

# HUMC

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Newsletter of Harrodsburg United Methodist Church  
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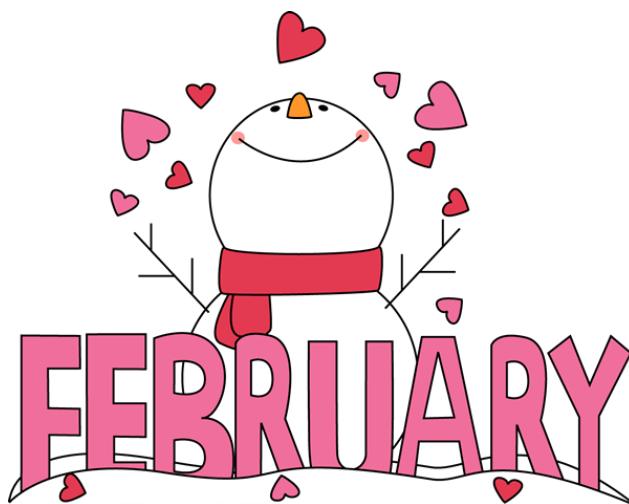
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## Dates to Remember

All Face to face meetings are cancelled—Lead team and other meetings are being held online with Sysco Webex-if you would like an invite email Pastor

**Most Tuesdays your Lead Team meets via Web Ex**  
**If you have a concern that you would like to bring up**  
**Please contact one of the members or the Pastor**

**No In-Person Church Services at this time**

**Stay at home and Stay Safe!**

Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well.

I think the question on everyone's mind as we come into the second month of 2021 is "How long, O Lord?" We're coming up on a one-year anniversary of the word "normal" becoming obsolete. And, all of us want to return to some kind of normal—of not the old, familiar normal, then some kind of "new" normal. So, when?

Let me share our process on the Lead team. We review the COVID statistics for Mercer County every time we're together. The Lead Team has made the decision that as long as we are in the "red" on the Kentucky Covid 19 Map, we will try to follow the Red County Guidelines for Kentucky Counties.

Those guidelines are:

Employers allow employees to work from home when possible

Non-critical Government offices to operate virtually

Reduce in-person shopping; order online or curbside pickup

Order take-out; avoid dining in restaurants or bars

**Prioritize businesses that follow and enforce mask mandate and other guidelines**

**Reschedule, postpone or cancel public and private events**

**Do not host or attend gatherings of any size**

**Avoid non-essential activities outside of your home**


**Reduce overall activity and contacts, and follow existing guidance**, including 10 steps to defeat COVID-19  
I have put the last four in bold type, to highlight the ones that seem to apply to our situation.

Our current incidence rate here in Mercer County is 41. At the beginning of January, the number for Mercer County was 115. The boundary between yellow and red is 25. So you can see, we have come quite a way toward "normal," but we have a way to go yet. AS SOON AS it is safe enough, we will be resuming our in-person services—first on an every other week basis, and then as soon as we can, every week.

BUT.... The new normal will still not be like the comfortable, familiar, old normal. We will still sit socially distanced. We will still wear masks. We will not be able to have the choir, nor will we be able to have congregational singing. All of those non-normal circumstances will pass in time, but we will have to endure them for a bit as society gets back up on its feet.

So, "hold fast to what you have" until the time comes for us to be in worship together. Don't forget—we have a new service every week online through Facebook, as well as an online Bible study via Webex. There are still ways for us to keep connected to one another.

Blessings! Allen



***Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting.***

"thoughts" by [www.dumelang.co.za/thoughts](http://www.dumelang.co.za/thoughts)

## 2021 Budget Discussion

The proposed budget is based on actual spending for 2020 with adjustments for abnormal situations. The new budget is about \$4812 more than the actual spending in 2020. At present the 2021 budget is \$176,063. The budget is based on assumptions we made about the new year and operations. For example, we will not have in-person church services until June 2nd. We will have virtual services for the period of January to May. For June and July, in-person services will be every other Sunday (having 2-in-person services in June and 2 in July). Our apportionments have been reduced to 10% and Bluegrass District at 1.5% of our general fund income. If you recall the conference treasurer suspended collection for apportionments for two months and suspended payments for Pastors Health Insurance and Pension for three months. These reductions help to keep us going. Also, because the Annual Conference was virtual it saved us about \$1000 for the Pastor and Conference Delegate on travel & hotel expenses.

Our Worship Leader (Mike Barnard), our organist (Gene Robertson), and our custodian (Debbie Blankenship) will not take salaries while we are not meeting in-person service. Based on the assumptions those people will be paid half wages for June and July. Their regular salary will be paid from August through December. If the in-person services are moved up or pushed back, we will adjust the budget accordingly.

Lastly, we have reorganized our budget process and can make changes easily with our reporting as our environment changes. For the 2021 budget, we will need an average weekly income of \$3,297. So far for the first four Sundays, our Income offering has been only \$8,205, we needed \$13,188 to fully fund the new budget. We are \$4,983 behind. So, I encourage everyone to continue to provide their tithes and offerings to cover our expenses. I don't want us to fall behind.

God Bless.

John

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## Valentine Customs Around the World

**Germany**—You'll also be surprised to find pigs aplenty on the day for romance since the animal is a symbol of luck and lust. Couples will give each other pig figurines and pictures, and even chocolate pigs. While chocolate is Americans' dessert of choice on Valentine's Day, Germans nibble on heart-shaped ginger cookies with romantic messages written in icing.

**South Korea**—Men do most of the gift-giving on Valentine's Day in the United States, but the opposite is true in South Korea, where women give chocolate to the men in their lives. A month later, on White Day, men return the favor by giving candy. But that's not the end of it—single friends sometimes get together on Black Day on April 14 to eat black noodles.

