

The Circuit Rider

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From The Desk Of Pastor P.

by *Pastor Pamela J. Sayre*



want to serve Jesus! And yet, they have such different understandings of HOW to do that...

Faithfulness is sometimes difficult. Being a faithful disciple of Jesus is sometimes difficult. Being a faithful church is sometimes difficult. Knowing exactly what to do is sometimes difficult. Indeed, this following Jesus stuff... it is sometimes difficult. BUT... difficult does not mean impossible! Not even close!

I really am more of a Martha than a Mary BUT I have enough Mary in me to believe that, truly, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE! Anything is possible IF we are faithful! Anything is possible IF we “sit at Jesus’ feet” like Mary and IF we “work like Martha.” Anything is possible IF we, like Mark Batterson taught us in The Circle Maker, “Pray like it depends on God and work like it depends on you [us].” Humm... Sounds like Mary and Martha to me...

A couple other phrases we learned from Batterson, but haven’t heard for a

Ahhh... the story of Mary and Martha... sitting at Jesus’ feet, listening, being... preparing Jesus’ dinner, expecting assistance, doing... They both love Jesus! They both care about Jesus! They both

while, include “vision beyond our resources” and “Faith is the willingness to look foolish.” Your “hope dealer” t-shirt wearing pastor invites you to join her in having vision beyond our resources and in looking foolish! Our hope is not simply “wishful thinking” but rather hope that comes through faith – faith that is the evidence of things we cannot see!

Indeed, let us have HOPE! Listening like Mary and serving like Martha – praying like it depends on God and working like it depends on us – let us have HOPE for today!

HOPE for tomorrow!
HOPE for the future!

We are Huron United Methodist Church! WooHoo! We are disciples of Jesus, the Christ, followers of the living God, and sharers of the WORD! May God continue to encourage,

empower, and equip us as we strive “to make [and mature] disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!” WELCOME – WORSHIP – WITNESS!

Grace and peace,
blessings and health,

Pastor P.
Pastor P.



Lunch Bunch

Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

Lunch Bunch meets the second Thursday of each month.



The next Lunch Bunch is Thursday, August 14th at 11:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Program:

TBD. Menu: veggie pizza, fresh fruit, chocolate cake – catered by Janet Majoy. Cost is \$9.00. Please pay in cash the day of the luncheon.

Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Diane Timple in person or phone 419-366-4849 by Monday, August 10th. *Let Diane know if you need to cancel your reservation. We pay for “no-shows” from our limited program funds if you don’t take your name off the list.*

It's Time To Sign Up For Confirmation Class!!!

Kids in the 4th grade and up are invited to learn about the church, grow in their faith, and prepare for baptism and/or church membership! We meet during LIFT on Wednesday evenings, generally between 5:30/45-6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please make sure you let Pastor P. know by August 20th.

We are scheduled to meet on the following dates:

- September 3, 10, 17, 24
- October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- November 5, 12, 19
- December 3, 10, 17
- January 7, 14, 21, 28
- February 4, 11, 18, 25
- March 4, 11, 18, 25
- April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- May 6, 13, 20, (27)
- Confirmation Sunday will be JUNE 7th (10:00 a.m. with a reception to follow.)



Bringing HUMC To Residents At The Meadows

Pastor P. is now leading worship at The Meadows at Osborn Park twice a month. She will be there on August 3rd and 17th at 1:00 p.m.

Rally Day Weekend

September 6th & 7th

NOW is the time to invite folks! Members we have not seen for a while! Friends! Family! Neighbors! Co-Workers!

Let's “pack the church!”



Saturdays @ 5!

Relaxed Worship
(songs, prayers, message)
& Conversation!

Come as you are!

Huron United Methodist Church

Food Pantry Weekend

A reminder: Pantry Weekend is always the third weekend of each month (August 16th/17th), but items may be dropped off anytime the church is open. All donations help those in need in Huron and the surrounding area.

HUMC is accepting egg cartons.



