

The Harper Journal



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If you have anything you would like to be put in next month's Newsletter (prayer list update, thank you, etc.) please email your request to office@harperchapel.org or call the church office at 573-348-2617. Thanks so much and God Bless!

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*Connecting
people with
Jesus Christ
and
each other.*



God's Cupboard

Thank you so much for continuously giving to God's Cupboard. Your donations are what helps feed the community when they are in need. Here is what we need:

- ◆ SpaghettiOs
- ◆ Mac & Cheese
- ◆ Knorr's Side Dishes
- ◆ Individual Snack Fruit Cups
- ◆ Individual Pudding Cups
- ◆ Soup
- ◆ Misc. Items

As always, monetary donations are certainly welcome. Thank you again for your gifts to the Cupboard. You are very much appreciated.

God's CLOSET

Sharing God's love one person at a time.

We have enjoyed warm weather lately, but we know that winter is just around the corner. God's Closet has been busy this fall, and we expect that to continue.

We need warm adult clothing. Sweats, warm shirts, and sweaters go quickly. We are out of heavier weight warm gloves. Let's help those in need have a little warmer Christmas.

Anyone who would like to help with this mission can leave their name and phone number with the church office. Thank you for your continued support!

a note from Pastor Jim...

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love; the gifts of the Christmas season are almost here. This year, as we move toward Christmas Eve, and the following New Year celebrations lets take a few moments to pause, reflect and discover that the gifts mentioned above are not just for this season but for all seasons and every phase of life.

I pray that each and every one of us discover the reason why we make such a big deal out of Christmas. The baby, born in Bethlehem, in of all places a stable, is our Lord and Savior. "You shall call his name Emmanuel," meaning God with us. God is truly with each and everyone all year and all the time. All we need to do is slow down and listen.

As we move into the new year we will have a special J.O.Y. group meeting on Monday, January 10th at 11:00 AM. We will have a representative from the Missouri Methodist Foundation presenting a workbook and the tools needed for "Putting our House in Order". No, this has nothing to do with cleaning out our closets. It has everything to do with the information we need to set up our estates, wills, living wills, and final arrangements so that our families and loved ones won't need to guess.

The foundation will be providing lunch, which means I will need an RSVP from everyone planning on attending, so that we can have enough workbooks and food. We have also extended the invitation to our good friends at Faithbridge UMC.

Lastly, I am excited about the response to the summer camp opportunity we have in concert with Faithbridge and the Missouri Conference. We had 17 scholarships purchased. If you are planning on using this for your grand-kids, or other children in your family let me know so that we can take care of the enrollment process.

Looking forward in faith,



Pastor Jim

Merry Christmas
Bless your
Families
Please if possible could
you put more warm clothes
out it getting very

Cold
out
Here Thank
you

God Bless you all

Sending a special wish
for a wonderful Christmas Season.



Sunday's Schedule



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 AM
Restarts January 9th
Ten Commandments

10:00 am Worship Service



Blended Worship
10am
A Little for Everyone

- Classic Hymns
- Modern Praise Songs
- Occasional Choir
- Occasional Guest Musician
- Occasional Handbells Choir

You can also join us from the comfort of your own home by going to our Live Facebook page!



Live ON FACEBOOK
@HC Live at Harper Chapel UMC
Sundays at 10 AM



YOUTH GROUP

Youth spent the month of December in Christmas activities and preparing a video based on scripture from the book of Luke. A special thank you to Nancy Culver for sharing her drama expertise!

During the coming months, we hope to be able to meet with members of the congregation to look at church activities and experiences from days of yesterday. If you would be willing to meet with youth some Wednesday evening to share, don't hesitate to let us know!

Youth activities will resume January 5th.

A Special thank you to all the cooks who allow us to meet and eat each Wednesday. Linda Barber, Pat Pemberton, Janie Hamner, Diane Williams, Bill Randell, Kristi McGrew, Donna Rives, and Dennis Brouillette. We couldn't do it without you!



Thank you to everyone who was part of the Music Ministries in 2021. You all did an amazing job and the Cantata turned out just fantastic. Great job everyone!

We have some great songs planned for 2022 and look forward to sharing them with everyone.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Choir or Handbells Choir, please contact Kathleen Marco or the Church Office for more information.

Have a Blessed 2022!

In
Gratitude
with
Love 



**Volunteers in our Choir, Praise Band,
 Handbells Choir, and Tech Team**

Thank You for all you do!!

Prayer List: Joys & Concerns

Elaine Blackwell	Susan Robinson
Elizabeth Neill (Wheeler)	(Rives)
Rick & Robert Myers	Lourae Fitzgerald
David Culver	(Depew)
Jeanne Boardman	Linda Craig
Marcia Murrow	Jim Dexter
Richard Coburn	Verna Kurtz
(Meyers)	Joan Wheeler (Penfield)
Jan Berry	Pete Culver (Culver)
Eva Cannon	Barb Massie (Witham)
Graham Tatomer	Verla Ahrens
Emily Wheeler	Dan & Judy VanBuskirk
Debra Pinfield	Julie VanBuskirk & brother Dan Jr.
Sadie Richey	Family of Hazel Croy
Kathleen Marco's Parents	Bruce Sents (Jansma)

Members & Friends facing hard times

Bahule UMC & Maivene
 UMC

Mozambique churches
 sponsored by Harper Chapel

All men and women serving
 our country

Local families in need

Members & friends in Long-Term-Care Facilities

Elaine Blackwell
 Juanita Grote
 Mary Barber

January Birthdays

Karl Buckingham (2nd)	Geraldine Hammond (19th)
Paul Schaefer (3rd)	Norma Mills (20th)
Donna Rives (4th)	Paul Baur (25th)
Maurice Overlander (7th)	Kristi McGrew (26th)
Jeanne Gordon (11th)	Colleen Brayfield (27th)
Carol Wheeler (12th)	Lindsay Bentley (28th)
Debbie Larson (15th)	Selynn Barbour (28th)
Dave Mossman (15th)	Diane Oltmann (29th)
Steve Kahrs (16th)	Roberta Johns (29th)
Nancy Overlander (17th)	Bill Pemberton (31st)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 TO YOU!**

*Happy Birthday
 and God Bless*

LRHS Parish Nurse Network
Wellness Tip of the Month
January, 2022

Croup

What is it?

