked daydreaming of what could be next or what the future could hold.

I've always enjoyed sitting down and having a conversation with someone who is older and asking this question: Would you have ever imagined...? I wonder when my grandparents were younger if they would have ever imagined in their lifetime a man walking on the moon. Or in today's world that a grandparent could see and talk to their grandchild through the internet in Asia or some other part of the world.

Something a little closer to home for me, I would've never imagined when we moved to Hardinsburg in June of 2008 that we would still be here in January of 2020. This is one reason this passage from Proverbs means so much to me, for it tells me to trust in the Lord with all my heart. It goes on to say, depend not on your own understanding. In other words, don't try to figure things out on your own. I love the last part of the passage as well, because it tells me what to do next. It tells me seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.

So this is what I am going to do, I'm going to do the same thing I've done for the last twelve years. I'm going to listen to God and do what He tells me to do. All these years that I've been following Jesus, He has never steered me wrong. Now me, on the other hand, I've taken a wrong turn or two, but Jesus never has as long as He is at the wheel of my life.

My prayer is that you will do the same thing in 2020. Listen to God and let Jesus do the driving!

In His Love,
Bro. Greg



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

January 14..... 2:00 p.m. Agape Circle Meeting in the Soul Meeting Room

January 14..... 6:00 p.m. Circle 4 Meeting in Memorial Hall, Mary Nell Bertolasio, Hostess



UM Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 4 at 8:00 a.m. in Memorial Hall



Nursery during Worship

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!



The Children's Ministries have been so successful that we are in need of more volunteers to help out. If you feel like the Lord is leading you to work with Early Childhood Ministry or the Sunday School Program, please call the Church Office.

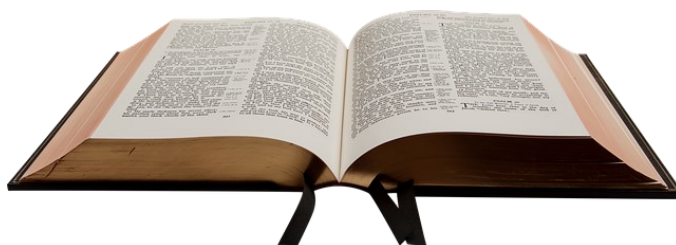
Soul Survivors Youth Ministry

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Soul Survivors Youth Ministry meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m in the Sunday School room across from the Nursery. All youth 6th grade and up are invited. Please encourage your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors to attend.

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

Hardinsburg UMC's Reading Time is **Saturday, January 4, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**



Bible Study, 1, 2, and 3 John

The study will begin on Sunday, January 5 and will meet on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. and Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Heart Meeting Room. The first week we will discuss 1 John, Chapter 1.

Methodist Mountain Mission

The Mountain Mission truck will be in Hardinsburg **Monday, January 6**. All Mountain Mission donations should be taken to the Good Samaritan Center. Please write “Mountain Mission” on your boxes and bags, and ask the Good Samaritan volunteers to place your items in the storage building.

We received the following update and invitation from the Methodist Mountain Mission:

New Truck

As most of you know, our trucks are an essential part of our Mission in the Mountains. They pick up your donations and take items to our stores in 8 counties in Eastern Kentucky. All in all, we travel to 6 states and put thousands of miles on each of our trucks each year. Last fall, we asked for a blessing from all of our supporters to help us purchase a good-used truck to replace one of our ailing trucks. Well, the Good Lord provided well and beyond what we asked! With your donations, and 2 grants from the E.O. Robinson Mountain Fund and the Kentucky Colonels, we were able to purchase 2 good-used trucks! These will save us in repair costs and upkeep costs. Thank you for all you do for us here in the mountains!



2020 Tours

This year, why not come visit us? We had many groups this year and would love to have you, your church group, or whomever! Find out anything you’ve ever wondered about the MMM, check out the warehouse, and visit our flagship store here in Jackson! Call and ask Andy for details. We look forward to seeing you!

Ministry Action Team Schedule

The Ministry Action Team will meet on Tuesdays, January 7 and 21, at 4:30 p.m. in the Heart Meeting Room.

