

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!



OUR VISION:

"Intentionally connecting people with Jesus Christ & each other through ministries that are: Relational, Invitational, Transformational & Missional"

OUR MISSION:

"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World!"



a note from Pastor Jim...

Here are the events that are taking place in December:

- Advent Study 9:00 am Sundays, Nov. 28th ~ Dec. 19th
- Nov. 28th, "Time to Go Home", 1st Sunday of Advent, 10 am
- Dec. 5th, "Going Home is Sometimes Not Easy", 2nd Sunday of Advent, 10 am
- Dec. 11th, All Church Christmas Dinner, 6 pm.
- Dec. 12th, "The Joy of Home", 3rd Sunday of Advent, 10 am
- Dec. 16th, J.O.Y. Christmas Party, 11 am. Please RSVP if you would like to attend.
- Dec. 19th, "The Blessing of Home", 4th Sunday of Advent, 10 am ; Choir Cantata during service.
- Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 pm. Both in-person and live via our live Facebook page @ HC Live at Harper Chapel UMC
- Dec. 26th, Hymn Sing Worship, 10 am



There are postcards that you can use to hand out to your family, friends and co-workers if you would like to invite them to join you for worship during this Christmas season. They are located on the table just outside the Parish Nurse / God's Cupboard Office. Take a few if you want to.

May we all come home this Christmas so we might become closer together as we celebrate the birth of our Savior this month.



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 and don't need:

Need:

- ♦ Peanut Butter & Jelly
- ♦ Mac & Cheese
- ♦ Knorr's Side Dishes
- ♦ Individual Snack Fruit Cups
- ♦ Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Don't Need:

- ♦ Canned Fruit
- ♦ Pasta noodles

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.

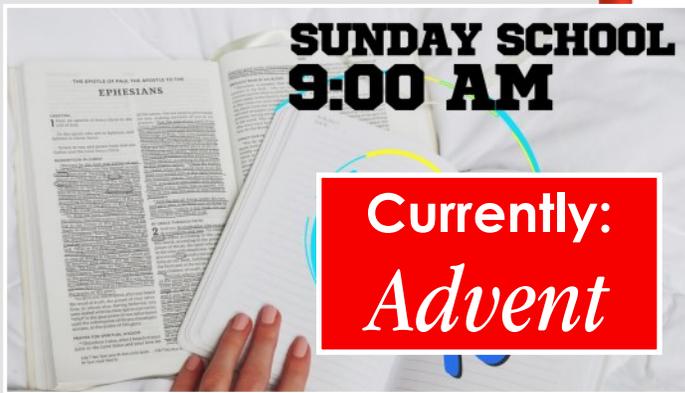
During this holiday season we are so thankful for all the donations we have received for God's Closet. Our first month this fall has been very busy with many clothing items already handed out.

We are going through adult items quickly. Warm shirts, sweatshirts/pants, and sweaters for adults are needed. Jackets and heavier weight gloves can also be used. Items in youth and teen sizes are also in short supply.

The need is great and we appreciate all of your donations.

If you would be willing to help bag items or hang them on the fence, please contact the mission team as we can always use help!

Sunday's Schedule



Youth are happy to welcome Haleigh, Dustin and Kennedy Cox as Harper Chapel Wednesday evening youth sponsors. Kennedy, at one year of age, brings gifts of a never ending smile and unequaled enthusiasm. We thank this family for sharing their talents with this group.

During November, youth focused on gratitude, and ways of expressing gratitude. In December we will look at the importance of giving and what we can give. Watch for youth as they light the Sunday Advent candles and possibly a surprise new way of looking at the Christmas story.

Youth would also like to say Thank You to the following people:

Janie Hamner, Pat Pemberton, Kristi McGrew, Bill Randell, Diane Williams, Linda Barber, Donna Rives, Dennis Brouillette, for the delicious Wednesday evening meals.

Also, Curtis Nicklas and Izzy Hamner on their successful performances at Camdenton High School's play.

10:00 am Worship Service



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



Well, 2021 sure had its ups and downs, didn't it? I am so proud to say the Harper Chapel Music Ministry has overcome it all! The blending of the Praise and Traditional services is going smoothly, the Bell Choir is back with their beautiful sound, and the Vocal Choir is growing! All music groups are working well together, and sounding better all the time. BRAVO music, sound and video ministries!

There's more to come in December and we're all excited for new music and events in 2022!

Wishing you a beautiful, musical Christmas Season!

