

# 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](mailto: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

We appreciate everyone who gives to this ministry. You are greatly helping people in this community. Here is a list of what is currently needed:

- Soup
- Individual Fruit Cups
- Canned Fruit
- Ladies Hygienic Necessities
- Misc. Items (pancake mix, syrup, etc.)

To volunteer to stock the cupboard, please contact Jan Campbell at 573-280-6361.

## a note from Pastor Eric...

I love the month of October! The weather begins to cool off. The leaves begin their transformation from green to different fall colors and begin to fall. The sound of walking on those fallen leaves puts a smile on my face. October is also the month that I personally get to celebrate the life of my best friend and wife, Helen. When I was a kid, October also meant it was time for Halloween and candy! Picking out or creating my Halloween costume was a challenge. Much thought had to go into what I wanted to dress up as for Halloween. For many people, Halloween was seen as a fun event for kids. As we get older, the fun of dressing up tends to lessen for most people. We often aren't looking for the latest mask or superhero to dress up as. I've learned that what I thought was the best part of Halloween, the candy, is something I can just go and buy and get the candy I want and not worry about the candy I don't care for as much.

Although many of us have given up dressing up for Halloween, the reality is that nearly every single one of us still wears a costume. We may not call it a costume, but we each hide behind some persona or some mask. You could even say that we hide behind walls that we have erected to keep ourselves safe. The masks that we wear are the ones that show the world what we want them to see about us. The masks could be showing confidence, happiness, strength - when on the inside of us, we feel defeated, alone, and weak.

Why do we hide our true selves from others? I believe that we are afraid that others will reject us, hate us, or perhaps loathe us if they know the real us. It's at this point that I want you to hear this truth. God knows the real us, the real us that hides behind masks and personas, and that God loves us in our hurt, pain, and brokenness. God wants us to then love ourselves because we are loved by the grace of God. We are forgiven and we truly are not alone because God is always with us. When we begin to love ourselves and see ourselves as God sees us, we can begin to lower our mask and stop hiding who we are because God begins to transform us into his loving children.

As we allow God to transform us, we can begin to love others in their brokenness because, as Paul says, we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Every single one of us lives in grace and we need to extend grace to one another. It is my prayer that Harper Chapel will be a church that is not afraid to take off our mask and show one another who we truly are. That we will love and support each other because we all are broken and only put together through God's grace. There are so many people in our community wearing a mask and they are looking for a place to belong and to be loved as they are. May we at Harper Chapel be that place.



Eric Schmidt, Pastor

## *All are Welcome to Join Us!*



Meeting & Luncheon  
Oct. 13th at 10:30 am



Meeting & Dinner  
Oct. 27th at 6:00 pm



Next Meeting on  
Oct. 17th at 11:00 am

# Sunday's *Schedule*

**10:00 am  
Worship Service**

## *Blended Worship*

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

**10am**

*A Little  
for Everyone*



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



**WEDNESDAY Bible Study**

Begins September 14th @ 10:30 am

8 week study of the Gospel of Mark

Will meet at Harper Chapel UMC

# UPDATE

## **Undie Sunday**



**Over 430  
Items  
Collected**

Starting in 1989, Harper Chapel began collecting socks, underwear, t-shirts and other basic clothing

items to help local school kids "Look Good"! If an accident occurs or some other mishap, the kids are able to change into some clean and dry clothes.

This year, 34 years later, we were able to collect over 430 items and we distributed them throughout the Camdenton School District. We are certain the school nurses and the students are quite thankful.



*So, thanks to all of you for your support of this ministry each and every year.*

## *Save the Date*

December 10, 2022 • 6 pm

### **All Church Christmas Dinner**

sponsored by the United Methodist Men

A short Christmas drama directed by Jo Beth Nicklas is planned following dinner.

*More information coming soon!*

In  
Gratitude  
with Love



To All Our Trustees

Thank you for keeping this building operational. You help keep the lights on, the air running and the sprinklers going in the dead of summer. We appreciate all your hard work here at Harper Chapel.

## Prayer List: Joys & Concerns

Elaine Blackwell	Lourae Fitzgerald	Megan Neulle
Elizabeth Neill (Wheeler)	(Depew)	Clarke Keenan
Robert Myers	Jim Dexter	Marlys Miller (Ron's Mom)
David Culver	Verna Kurtz	Ann Hubbard
Jeanne Boardman	Pete Culver (Culver)	Dennis Harmon & Family
Marcia Murrow	Barb Massie (Witham)	Shelley & Hunter Burks (Moore)
Jan Berry	Verla Ahrens	
Eva Cannon	Bruce Sents (Jansma)	
Emily Wheeler	Stephanie Savage (Hammonds)	
Wilma Penfield	Brooke Lawler	
Sadie Richey	Nancy Witham	
Kathleen Marco's Parents	Jim Lewis	
Susan Robinson (Rives)	Tami Moulder & Family	

