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Return service requested.

Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd at 12 noon in the church kitchen. Bring your lunch.

L.I.N.C.S. will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd at 6 p.m. at the home of Ann-Margret Perkins (800 Perryville Road) for potluck.

Thomas Graves Men's Group will meet on Saturday, Sept. 7th at 9 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship and a short devotion. All men of the church are invited.

Elders Meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 8th at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel.

Executive Board will meet on Sunday, Sept. 15th at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Wise & Wonderful Dinner Club will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 17th at 5 p.m. in the church kitchen.

**Sack Lunch Sunday
Sunday, Sept. 8th & Sept. 22nd**

We will meet every 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month to pack lunches for Mercer Transformation. We will meet at 9 a.m. in the church kitchen. We are making 80 sandwiches as they hand out over 200 bag lunches each week.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Join us for our all church potluck brunch being served in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Sept. 29th at 9:30 a.m.

Will you help with the brunch? We are asking for breakfast casseroles, mixed fruit, muffins/bread. Or would you like to help decorate on Saturday, Sept. 28th at 9 a.m., help serve during the brunch or help clean up afterwards. Call the church office.



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The Church Messenger

HARRODSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 305 SOUTH MAIN STREET, HARRODSBURG, KY, 40330
To be Christ-Centered by living, sharing, proclaiming, and celebrating God's Word.

**SERVING IN
SEPTEMBER
ELDERS**

Kenny Wade
Brent Moseley
Gene Lawson
Joy Stevens

DEACONS

Beverly Royalty
Trish Whitenack
Audrey Lester
Elizabeth Springate

*Church Office
will be closed
Monday, Sept. 2nd*



**HOMEBOUND
COMMUNION**

Will be served on Sunday, Sept. 8th



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A Moment with Micki

Created for Community

Lately I've been thinking a lot about relationships. Why they are important and how do we foster healthy relationships? I believe God created us for relationships. That's the beginning of God's story found in Genesis. After each creation God stood back and called it good. All of creation is good. The first time we hear God call something not good, is in Genesis 2:18. "Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that man (humanity) should be alone.'" It is not good to be alone. The whole beginning of God's story is grounded in the reality that we need one another.

Creating friendships and building meaningful relationships does not always come easy. Often, your day-to-day life will occupy most of your time. It takes a conscious effort to go deeper in relationships. Creating community in church life takes effort. We can come to worship and leave without really connecting with others. We can sense God's care, be moved by music, prayers, and the message. But what about finding community and friendship?

There are several ways for you to find community and friendship at HCC. We have Sunday school, 2 women's groups (LINCS & Friendship Circle), Men's (TGMG) breakfast, Sack Lunch Sunday, Choir, Yoga, Wednesday bible study, Wise & Wonderful and Mission First Ramp builds. They are all different ways to meet people, create friendships, share a great meal, do mission work together, sing songs of worship, learn, and pray for each other. The Family Ministry Team also creates ways for us to come together for fun and food with potluck meals, church get togethers, bon fires and hot dog roasts.

Sometimes though, established groups can be hard to find your place in. There are shared experiences and memories that are not yours. You don't know who to sit next to because everyone is with their already formed friendships. There's the assumption that everyone knows everyone. Maybe you've tried one of our small groups or ministry opportunities and you left feeling there was not a place for you. Don't give up. We have a new ministry that will kick off in November. All with the intention of creating a fun and welcoming space for everyone. It will be a way to create friendship. It is not limited to our friend group or church family. We will build relationships and foster connections through fun and laughter. It will be a great opportunity to invite someone to join you. Are you wondering and getting excited? I hope so. More to come.

Church, it is good for us to find new ways to include others. Starting new opportunities to get together is how we can help each other find friendship. Could it be that God is nudging you to start something new? Come to talk to me. The Spirit is full of surprises when we say yes.

Pastor Micki

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
2	Bo Baxter	22	Christy Moseley
12	Linda Whalen	24	Amy Yates
13	Ali Martin	26	Tracee Humble, Dennis Lester
14	Gene Lawson	28	Tupper Hardman
15	Barbara Isham, Audrey Lester		
16	Bobby Springate		
17	Pat Eskridge-Wilson	4	Landon & Tracee Humble
18	Kenny Wade	6	Larry & Beverly Royalty
21	Kathy Lester, Jerry Sampson	20	Gary & Tonya Schroeder



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HCC,
Just a note to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the team who built us a ramp. It was a hot day and they worked very hard. It is a tremendous help to us everyday. May God Bless,

Tom & Judy Childress

Dear Harrodsburg Christian Church,
Thank you for allowing us to use the church for Joe's celebration of life. We met in the Gospel Class in 1989 and this church continues to be special to us. Thank you also for holding our family up in prayer and loving support over the last 15 months. Cancer makes for a rough road, but knowing we had so many people standing along side us made the journey less difficult. We will put the wind chimes in a special place so every time we hear them we will be reminded of your thoughtful gift.

