

The Circuit Rider



First United Methodist Church, Harlan
Monroe Chapel United Methodist Church

DECEMBER 2020

RETURN TO VIRTUAL WORSHIP

In light of worsening Covid-19 positivity rates, the crisis faced by our healthcare systems, and out of an abundance of caution and love for our neighbor, United Methodist Bishop Laurie Haller and the Appointive Cabinet have directed clergy and churches to **cease in-person indoor worship and church activities through January 10th, 2021.**

Watch the recorded service: Facebook: **Harlan First & Monroe Chapel United Methodist Churches**

Website: **www.harlanmethodist.com**

Local Cable: **FMCTC: Tuesdays, 1:00pm #48**

HMU: Mondays & Wednesdays, 7:30pm #15

Mediacom: Mondays, 10:00am #18

Contact us if you'd like a DVD copy of the service with a printed bulletin.



ADVENT SERMON SERIES

The Advent sermon series is centered around the Good News of the Season: Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace.

FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAYS



Join for weekly fellowship via Zoom OR your telephone on **Sundays at 4:00pm.**

Contact the office if you did not receive meeting information.



PICK UP YOUR POINSETTIAS



Please pick up your poinsettia if you've not do so, or let the office know if you need help getting your plant. Thank you for supporting our youth group! The youth adopt kids each Christmas and use the poinsettia proceeds to buy gifts.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE & SHARE

ADOPT-A-FAMILY: With the church not having any in-person activities, an online sign-up has been created that you can go to and see the individuals and items, then click the "sign up" button. The link is below, but if you're not comfortable with that or don't have computer access, give Anne a call in the office to get information. WRAPPED gifts with TAGS need to be at the office by **day's end Monday, December 14th.**

Go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ABA62DAAFE6C61-adopt>.



SHARE THE WARMTH: Methodist Youth Fellowship Winter Clothing Drive

Many of you know Kris Olson Harmon, former HCMS Guidance Counselor. She continues to advocate and care for the children of our community and she is running very low on warm winter clothing. New or Gently Used & ANY SIZE!

1. Winter Coats, Sweaters, Sweatshirts

2. Socks & Underwear (*new please*)



3. Snow Pants, Jeans, Sweatpants

4. Hats, Scarves, Gloves/Mittens



Your donations may be placed in the Nursery (first room on your right from alley entrance) now through **Thursday, December 17th.** MYF will sort and deliver on December 18th. Thank you for keeping the kids of our community warm!

A MOMENT WITH MIKE

We are now in the midst of Advent, a season where we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. We also prepare for our own celebrations by decorating, shopping, baking, and getting plans made. Of course, this year will be different than most. Since we will not be worshiping in person until mid-January, there will not be a Christmas Eve service at our churches, though one will be available to you online. You may not be spending as much time in stores as you have in past years, and your family plans may look different than in past years. Nonetheless, the fact remains that this is a season of good news! Jesus Christ, God incarnate, came into the world so long ago and lives in our hearts today! This is true no matter how we celebrate this year! I hope you can join us for online worship during this season as we focus on the good news of the season. For it is a season of hope, love, joy, peace! Each Sunday in Advent, we will focus on one of those four Advent themes, culminating in our online Christmas Eve service.

SUNDAYS

MONROE CHAPEL - 8:45am: Worship

HARLAN FIRST - 10:30am: Worship

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WEDNESDAYS: Sep-Apr

HARLAN FIRST

6:00-6:30pm: Meal

6:30-7:30pm: Children & Youth Activities

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TV AIRING of WORSHIP Service

10:00am: Mondays, Mediacom #18

7:30pm: Mondays, HMU #15

1:00pm: Tuesdays, FMCTC #48

7:30pm: Wednesdays, HMU #15

KEEP US INFORMED

Continue to let us know if you or someone you know is in the hospital, dealing with medical issues, or needs to be lifted up in prayer. *You can also request that prayer concerns or joys be shared during worship.*

CHECK IT OUT

Check the church's website or Facebook page:

www.harlanmethodist.com

Harlan First & Monroe Chapel

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✓ WORSHIP & MUSIC ACTIVITIES

✓ CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

✓ MISSIONS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, COMMENTS?

Write: PO Box 28, Harlan IA 51537

Call: 712-755-5172

Email: fumch@harlannet.com

CHURCH ALLEY DOOR: First UMC

The alley door is unlocked 9:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Friday, otherwise push the button to the left of the door to be let in.

MISSION STATEMENT

***Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.***



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