Lighthouse Church/Strategic Planning Team Continues Its Work

If you would like to know more about our work or would like to volunteer to help, please contact any of us: Jenessa Faller, Dave Wilber, Judy Wilber, Scott Whitehurst, Kristin Erney, or Pastor P.



Sunday Morning Worship

We livestream our Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. worship celebrations to both Facebook and YouTube. Find archived versions on both sites any time. (Videos are deleted by Facebook after 30 days.) No account is needed to watch! If attending online, please be sure to



let us know – fill out the Connect Card!

Sunday Bulletin/Order Of Worship and announcements are emailed at the end of each week; copies of the sermon at the beginning. If you are not receiving them and would like to, let us know.



HUMC Camperships

Huron UMC offers camperships (camp scholarships) for our youth who attend a faith based summer camp. A youth will be reimbursed for half the cost of a camp, up to \$250. Please talk to a member of the Christian Education Team for more information.

Training For ALL Liturgists & Greeters

Strategic Planning Team members are holding training sessions. Some things have changed since COVID, and we want everyone on the same page. You need only attend one session:

- Monday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m. in rooms 3 & 4
- Wednesday, August 6th at 10:00 a.m. in rooms 3 & 4.
- A makeup date is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. ONLY IF NEEDED.

Sessions are for ALL current liturgists & greeters/ushers as well as for those who wish to join this ministry.



**BUILDING
FOR THE
FUTURE**

HUMC Endowment Fund

"You can invest in tomorrow and in the future."

For Endowment Fund information, please contact any Fund Committee member: Chip Houghton, Carole Dreffer, Mike Prosser, Tom Hastings, or Pastor P.

LIFT Starting In September

You are invited to join LIFT (Living In Faith Together). This is our evening of multigenerational fellowship. We have classes, conversation, puzzles, foosball and games. LIFT is set to begin on Wednesday, September 3rd. This is a perfect time to grow your faith, get reacquainted with old friends as well as meet new ones.

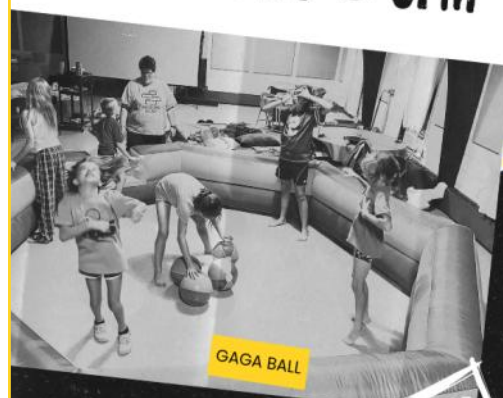
We are offering a confirmation class for students entering the 4th grade and above, UM Youth Fellowship for those who are older and/or have been confirmed, a children's class; and the adults will be continuing on with the TV series, *The Chosen*.

If you would like to lead/teach/facilitate a group study or discussion please contact Jenessa Faller (discipleship@huronumc.org) or Pastor P.

LIFT
LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!!!

**HURON UMC
AUGUST 8TH @ 6PM**



**YOUTH OVERNIGHT
PARTY**

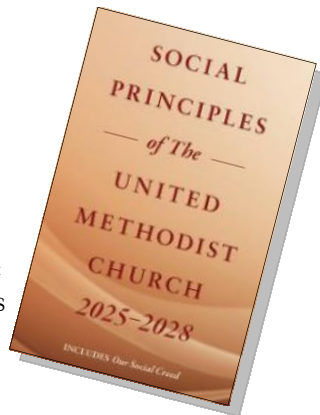


BRING A SLEEPING BAG AND YOUR GAME FACE AS THE YOUTH OF HURON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GET READY TO SHARE A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP AND CRAZINESS.



New Sermon Series & Study

Throughout September and the beginning of October, Pastor P. will be preaching on the Biblical foundations of the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church. She will also be offering a Tuesday morning study/discussion group over these materials. Copies of the 2025-2028 Social Principles are available and you are encouraged to pick up a copy for yourself/family to "read along." The study group will meet on Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:15 a.m. on September 9, 16, 23, 30, and October 7. (You do not have to commit to the entire schedule of dates! Come when you can and/or for the discussions about the topics/principles in which you are most interested!)