Wendy, Everett & Jeannie Hood

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

Outreach ministry met on Aug 18.
The plan is to take the Church World Service hygiene kit boxes made during the Mission Week in June to a church near Cincinnati. A volunteer or two from our church will take the boxes to Cincinnati on the dates in September designated for reception at the church near Cincinnati. This will save on the cost of shipping each box.

- Ideas presented for congregation support are:
- 1) Kendyl and Friends – Overcomer Sports. Support buddies are needed for sports events. Softball is ongoing and basketball will start soon. A schedule will be posted on the church private Facebook page.
 - 2) Halloween on Main. Trish Whitenack will help to organize the games. We will start collecting candy soon.
 - 3) Christmas tree at Old Fort Harrod. There were about 100 trees last year. We would get a tree to decorate. Decorations would be a laminated sheet containing a quote about love. The tree must be there before November 22. It was noted that it should be able to last until January.

A donation has been made to the sack lunch program for Mercer Transformation and a donation has been made to the Mission First accessible ramp program. Outreach will begin the budget process for next year beginning at the next ministry meeting on September 15.

Dan Chilton, Leader

The Halloween candy is out! It's time to get ready for Harrodsburg annual Trick or Treat on Main. Trish Whitenack is organizing our Trick or Treat on Main. We will need volunteers to lead games, set up/decorate and take down/clean up. We are adding the cake walk back this year. We will need cupcakes and cake donations. We will also need lots of candy donations. You can drop off your candy donations to the church office. Contact the church office if you would like to volunteer to help. This is a great way to be a fun and welcoming presence to our community.



CHRISTMAS TREE AT FT. HARROD



Christmas is coming! HCC will be decorating a tree this year in the Christmas Forest at Old Fort Harrod State Park. The theme will be "Christmas is all about Love". This is a wonderful opportunity to share with the community who we are and how our church is grounded in Jesus and His unconditional love. Our first step is to find short quotes about love that will be displayed in heart-shaped ornaments on the tree. When you find one, write it down and drop it in the box at the back of the sanctuary. Quotes will be collected through Sunday, November 3rd. So start searching and let's show Harrodsburg how we are linked to love.

Women's Fall Retreat

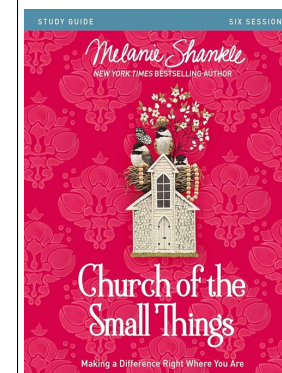
"Drawn In: Living the Creative Life with God"
October 25 -October 27

If you have not made plans yet now is the time. Join us at Knobs Haven Retreat center for a weekend of spiritual renewal. Sometimes it takes getting out of our routine to experience God in a renewing way. The weekend will offer us time together to explore how creativity can renew our passion. The weekend will offer a balance of time together and time alone if you need it. Hike one of the trails. Take nap. Chat with a friend. Walk the labyrinth. Joyce Sharp Driskell will be offering yoga. We have room for 15. Seven (7) spots are available. The cost of the retreat is \$100 person plus meals. We will be sharing in meal preparation together. Please do not let the cost keep you from attending. Contact Pastor Micki to register or if you have questions.

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WEDNESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY



In September our Wednesday Noon Bible study will start a new study. Debbie Reed and Debbie Claunch will be leading us in "Church of the Small Things." It doesn't matter how old we are, we've all wondered at times, "Does my life really matter?" Do the everyday events and messy moments make any kind of difference? Author Melanie Shankle speaks directly to the heart of women of all ages who are longing to find significance and meaning in our normal and everyday world. Melanie offers women the opportunity to embrace what it means to live an abundant and incredibly meaningful life finding beauty and laughter in all the small things right beneath the surface of every moment.