## 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  
Mary Barber

## October Birthdays

Lola VanWeelden (7th)	Nancy Culver (16th)
Beau Brayfield (8th)	Barb Alcott (20th)
Blake Barbour (9th)	Harold McFarland (25th)
Dave Sanders (11th)	Steve Hofstetter (28th)
Gloria O'Keefe (13th)	Clark Ogden (30th)
Billye Bennett (14th)	Mary Lu Johnson (30th)
Patrick Mills (14th)	



Have a Blessed  
Birthday

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Meet at 2 pm**  
2nd Monday each month  
**Oct. 10th is the next meeting**



**Grief Support Group**

**Meet at 6 pm**  
2nd Tuesday each month  
**Oct. 11th is the next meeting**



Meet every Wednesday 6-7:30 pm.  
All 2nd ~ 8th graders welcome. Youth friendly dinner provided. All kiddos are welcome to join in the fun!

**WEDNESDAY Bible Study** Begins September 14th @ 10:30 am

8 week study of the Gospel of Mark

Will meet at Harper Chapel UMC

Feel free to join in the discussion of the Gospel of Mark each Wednesday at 10:30 am. Here at Harper Chapel.

**Fall is Flu Shot Season** **FREE!** **Flu Shot Clinic at Harper Chapel UMC**

**Friday October 7th 9 am**

Camden County Health Department **Public Health** Prevent. Promote. Protect.

There are screening questionnaire forms in the church office that need to be filled out prior to getting your flu shot.

**FALLING FOR Hope House** SATURDAY OCTOBER 8 11:30 AM

A FASHION SHOW OF HARPER CHAPEL

**Salad Luncheon & Silent Auction**

**\$15 per person** All Proceeds to Benefit Hope House

Limited Seating • Tickets Not Sold at Door

For Info & Ticket Sales Contact Jan Campbell: 573-280-6361

There are very few tickets left for the Hope House Fashion Show. Be sure to call Jan Campbell if you want to purchase any. Thanks so much.

**Carry-In Dinner** *October 30th ~ After Church*

**You Bring It ~ We'll Eat It!**

Bring your favorite dish to share and we'll have a great time fellowshiping together with one another.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**Sunday, October 30th 5 - 6 pm**

Drop off Candy Donations in Bins by Office. Thanks!!

Decorate Your Vehicle's Trunk and Hand Out Candy to the Kiddos!!



# God's CLOSET

Sharing God's love one person at a time.



Now Accepting

New or Gently Used

Winter Clothing

Something you would wear!

Missouri is notorious for being hot one moment, then cool the next, especially in the spring and fall. Well, now that the fall is here it's time again to start thinking about those who need warm clothing to help them throughout the cold winter.

God's Closet is ready to accept new or gently used winter clothing. Think about items that you

would want to wear if you were homeless or had a home with no heat that was cold. We find that jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, pants, hats, warm gloves or mittens, scarves, and socks go so fast we can hardly keep them on hand. All sizes of clothing are needed but men's and women's sizes go the fastest.

Please make sure the used items you donate are washed and clean (we don't want to put out dirty clothes) and in good repair (no broken zippers, bad rips or terrible stains). Note: We do not put out spring and summer wear unless it is something that can be layered easily. We do not put out underwear unless it is thermal long johns. **We will start putting items on the fence at the end of October.** Thanks for your help with this mission!

## HARPER CHAPEL YOUTH GROUP

If you noticed a strange note in your pew mid-September, youth are responsible. They created random notes of love and kindness to share with the congregation. Their enthusiasm is active, loud and ever present. They are excited about Genesis, the new drama activity monthly, which Jo Beth Nicklas will be sharing. First presentation will be at the Men's Christmas Dinner in December. You won't want to miss it as they share "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"!



## ***THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS***

The Miracle of Christmas, Branson story, starts with Mary and Joseph of Nazareth during the trials they go through leading up to the birth of Jesus. See how the Nazareth townspeople betray them, as well as how the Roman rule of Herod and his soldiers threaten to destroy the Jewish way of living. The play comes to life as it is partnered with trained live animals that are housed on-site. Visitors get to see beautiful horses, sheep, camels, and so much more during this amazing portrayal of the birth of Jesus.

Audiences will watch as you see a young Mary told of her fulfilling destiny to carry the Son of God. The story takes place from conception to His birth. Filled with beautiful costumes throughout the entire cast, as the shepherds and Kings travel to worship and present gifts to the Baby Jesus. This production captivates the audience while enjoying the Biblical Story of Jesus' brought to life in a new life-changing way.

Please contact Billye Bennett for more information or to buy tickets. Her cell is 573-480-3975.



**Thursday, November 17, 2022 @ 3:30 pm**

**\$59.77 per person**

**Ticket Deadline: *October 13th***  
**Make check payable to Billye Bennett.**

1 pm Lunch @  **BILLY GAIL'S** Restaurant in Ozark, MO