Harper Chapel Music Ministry

*In
Gratitude
with Love* 

***Everyone
who helps take
care of the
Church Lawn.
Thank You All.***

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 (Meyers)	Verna Kurtz
Jan Berry	Joan Wheeler (Penfield)
Eva Cannon	Pete Culver (Culver)
Graham Tatomer	Barb Massie (Witham)
Emily Wheeler	Verla Ahrens
Debra Pinfield	Dan & Judy VanBuskirk
Sadie Richey	Julie VanBuskirk & brother Dan Jr.
Kathleen Marco's Parents	Family of Hazel Croy
	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

December Birthdays

Buddy Brayfield (4th)	Kiley Bentley (21st)
Dennis Brouillette (6th)	Sue Pierce (21st)
Eva Cannon (7th)	Joe Barber (25th)
PJ Mossman (7th)	Marcia Murrow (27th)
Julia Clark (8th)	Roy Witham (28th)
Norm Vojtech (8th)	Kathy Hoemeyer (30th)
Judy Jansma (16th)	
Maurice Knudson (17th)	
Rose Richey (17th)	

*Happy Birthday
and God Bless*



**LRHS Parish Nurse Network
Wellness Tip of the Month
December, 2021**

Sepsis

What is it?

Sepsis is your body's response to an infection. The infection can be bacterial or viral. It may start as a minor cut or injury, or be from a Urinary Tract infection or pneumonia. The body may respond by causing overwhelming inflammation throughout the blood stream, causing blood clots to form. Sometimes, Sepsis can lead to "Septic Shock"- a dangerous drop in your Blood Pressure and organ failure, which can result in death.

Persons at greater risk

- Persons with compromised immune systems such as Cancer or AIDS
- Persons on certain medications, such as steroids
- Very young babies
- The elderly
- Persons with recent surgeries or hospitalizations
- Persons with diabetes
- Persons with heart disease

Symptoms

S - Shivering, fever or very low body temperature

E - Extreme Pain or general discomfort ("worst ever")
P - Pale or discolored skin
S - Sleepy, difficult to rouse
I - "I feel like I might die"
S - Short of breath; rapid breathing
Confusion
Rapid pulse
Nausea and vomiting

Treatment

If a person has these symptoms, go to the Emergency room, where they will do tests including blood work, x-rays, CT scans or ultrasounds to determine whether they can find the source of the infection.

If you do have sepsis you will probably be admitted into the hospital to monitor your condition, give you fluids, and antibiotics.

TREAT EARLY-THE BEST RESULTS OCCUR WHEN SEPSIS IS TREATED EARLY.

Resource-<http://www.webmd.com/a-z/guides/sepsis>

Sepsis.org

Lake Regional Health System

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Osage Beach, MO 65065

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***WHY IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE
THAN TO RECEIVE***

"Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving are not to put away, like bells and lights and tinsel, like some box upon a shelf, the good you do for others, is good you do yourself." Anon

"It is more blessed to give than receive." (Acts 20:35) These words as quoted by Paul, are not found in any one of the four Gospels and only preserve a small fragment of the sayings and doings of our Lord. Giving secures more real happiness than receiving, and besides, is Godlike and blesses forever.

For whatever reason, if your Christmas spirit feels crushed this year and you're lacking joy, remember that although life continually changes, Jesus and his love for us never does. If we want more joy at Christmas, it's amazingly simple. All we have to do is bring joy to others, by being a spiritual conduit rather than a spiritual cul-de-sac, to allow God to work through us so that we will be a blessing to others. If you have the capacity to address a need (with your money, your time, or your encouragement), be used by God to give to and meet that need.

When we give of ourselves we are putting ourselves in a place of humility and offering that God shows favor upon. Giving in a right spirit is an act of worship. It is rendering Him a tribute of praise. It is saying "You gave me everything and here is a small expression of my gratitude and praise for all your good gifts." We receive so much joy when we see how God is glorified in giving of our talents, our time, and our resources and when we see Him bless others through our giving.

Wishes for a Blessed Season,

Billye Bennett, RN
Parish Nurse



Meet at 11:00 am
2nd Mon. every month
Dec. 16th J.O.Y.
Christmas Party
(Christmas party
is only
meeting in Dec.)



Meet at 2:00 pm
2nd Monday every month
December 13th is
the next meeting



Meet at 5:00 pm
2nd Tuesday every month
December 14th is
the next meeting

Harper Chapel's office will be closed on Friday,
December 24th for Christmas.

We will also be closed from Monday,
December 27th through Friday, December 31st.

We will reopen on Monday, January 3rd with
new hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

