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Harrison First United Methodist Church
1100 West Bower
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To Know+To Love+To Serve God

Prayers of the People

OUR PRAYERS

These are not just names on a list but people for whom we are truly concerned. Please let us know how they are doing so that we may continue to pray for them or rejoice in their healing or answer to prayer.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Austin Bailey, Emily Best, Beth Bradford, Mike Brown, Rebecca Brumley, Lyndle Bullard, John & Gabriel Caglia, Ace Callahan, Mary Jane Cobb, JD & Judy Erwin, Sue Flanigan, Blake Franklin, Carl Griffith, Ruth Haley, James Hendricks, Logan Johnson, Madalyn Judd, Barb Lane, Teresa Ledbetter, Kim Lewin and family, Alex Luther, Mike Masterson, Paul Mathis, Virginia McCracken, John McQuiston, Lou Ann Moles, Carl Peterson, James Primm, Donna Marie Roberts, Charlie Rush, Louise Spradlin, Ina Thomason, Peggy Turney, Hayden Vanderpool, Abby Wilson, Paul Wilton, the family of Brian Pugh, and the family of Kelley Hanks.

New Year's Thoughts

Another year of your life closes and a new page is turned in the book of the recording angel...

Aim to honor God in everything, always and everywhere. Carry your religion into everything.

My Life Today Devotional

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A Note from the Office

Greetings for the new year. As part of the newsletter this month, I thought I would share a copy of my 2022 Charge Conference pastors report. This report is part of our annual church 'business' report submitted to the Annual conference each year. It provides my views as a summation of the past year and where I hope we go in 2023.

Let me begin by saying what a privilege it is to serve alongside the people of Harrison First United Methodist Church. The past year has been one of great joy but also came with some challenges. I want to highlight some of the great things that happened during 2022 for Harrison First UMC.

For myself, and I believe the church as a whole, one of the year's highlights happened on September 25th. We were privileged to celebrate the Baptism of Mattox Tibbitt. This was my first baptism here at Harrison and the first in many years for the church. Celebrating this step in a young person's life is always a great joy. Over the year, we also received several people into membership which is always a blessing. Our church also began doing monthly mission outreach projects where we collected items to benefit local ministries and organizations. We provided various items for Share and Care, Skyline Elementary, Grandma's House, Hope Cottages, Ozark Opportunities, and the Call of Boone & Newton Counties.

Another Highlight for the year was restarting the tradition of "Edith Martin Sunday," where we recognized our scholarship recipient and then had the opportunity to hear from her as she shared about her life and passions, as well as plans for the future ministry. We concluded the day by joining together for a fellowship meal sponsored by an anonymous individual in our congregation.

Even with all the great things that have happened over the year, it has also come with some challenges. The ongoing issues within our demonization have become, in many ways, a problematic distraction to many. As a local congregation, we must realize that these are issues we cannot solve, and we must not let them distract us from fulfilling our mission to make disciples and serve our local community.

In the coming year, we need to become unified in our desire to be a guiding light in our community that truly seeks to know, love, and serve God, but that will only happen if we all work together. My hope for the coming year is that we will not let outside issues dictate what happens here in our community, and we will focus on being the church that God knows and has called us to be.

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- 1- Chandra Dawn Capps
- 13- Ann Main
- 14- Jane Pinson
- 15- Brian Tolhurst
- 22- Bill Bruce
- 26- Sarah Hanks
- 29- Charles Hemphill



- 22- John & Natalie Nixon
- 25- Don & Laurie Tolhurst

Church Financial Report

December's Income \$ 18,749.39

December's Expenses \$19,937.81

2022 Income \$207,464.44

2022 Expenses \$231,877.73



*Our hope is not in the new year, but in the **One** who makes all things **new**.*

2 Cor 5:17

Start Your Year with the

NEW START Program

Do these daily in 2023

N UTRITION	S UNSHINE
E XERCISE	T EMPERANCE
W ATER	A IR (Fresh)
	R EST
1 Cor 10:31	T RUST IN GOD

Whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

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January

Jan. 2nd - SPPRC Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 8th - Annual Charge Conference
at 11:45 a.m.

Jan. 9th - Trustee's Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 10th - Wesleyan Group at 2:00 p.m.
Finance Committee at 5:30 p.m.
Admin Council at 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 17th - Nellie Dyer at 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 21st - UMM Breakfast at 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 25th - UMM Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 29th - 5th Sunday Potluck

January Memories

Sparkling winter sunshine,
faces all aglow,
making resolutions,
and angels in the snow---
steaming cups of cocoa,
a year that's fresh and new...
all of this is delightful---
unfolding just for you!

Weekly Scripture Readings

January 1

Isa 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12

January 6

Isa 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7,10-14; Eph 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12

January 8

Isa 42:1-9; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt 3:13-17

January 15

Isa 49:1-7; Ps 40:1-11; 1 Cor 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

January 22

Isa 9: 1-4; Ps 27:1, 4-9; 1 Cor 1:10-18; Matt 4:12-23

January 29

Mic 6:1-8; Ps 15; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Matt 5:1-12

New Year's Day.

A fresh start.

***A new chapter waiting to
be written.***

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