



HARDINBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## From the Preacher . . .



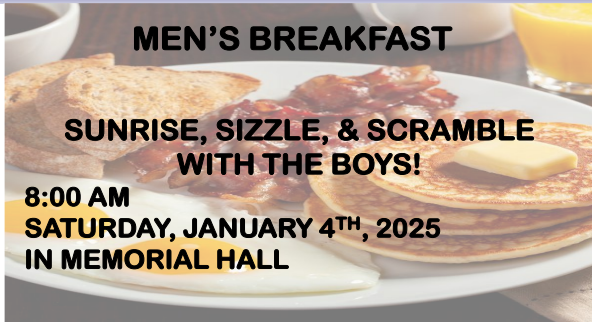
I have found this prayer to be a meaningful way to begin the new year. I invite you to join Wesleyan followers of Jesus, who for the past two and a half centuries have prayed this prayer as a time of personal and corporate renewal. Perhaps you may want to begin each day of 2025 praying this powerful prayer of devotion.

Your servant,  
Keith



### John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to what you will,  
rank me with whom you will.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed for you  
or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you  
or brought low for you.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things,  
let me have nothing.  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to  
your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours.  
So be it.  
And the covenant now made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**SUNRISE, SIZZLE, & SCRAMBLE WITH THE BOYS!**

**8:00 AM  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
IN MEMORIAL HALL**



**Circle 4  
Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
at  
5:00 pm  
in  
Memorial Hall**

**We'd Love Your Input**

We welcome all members of the HUMC community to submit articles for our newsletter! This is a great way to share your thoughts, stories, history, and experiences with fellow members. Whether it's a reflection on faith, a personal story, or information about upcoming events, your ideas are

valuable. We encourage a variety of topics, experiences, recipes, artwork, etc., and we look forward to hearing from you. Please submit your piece to [hmcsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:hmcsecretary@outlook.com) by the 20th of each month.

Choco-Mint Oreo Squares  
by Chris Deming

Chocolate almond bark  
Crushed Oreos  
Mint extract until it's minty enough.  
Melt chocolate, add crushed Oreos.  
Add mint until it's minty enough.  
Pour onto cookie sheet til cool & cut into squares.



**The Blessing Team**  
Meets Every Monday  
9:30am in the  
Heart & Soul Room



**Ministry Action Team**  
Heart & Soul Room  
January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
at 10:30 am  
in  
Heart and Soul room

**December Gopher Food**

Thank You, HUMC congregation, for supplying Phil the Gopher with \$242 for our Methodist Children's Homes in December. Your generosity is boundless and greatly appreciated by the children and youth the Methodist Homes serve. And we appreciate our wonderful children for their eagerness to collect "food for Phil" each Sunday. Their participation in this mission program brings joy to us all. Phil will be "eating" for the Benevolence Fund where we partner with St. Vincent DePaul through St. Romuald Catholic Church to provide help for those in the community who have needs for food, shelter and heat.



**PHIL  
THE GOPHER**

This month's kids' collection is going to

**BENEVOLENCE FUND**

in partnership with St. Vincent DePaul

**Welcome to the Ministry Action Team!**

Thinking about trying something new in the New Year? Come check out MAT, cause we'd love to have you. This is the group that organizes our Outreach and Mission programs. We're motivated by fun activities for our children, outings, & pot lucks. Join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, January 7 at 10:30 am. We welcome everyone, and are inspired by your fresh ideas. Current members include Norita Smiley, Melissa Kampars, Jill Sutton, and Sheila Eakin. We hope to see you there!



Welcome sweet little Eloise Grace!

Congratulations Phil, Caitlin, & Harrison



## Coats for Kids

Our December outreach to collect coats, hats and gloves for the Elementary Youth Services in Breckinridge County was a great success. Susan Shelman delivered 20 coats, 10 hats and 8 pairs of gloves to the HES Youth Services. We have 1 more deliver to make that consist of 5 more coats, 2 more hats, and 3 pairs of gloves. The Youth Service Center thanks Hardinsburg UMC for the donations. They were so appreciative, and assured us that all will definitely be distributed.