New Choir Members Welcome!

The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals Wednesday, August 27th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Start warming up those voices! We have plenty of room for both seasoned and new, as well as young and less young singers! Come join the fun! If you have questions, please see Ron Brooker, Director!



Handbell Choir!

The Handbell Choir will be starting up again for the Fall!!! Rehearsals begin Saturday, August 23rd, 11:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary. Please let Tom Curry, Director know if you are interested in playing! You do not need to have prior experience or any special skills – we will teach you!



Audio/Visual Team News

We could really use some help!



PLEASE consider volunteering to work in the sound booth (and/or out under the tent)! Derek and Chris are doing a WONDERFUL job, but they need some assistance (and time off!). We offer free training and deep gratitude! Please prayerfully consider volunteering for the Audio/Visual Team!

WOO HOO! – HUMC Merch

This is a great time to share your "church spirit" by wearing a church t-shirt, hat, etc.! Check out Lucky Stone (right here in Huron!) for a huge selection of wonderful clothing and hat options available for imprint or embroidery with our church logo and/or our "WooHoo" design!



Notes & Thank You's

Dear Pastor P. & Church Family,

We would like to express our deep gratitude for all of the love, prayers, and support you have sent our way since our house fire. We feel so embraced and held up by our faith and community right now and it's getting us through.

Love,
The Fries Family



A HUGE thank you to all those who helped with the River Fest Parking Lot fundraiser! A few of you had to tend with some stormy weather on Saturday, so extra kudos for your tenacity. Total donations received were \$1,529.25! (Benefits the Roof Fund.)

Dear United Methodist Church,

I'm writing to express my sincere thanks for the Huron United Methodist Church Scholarship! I'm incredibly honored and grateful for your generosity. This scholarship will be a huge help towards my education at the university of Toledo pursuing a degree in Nursing. Thank you again for your support!

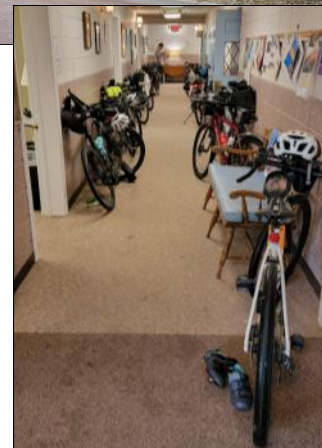
Sincerely,
Brooke Diffenbacher

Thank you to everyone who has been helping to water all the geraniums and other plants/flowers!

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung To Visit HUMC

East Ohio Conference Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will visit Huron United Methodist Church on Wednesday, August 20th at 9:30 a.m. He would like to visit with as many laity as possible and the pastor. That means that all of you are invited to attend this event. The visit will last about 30-40 minutes and then he is on to the next church on his route. This is a rare opportunity to meet our bishop in person. Please plan to attend.

You may read Bishop Jung's biography page online at <https://www.eocumc.com/bishop/jung.html> on the East Ohio Conference website.



Photos above: On Thursday, June 26th, the "Bike the US for MS" cyclists used our building and grounds to stay overnight on their coast to coast bike trip. They were treated to a fish fry dinner courtesy of John & Marge Knight.



Left: Pastor P. packed the room with worshippers at The Meadows.

Above: Pastor P. shows off our award plaque from the "Race at the Rock."



HUMC Arts Academy Is A Success

HUMC hosted it's first Arts Academy – Hearts, Hands and Voices – July 21st-24th. We enrolled 12 children and ended up with 10 participating.

The morning began with an opening with Pastor P. and Sally singing with the children in the Sanctuary. That was followed with Tom teaching global music accompanied by piano and rhythm instruments. The music they learned was all taken from the Book of Psalms. Vickie and Moon then took the kids for recorder class and Jacob worked with the kids on the Boom-Whackers. Jacob also demonstrated several instruments to the kids. Judy provided nutritional snacks for all. Judy and Pastor P. also helped students create two art projects. Afterward, Tom worked with the kids on the hand chimes and bells. After a short closing with everyone, all went home happy!