**Italy**—Unlike the United States, where classmates and families exchange cards, Italy celebrates Valentine's Day as a lovers-only holiday, says Schweitzer. Baci Perugina chocolates, which have a romantic message written inside the foil, make for a popular gift. "'Baci' means 'kiss' in Italian," says Schweitzer. "When they exchange the Baci Perugina—a little box of those small hazelnut chocolates—they're exchanging kisses."

**Denmark**—Instead of red roses, snowdrops are a popular flower choice on Valentine's Day in Denmark. Danish men also sometimes send women funny poems called gækkebrev, signed anonymously with a series of dots. If the receiver can guess who sent the letter, he'll give her an Easter egg later in the year.

**Slovenia**—Things aren't all lovey dovey in Slovenia, where St. Valentine is known as the patron saint of spring. With plants starting to grow, people can get back to work in the fields. With mating season starting, tradition also says the birds of the fields "marry" on February 14.

**Brazil**—Instead of celebrating St. Valentine, Brazilians honor St. Anthony, the patron saint of marriage and matchmaking, on June 12. The night before, single women will write men's names on pieces of paper then fold them up. In the morning, they pick a slip to reveal their future husbands.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### IN SERVICE WORSHIPPING

The Lead Team has been working hard to decide what is best for all its participants in what to do for worship. It knows that people are wanting to be with other worshipers and be in the house of the Lord. It appears at this time that we WILL NOT be having in-person services till Mercer County is out of the red. If that changes you will be notified by email and snail mail. The following will be enforced.

1. In the sanctuary with a mask and social distancing
2. In the basement at a 6 foot table with a mask and social distancing
3. In your car and listening on your radio (you can also sit outside your car and listen on your radio (No mask required but social distancing still required)

In all three options communion elements will be provided.

All In-Person Services are dependent on the Covid numbers and the recommendations of the Health Department and the Governor's Recommendations so make sure you pay attention to all updates of the Pastor. Lead Team will continue to monitor numbers and be in contact with congregation.





RING your bell at home on Sunday and EVERY morning at 10 AM to join throughout the Commonwealth . Will McGinnis is our bell ringer at 10 AM when he is home. Thanks Will!



UPPER ROOMS are ready to be picked up or sent out. Contact office for more information.



## Nursery

Use nursery as needed, not staffed at this time.

## Birthday

February 14  
February 20  
February 26  
February 29

Jean Knose  
Judy Dunne  
Sandra Carss  
Howard Nichols



## Anniversaries

Give your loved a hug and Kiss!



## Children's Church Leaders

Will return when we are face to face





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## IN NEED OF PRAYER—Prayer is a privilege to do in the name of others...

**Concerns:** Donna Barnard, Mike Barnard, Jeff Blankenship, Naomi Derringer, Gail Hawes, Laverne McArthur, Betty Milam, Karen Peavler, Family of Alvin Huston Perry, Addie Price, Wanda Small, Mason Summers, Melissa Votaw, Triple Cross Arena Cowboy Church, health care workers, those traveling, those victims of natural disaster, and first responders.

**Long term Care:** Howard Nichols

### **Missionaries:**

Shelby Gillespie, Hanak Family, Jamie and Lisa Williams; Mike and Sherry Morrissey, Bill Copeland (Nephew of Sandra Holladay)

### **Serving in the Military:**

Jared Prather



### **College Students:**

Bailey Angel, Drew Angel, Savannah Barnett, Jae Blankenship, Alex Bosse, Dylan Carss, Jackie Cheng, Lily Rogers, Holly Hurt, Nathan Phillips, Mary Kate Pridey, Hunter Sims, Jenny Sutherland,

Please update the office with changes to the Prayer list

**NOTICE**—Anyone having a lockbox key for the lockbox at First Financial for the Foundation please see John Wayne or bring to the office

“‘For I know the plans I have for you’, declares the Lord. ‘Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you a hope and a future.’” (Jeremiah 29:11)



## **Doris Davis Circle**

Face to Face Meeting cancelled till further notice



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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<b>1</b> <i>National Dark Chocolate Day</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Groundhog Day</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <i>National Bubble Gum Day</i>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>National Boy Scout Day</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <i>Umbrella Day</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <i>Valentine Day</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Presidents Day</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>ASH Wednesday</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Community Meal 5-6</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>National Chili Day</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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If you feel sick stay home. Do not go out or to work  
If your children are sick keep them at home  
If you are an older person, or have underlying health condition, stay at home and away from other people.  
If someone in you household has TESTED POSITIVE keep your entire household at home.  
Work or study from home.

Avoid social gathering of groups of more than 10 people

Avoid eating or drinking out-use delivery or pickup

Avoid Discretionary travel, shopping or social visits

DO NOT VISIT nursing homes or hospitals

Practice good hygiene

Wash hands after touching any used items (mail, purchased food, handles, door knobs, etc.)

Avoid touching your face

Sneeze or cough in a tissue or your elbow

Disinfect often used items and surfaces as much as possible

Governor's Guidelines—Wear a Mask when out of house, small groups, 6 ft apart, Use hand Sanitizer

### Regular Worship Times

Worship on line with the Pastor and music—  
Check out Facebook link-  
Contact office for information if you need to  
know how to connect



### Security Update

#### REMINDER:

All doors are locked during the day,  
Ring the bell to have someone open  
the door.

These measures have been implemented for the safety of our members.

Unless someone is in the building it will remain locked



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#### Office Hours

Monday..... 9 am to 3 pm

Tuesday..... 9 am to 3 pm

Wednesday....9am to 3 pm

Thursday .....9 am to 3 pm

Friday.....9 am to 12 pm

Office closed 12-1 lunch