Croup is a respiratory illness that affects the windpipe of young children causing a harsh, barking cough and difficulty breathing. This is due to a swelling of the windpipe (breathing tubes).

Symptoms

1. A harsh, barking cough- sounds like a “barking seal”
2. A raspy, hoarse voice
3. A harsh, crowing noise when breathing in
4. Fast Breathing

Causes

Croup may occur several days after the start of a cold, caused by the same virus and can be passed from one person to another by coughing or sneezing.

Diagnosis/Treatment

Call or take your child to the doctor or emergency room if having severe problems with breathing. Most treatments can be tried at home, and include keeping yourself and the child calm; breathing in moist air or cool night air; using a humidifier at night; keeping the child well hydrated (drink water; eat popsicles).

There should be no smoking around the child.

Resource: <http://www.webmd.com/tc/croup>

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Planning Spiritual Wellness Goals and Resolutions for the New Year

As we approach a new year, our minds tend to turn to fresh starts. Making lifestyle changes can be difficult; committing to Jesus helps to improve and renew us as we contemplate physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness resolutions.

Spiritual wellness refers to seeking a meaning to one's life and integrating our spiritual beliefs and values with our actions. Signs of spiritual wellness include a sense of calm; inner contentment; commitment to the common good over personal desires; a love and compassion for all God's creatures, our brothers and sisters worldwide, and our earthly environment; a greater ability to deal with distress.

When looking at research on the ability to improve health through spirituality, some research shows a connection between personal beliefs and a sense of well being. Positive beliefs, comfort and strength gained from religion, meditation, and prayer can contribute to well-being and may promote healing. Improving your spiritual wellness may not cure an illness, but it will definitely help you feel better. Spiritual renewal reminds us that we belong to something greater than ourselves. For spiritual renewal and setting spiritual resolutions, God's people must read His word.

Spiritual growth is a process which requires practice. Here are some practices you can adopt in your daily life to improve your spiritual wellness:

1. Develop the habit of daily Bible study and prayer.
2. Cultivating grace goals. Being courteous, compassionate, and positive with others can be the simplest way to step forward in your spiritual path.
3. Appreciate and Value life. Life is a beautiful gift, given by God. So, when you respect, value and appreciate your life, you also appreciate God for giving you this gift.
4. Feed the hungry and practice charity. Charity is a great way to develop positivity and spiritual grace.
5. Welcome and minister to others. Look at each person you pass with open and loving eyes and hearts. Step beyond tolerance into acceptance and learn to love others for their place in God's plan.

As Ben Franklin wisely said, “ Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better person.” Gracious Lord, I have no idea what's going to happen in this new year. I pray that you will guide us as individuals and a Church body. Please help us to look to you always, and through everything we do, may we bring praise and glory to Your name. We thank You Lord for another year.

Peace and Grace, Billy Bennett, RN, Parish Nurse

Poinsettias

Thank you for adding to the beauty of Christmas this holiday season. The following people purchased the poinsettias in honor of or in memory of those listed below.

Dave & Geniece Tyler ... Happy Birthday Jesus!

The Kahrs Kids ... In Loving Memory of Jim & Liz Kahrs and Ray Miller

Billye Bennett ... In Loving Memory of Marlys Waller

In Honor of Marla Marcum

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Joan Williams ... In Loving Memory of Neil Williams

Jan Campbell ... In Loving Memory of Jack Campbell

Mark Mitchell ... In Loving Memory of David and Alice Weiseman

Linda Kapfer, Donna and Carolyn ... In Loving Memory of our sister, Janis Watson

Ann Hubbard ... In Loving Memory of Robert E. Hubbard

Mom & Dad (Hoemeyers) ... In Loving Memory of Chelsea Hoemeyer

Max & Kelly Fischbach ... Happy Birthday Jesus!

Dave & Joanna O'Connor ... In Loving Memory of Arline O'Connor

Carol Weatherford ... In Loving Memory of Alan Weatherford

In Loving Memory of Lila Weatherford

Jim & Carol Day ... In Honor of Juanita Day

Barbara Osborn ... In Loving Memory of Dr. Howard W. Osborn (Bill)

In Honor of Family and Friends



Meet at 2:00 pm

2nd Monday every month

January 10th is the next meeting



Grief Support Group

Meet at 5:00 pm

2nd Tuesday every month

January 11th is the next meeting

**The Church Office
will re-open after
the Holidays on
January 3rd, 2022
with new hours:**

**Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Closed for Lunch:
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

The **LORD** BLESS YOU
and keep you,
The **LORD** *make his face*
TO SHINE *upon you and*
BE GRACIOUS *to you,*

The **LORD** *turn his face*
TOWARD YOU
and give you **PEACE.**

NUMBERS 6:24-26