A big thank you to Pastor P., Sally Sprunk, Vickie and Moon Meadows, Jacob Campbell, and Judy Haas; and to Janessa Faller who helped organize the event.

— Tom Curry



More Photo Gallery: Arts Academy



...Tree Trimming



Do You Know Any Of These Persons?

Churches are required by Discipline to do regular membership record audits. Each audit requires that the church attempt to reach members with whom they have lost contact. Our desire is to both reconnect and to determine how persons wish to handle their church membership – maintain membership at Huron UMC, desire to or have already moved his/her membership, or would like to withdraw his/her membership. Individuals from whom we do not receive a response are listed on the “First Reading” of our Church Charge Conference report and voted upon. This process takes place again the following year with persons being listed on the “Second Reading.” Individuals may then be removed from membership by vote of the Church Charge Conference. (Membership can be reinstated very easily!)

We are in our second year of the current audit and, have done extensive research, but are still in need of contact information for the individuals listed below. Please contact us ASAP with any information you may have.

Susan Herrmann
Barbara Stanley
Linda Jones Herber (or Huber)
Neal & Marjorie Davis
Patricia Gawron Storch
Douglas Smith
Linda Thompson
John Otto
Kris Otto Wilson
James & Barbara Twell
Julie Otto
Gary Salarik (or Solank)
Cindy Colon Ortolini
James Hartley (Jr.?)
Ken Otto

Tami Grinstead Greku
Kimberly Harker (Brooks?)
Thomas Harker Jr.
Kara Otto Jones
Christopher Hartley
Ray Bechtel
Dr. Emily Otto
Trina Cook
Dawn Cook
Clara Hemmer
Angela Bullion (Wilson?)
Tyler Phillips
Don Neiding
Brooke Bodi

...And Blessing Of The Fleet



On Saturday, July 5th, Fr. Mike Floyd of Christ Episcopal Church and our Pastor P. were honored to lead the Blessing of the Fleet for Sandusky Power Squadron at the Huron Boat Basin Marina. Over a dozen captains/boats participated in this annual event and the weather was perfect.





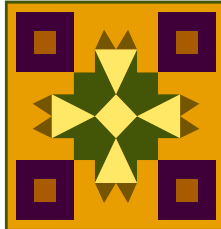
U-Knitted Nations

The Knitters meet in Rooms 1 & 2 at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays. Bring your project, join the fun and fellowship!

HUMC Quilt Connection

Our next sew day are Fridays, August 1st & 15th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the basement. BYO projects and lunch. Contact Cathi Dix Houghton at 419-433-5645 or quintquilt@aol.com to receive meeting email reminders.

Our primary mission is making prayer quilts. If you have an interest in sewing quilts, you are welcome to join us. (We have fabric you can use.)



Please Update Us!!!

Many of our member records are still incomplete. Please make sure we have the following: **full name**, **birthdate** (including year), **physical address** (and mailing address if different), **home phone number**, **cell phone number**, and **email address**. We also need our college students' contact information.

Please submit to Beth Anne at secretary@huronumc.org or the Church Office.



Ways To Fill The Virtual Plate

There are several giving options available through which to support the mission and ministry of HUMC.

- Mail your offering to HUMC directly or use your bank's bill pay service.
- Drop off your offering at the church.
- Sign up and give online with e-giving through Realm. This QR code will take you to the Realm giving page.



Huron Prayer Path Workday

The Prayer Path Work Day will be Saturday, August 9th, 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Please join us as we work to maintain our beautiful Prayer Path. Dress for the weather. BYO garden gloves.



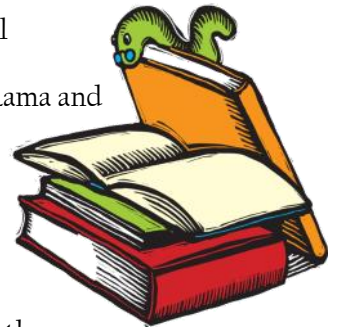
Trustees' Work Day/Mulch Day



Thanks to this wonderful crew! They got dirty and sweaty, but the mulch job is done and they are still smiling!