Soapy Second Sunday

January 12

Once a month, on the second Sunday, HUMC collects cleaning products for distribution through the Good Samaritan Center. Products for cleaning and personal hygiene are not included in vouchers for food distribution and are available to people by request. It is hard to tell someone who asks for shampoo or soap that there is none. This is a community mission outreach that anyone can participate in by just picking up that extra bar of soap, dish or clothes detergent, shampoo, etc. A hearty thanks to you all.



The donation basket for these items is now located in the Worship Center hallway on the beautiful table that was designed and built by Larry Welch from the altar rail and doors that were in the Sanctuary prior to the renovation.

Crafting Days

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 15, 16 and 17, 9:30 a.m. - ??? in the Heart Meeting Room
Bring your crafting supplies and join the group for fun and fellowship.

**Staff Parish Relations (PPR) Committee Consultations with the District Superintendent
Sunday, January 19 in the Heart and Soul Meeting Rooms, 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

Hardinsburg UMC’s meeting time is 4:30 p.m., and all current members only of the Staff Parish Relations (PPR) Committee are encouraged to attend. (Cate Hinton, Jill Hobbs, Paul Williams, Ginny Hamm, Judy Armes, Ints Kampars, Rebecca Glasscock, Bert Bertolasio, Huston DeHaven, Alice Thompson, Bettye Sue Small)

Church Busy Bags



Sometimes it is hard to sit still for one whole hour and be quiet. Well, the same goes for our young children who attend Worship Services! This is where the Church Busy Bags come in. Notice the Pencil Pole near the Sanctuary side entrance? There are bags hanging on the pole full of quiet things to keep little ones occupied when the minutes grow too long for them.

Some of the activities are definitely for very little ones, but there are also activity sheets for the 5 to 8 year olds. There are story books, crayons, paper, stickers and sometimes even a snack! All children are welcome to use the Busy Bags. And please, if you see a visitor with small children, tell them about our Church Busy Bags. While children are welcome to take home their work or snack, we do request that the bags and other contents be returned to the Pencil Pole so they can be restocked. HUMC welcomes and enjoys children every Sunday morning!

Outreach Ministry for January Blessing Box Ministry

A Blessing Box is a standalone miniature pantry where a person in need can come discreetly anytime of the day or night for just a bit of food, a toiletry item or maybe just a pair of socks. The Blessing Box has been in operation for almost a year now and is always open. It has made it much easier for people to have access to an emergency food source. Now when someone calls for food, we simply refer them to the Blessing Box outside of Memorial Hall.

This box has been used by many in our community, and this month we are going to collect food items to place in it. Anyone in the community can participate, and in fact we hope they do. "Take what you need, leave what you can, little becomes much in the Master's hand."

Items should be non-perishable and withstand uncontrolled temperatures. Below is a list of suggested items to help you think about what a person who is down to their last dollar could use. Please place your items on the table in the Worship Center hallway, and they will be added to the Blessing Box as needed.

Pull-top cans of fruit, vegetables, soups

Instant Oatmeal

Instant Mac & Cheese

Beanie Weenies

Spam

Granola bars

Peanut butter

Saltine crackers

Peanut butter crackers

Raisins

Ramen noodles

Instant Bowl meals



Tuna & crackers pack

Individual applesauce

Spaghetti O's

Dry cereal, individual boxes

Spaghetti Sauce

Spaghetti

Noodles

Pork 'n Beans

Canned Chili

One Cup Instant Meals

Instant coffee

Beef Stew

Looking Ahead

**Please join GPS (God's Path Saves) Kids
at Hardinsburg United Methodist Church for the**

"Be Mine" Valentine Party

Tuesday, February 4, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall

If inclement weather occurs, an alternate date will be scheduled.

Snack will be provided

Transportation is available (church van) from HES.

Please send a note to school if your child needs a ride on the church van. Please pick up your child at 4:30 p.m. or transportation home is available within Hardinsburg city limits.

Hope to see you there & bring a friend!

Word of the Month

Path - the way, course or track

Stay on the path that the LORD your God has commanded you to follow. Then you will live long and prosperous lives in the land you are about to enter and occupy.

Deuteronomy 5:33 New Living Translation (NLT)

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Sundays

8:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Soul Survivors Youth Ministry

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Nursery during Worship

Monthly

3:00 p.m. GPS (God's Path Saves) Kids
(meets when school is in session)

*Welcome Home to
Hardinsburg United Methodist Church*

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