A heartfelt thank you to our congregation for the generous donations made to the winter coat and hoodie drive. Thanks to your kindness, we've gathered a significant number of coats that will be distributed to local county schools, where the need is greatest. Together, we are ensuring warmth for those who need it most this winter.



**Crafting Group**  
Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> full  
week of the month  
Wednesday - Friday  
starting at 9:30 am

Gather - create - inspire



## Reflecting on 2024: HUMC's Mission in Action

In 2024, HUMC remained committed to fulfilling its mission to be the Church for both the community and congregation. With the guidance of Bro. Keith and the dedication of many members, we were able to meet challenges head on. Our members stepped up when needed, and the church continued its mission to serve and support those in need.

The church celebrated three baptisms, offered weekly Bible study, and held special services for Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve. Veterans were honored on Veterans Day, and the congregation remembered the fallen on Memorial Day. Children had their own special time during worship each Sunday, and the church continued offering its Sunday Worship Service through YouTube live stream. A new and improved church website was launched, and the church maintained an active presence on Facebook.

HUMC also worked hard to support the community. The Blessing Box remained stocked with food and essentials for those in need. The Methodist Men and Circle 4 partnered to supply the Good Samaritan Center with diapers each month. Circle 4 also provided feminine hygiene products to the Detention Center and donated \$200 to Days for Girls - an organization that provides these products to girls in foreign

countries. On Mother's Day, Circle 4 and the congregation gave 29 blankets to the sheriff's department to distribute to children in crisis.

In addition to supporting local outreach, the church provided coats, hats, and gloves to local elementary youth services, and Circle 4 funded 15 Breckinridge County hoodies made by BCHS students for BCHS Youth Services. The children's ministry was vibrant, with events like Sunday Night Live each week, Vacation Bible School in July, and a trip to the trampoline park. A memorable campfire gathering at Ginny Bell's home brought the church together for a night of fellowship, s'mores, and fun. We enjoyed a hot dog roast with s'mores, a hike and corn hole at Three Bells Farm. We also welcomed a visit from "the man in the red suit" at Christmas.

The children's ministry also raised approximately \$1,500 in Gopher Food, which was distributed to the Methodist Children's Homes, Benevolence Fund, Loucon Scholarships, Children's Ministry, Fishes and Loaves, Good Samaritan Center, and the Blessing Team for stamps and cards. HUMC also provided Memorial Hall to host Fishes and Loaves free community meals. A monthly crafting group gathered for fellowship, creating crafts that were often given away; blessing others in a personal

way. Several church members volunteered regularly at the Good Samaritan Center, offering their time and support.

The church continued to provide comfort during times of loss, hosting meals for the families of three church members who passed away in 2024. In addition, the congregation donated over 400 glue sticks for the Back to School Backpack Bash in August and collected 210 sticks of deodorant for Christmas gift bags for the Detention Center.

HUMC hosted its 12th annual free community Thanksgiving meal, bringing together neighbors and friends. The Blessing Team sent over 400 cards of encouragement to those experiencing hardship, visitors, and others in need of a kind word. The church also supplied costumes for the live Nativity during Christmas on the Square in Hardinsburg.

Throughout 2024, many members stepped up to handle tasks behind the scenes, including in areas like finance, trustees, technology, video streaming, communion preparation, worship, light bulb replacements, and decorating for Christmas. As Hardinsburg UMC looks toward 2025, the church is filled with excitement and anticipation for new opportunities to continue being a blessing to the community and sharing the love of Christ with those around them.

*Wishing you the strength to overcome any challenges that come your way. This is your year to shine bright and make a difference.*

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Sundays

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and YouTube

Livestream

Welcome Home to  
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