Pastor's Current Reading List

- *THE FROZEN RIVER* by Ariel Lawhon
- *THE BOOK OF JOY* by Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu
- *F-WORDS: Reframing Words Through A Different Lens* by Donna Reed
- *A TESTAMENT OF HOPE: The Essential Writings And Speeches* by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- *HOPE RISING: How The Science Of Hope Can Change Your Life* by Casey Gwinn, J.D. and Chan Hellman, Ph.D.
- *HOLY HELL: A Case Against Eternal Damnation* by Derek Kubilus



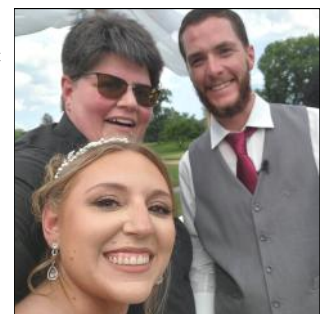
Milestone Briefs

BIRTHS

- Twins daughters Olivia Maeve & Jocelyn Elena, born 6/11/25 to Elizabeth (Brooker) & Brayton Conley.

WEDDING

- Brittany Rowen & Daniel Godfrey on 7/12/25 (pictured right).



Our Newsletter Is Available Online

Please remember that a digital copy of *The Circuit Rider* along with past issues can be found online on our website: www.huronumc.org.

August Worship Plans

August 2/3: Eighth Weekend after Pentecost/
Communion

Scriptures: Colossians 3:1-11; *Luke 12:13-21
Sermon: "Don't Be A Fool!"

August 9/10: Ninth Weekend after Pentecost/
Stephen Ministry Minute; Baptism/Door
Dedication (10:00 a.m.)

Scriptures: Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; *Luke 12:32-40
Sermon: "Don't Be Afraid - Be Ready!"

August 16/17: Tenth Weekend after Pentecost/
Blessing of the Backpacks

Scriptures: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; *Luke 12:49-56
Sermon: "Wait...What?!"

August 23/24: Eleventh Weekend After
Pentecost; Blessing of the Animals (8:00 a.m.)

Scriptures: Psalm 71:1-6; *Luke 13:10-17
Sermon: "You Hypocrites!"

August 30/31: Twelfth Weekend After
Pentecost/Stephen Ministry Minute

Scriptures: Psalm 81:1, 10-16; *Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sermon: "Where To Sit..."

Looking ahead to next month:

September 6/7: Thirteenth Weekend After
Pentecost/Rally Day Weekend

Starting this weekend, Pastor P. will be going off
lectionary for five Saturdays/Sundays (inclusive of
World Communion Sunday) Details to come.

*denotes scripture used for basis of sermon



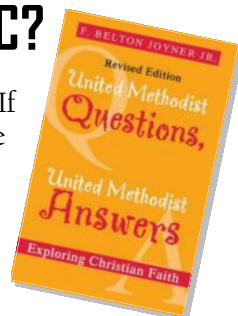
Communion Elements

We have pre-packaged
Communion elements available in
the office for pick-up! Regular and
gluten-free!

Interested In Becoming A Member Of HUMC?

If so, please see Pastor P. If
you have never been part of the
UMC and would like to know
more, please ask for a copy of
the easy-to-read book

**UNITED METHODIST
QUESTIONS, UNITED
METHODIST ANSWERS: Exploring
Christian Faith** by F. Belton Joyner, Jr.



10:00 Greeters/ Ushers

August 3:

Dave Wilber

August 10:

Bob Hastings

August 17:

Bonnie & Ben Lindsley

August 24:

Becky & Tank Rogers

August 31:

Alyson Wilson



Liturgists

August 3:

8:00 Loretta Majoy

10:00 Sherry McDonald

August 10:

8:00 Mike Prosser

10:00 Alyson Wilson

August 17:

8:00 Polly Hagman

10:00 Dave Wilber

August 24:

8:00 Marge Knight

10:00 Derek Calin

August 31:

8:00 Carole Dreffer

10:00 Carol Shell

August Team Meetings & Church Events

- Staff-Parish Relations
Committee: Tuesday,
August 5th, 6:00 p.m., Rooms
3 & 4.
- Trustees: Tuesday, August
12th, 7:00 p.m., Rooms 3 & 4.
- Church Council: Tuesday,
August 19th, 7:00 p.m. Rooms
3 & 4.
- Bishop Jung's visit to
HUMC: Wednesday, August
20th, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary.

