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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 <u>office@harperchapel.org</u> or call the church office at 573-348-2617. Thanks so much and God Bless!



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Connecting people with Tesus Christ and each other.



October 2022



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



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.

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





10:00 am Worship Service

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

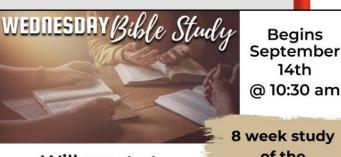
A Little

for Everyone



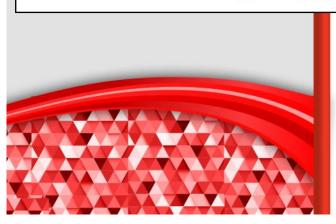
You can also join us from the comfort of your own home by going to our Live Facebook page!





Will meet at Harper Chapel UMC

@ 10:30 am 8 week study of the **Gospel of Mark**





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!



Te 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 Elizabeth Neill (Wheeler) Robert Myers David Culver Jeanne Boardman Marcia Murrow Jan Berry Eva Cannon Emily Wheeler Wilma Penfield Sadie Richev Kathleen Marco's Parents Susan Robinson (Rives)

Lourae Fitzgerald (Depew) Jim Dexter Verna Kurtz Pete Culver (Culver) Barb Massie (Witham) Verla Ahrens Bruce Sents (Jansma) Stephanie Savage (Hammonds) Brooke Lawler Nancy Witham Jim Lewis Tami Moulder & Family

Megan Neulle Clarke Keenan Marlys Miller (Ron's Mom) Ann Hubbard Dennis Harmon & Family Shelley & Hunter Burks (Moore)

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



Have a Blessed Birthday





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!



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



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

1 pm Lunch @



AIL'S Restaurant in Ozark, MO