Each person will need a study guide. Please call the church office to let us know you will be attending so we can make sure we have a copy for each person.

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 9:30 am Yoga OFFICE CLOSED	3 12 pm Friend- ship Circle 6 pm LINCS	4 8:30 am TicToc 9:30 am Yoga 12 pm Rotary 12 pm Bible Study 6 pm Choir	5 5 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	6 8:30 am TicToc 9:30 am Yoga	7 9 am TGMG
8 9 am Sack Lunch Sunday 11:30 am Elders Meeting Homebound Communion	9 8:30 am TicToc 9:30 am Yoga 5:30 pm Yoga	10	11 8:30 am TicToc 9:30 am Yoga 12 pm Rotary 12 pm Bible Study 6 pm Choir	12 5 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	13 8:30 am TicToc 9:30 am Yoga	14
15 12 pm Outreach Ministry Team Meeting 5 pm Executive Board Meeting	16 8:30 am TicToc 9:30 am Yoga 5:30 pm Habi- tat Meeting 5:30 pm Yoga	17 5 pm Wise and Wonderful Dinner Club	18 8:30 am TicToc 9:30 am Yoga 12 pm Rotary 12 pm Bible Study 6 pm Choir	19 5 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	20 8:30 am TicToc 9:30 am Yoga	21
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29 9:30 am Brunch	30 8:30 am TicToc 9:30 am Yoga 5:30 pm Yoga					

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Services

*"How can we listen to one another? How do we find connection when we are so different?
How do we create space for compassionate dialogue and for seeking the holy in one another?"*



While the challenges of becoming beloved community to one another are endless, these questions are simple. All courageous conversations begin with simple questions and the curiosity to truly listen. Our sermon series for September is based around the statement "I've been meaning to ask..." It's the beginning of a question to get to know one another more. The question implies the following statements: "I've been thinking about you and I've been wanting to check in... You've been on my mind... I haven't known how to have this conversation, but I'm getting started with a question." Over the next several weeks we will look at ways we can reach out to others. We continue to live in a world of disconnect. We at times feel disconnected from God and from one another. This series alone will not heal our deep divisions or unify us in perfect harmony. But, perhaps one question at a time, we will remember how to stay curious, to keep asking, to keep listening, and to keep seeking the face of God in each other.

Sept 8: *I've been meaning to ask. . . where are you from?* Genesis 2:4b-15 & John 1:35-51
We believe everyone is beloved, shaped from the dust of the earth and the breath of God. Everyone has a story to tell. Our stories are messy and beautiful, painful and hopeful—being written and rewritten over time. We commit to disrupting our assumptions and staying curious.

Sept 15: *I've been meaning to ask. . . where does it hurt?* 1 Samuel 1:1-18 & Mark 5:21-43
We believe everyone carries hurt and has the capacity to acknowledge the pain of others. We believe God draws close to us in every moment of suffering. We commit to vulnerability and compassion.

Sept 22: *I've been meaning to ask. . . what do you need?* Job 2:11-13 & 2 Timothy 4:9-18
We believe everyone has needs, but each of us needs different things at different times. We believe God calls us to care for one another—in seasons of joy, transition, and hardship. We commit to listening and being present.

Sept 29: *I've been meaning to ask. . . where do we go from here?* Ruth 1:1-22 & Acts 10
We believe courageous conversations have the power to change and transform us. We believe God bridges connections in unexpected ways. We commit to continuing the conversation.

SEPTEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

Nursery

Sept. 1	Adele Greenburg
Sept. 8	Donna Holiday
Sept. 15	Lesley Powell
Sept. 22	Julie Peavler
Sept. 29	Barb Shewmaker

Sanctuary Sound

Sept. 1	John Perkins
Sept. 8	Tonya Schroeder
Sept. 15	John Perkins
Sept. 22	Sadie Peavler
Sept. 29	Paul Campbell

Camera

Sept. 1	Dennis Lester
Sept. 8	Chandler Royalty
Sept. 15	Dianne Oliverio
Sept. 22	Leah Royalty
Sept. 29	Dennis Lester

Facebook Sound

Sept. 1	Leah Royalty
Sept. 8	Leah Royalty
Sept. 15	Levi Smith
Sept. 22	Chandler
Sept. 29	Levi Smith

Media Shout

Sept. 1	Jack Coleman
Sept. 8	Jack Coleman
Sept. 15	Jack Coleman
Sept. 22	Jack Coleman
Sept. 29	Jack Coleman