August Birthdays

Jane Meyer	1
Conor Fortune	2
JoAnn Taylor	2
Sharon McDonald	4
Christen McFarland	9
Marcia Russ	10
Amber Callin	10
Kathy Koelsch	10
Linda McNeill	10
Susan Bray	10
Siera Enderle	11
Sarah Wachtel	13
Jen Oakley-Swartz	13
Sherry Orndorff	14
Ed Pettegrew	15
Tres Hernandez	15
Derek Horvatic	15
Mark Claubaugh	17
Dan Soisson	17
Dave Wilson	20
Lois Deffenbaugh	20
Thomas Hastings	25
Lucie Meyer	26
Diane Timple	27
Henry Scott	27
Elizabeth Fries	28
Kade Ebinger	30

Happy Birthday!



Money Counters

August 3:

Wanda Lyons

Mike Lyon

Jonathan Merckens

August 10:

Alyson Wilson

Norma Cook

August 17:

Judy Wilber

Dave Wilber, Carole Dreffer

August 24:

Bob Hastings

Joe Beebe

August 31:

Barb Ringle

Donna Preston

You are invited to worship with us in person: "Saturdays @ 5" (5:00 p.m.) in our Fellowship Hall, and Sundays 8:00 a.m. (in Park) and 10:00 a.m. (in Sanctuary) or Online (Sundays are livestreamed to Facebook and YouTube)

Pastor: Rev. Pamela J. Sayre; Director of Discipleship Ministries: Jenessa Faller; Director of Music Ministry: Ron Brooker; Organist/Handbell Choir Director: Tom Curry; Housekeeper: Kathy Faller; Treasurer: Joe Beebe; Administrative Secretary: Beth Anne McFarland; Financial Secretary: Linda Ziegler; Website: Derek Callin; AV: Derek Callin & Chris Harlan; Lay Leader: Dave Wilber. Current Office Hours 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. (Building open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M–Th.) Closed Fridays.

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Address Service Requested

Activities Capsules

HUMC QUILT CONNECTION

Friday Sew Days: August 1st & 15th
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Basement

communion

Saturday/Sunday, August 2nd/3rd

Saturdays @ 5!

Relaxed Worship every Saturday evening
at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Cloggers' Practice

Mondays & Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall

U-Knitted Nations

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Rooms 1 & 2

LIFT Lite

Wednesdays through August
6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING

Thursdays 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

CHAIR YOGA

Thursdays, 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

YOUTH OVERNIGHT PARTY

Friday, August 8th-Saturday, August 9th
6:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Prayer Path Work Day

Saturday, August 9th
9:00 a.m.-Noon at Zion Lutheran Church

BAPTISM/DEDICATION OF FRONT DOORS

Sunday, August 10th
during 10:00 worship

Ballroom Dancing

Second Tuesday each month
6:30-8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Christ's Community Meals

Every Monday at Noon and
Wednesdays, August 13th & 27th
5:00-6:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church

LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, July 10th
11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

during all worship celebrations
Saturday & Sunday August 17th & 18th

Pantry Weekend August 16th/17th

Circuit Rider Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, August 17th for September issue

Bishop Jung's HUMC Visit

Wednesday, August 20th, 9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary – All are welcome to attend

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

begins Saturday, August 23rd
11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

PAW BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, August 24th
Outside under tent at 8:00 a.m. worship

First Practice for Fall Season

Choir Practice

Wednesday, August 27th, 7:00 p.m.
Praise Band Practice
8:00 p.m.

See page 7 for August Team Meetings and other events.

INK & TONER CARTRIDGES



Place your empty cartridges in the box by the Fellowship Hall doors.