



OUR MESSAGE

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From the Pastor

The year end is upon us. Like many of you, I am taking the opportunity to reflect on all that the Lord has accomplished. He has been faithful to extend his generous love and grace not only to our church, but also to me. Thank you, Jesus!

Some of that love and grace has come in the form of his guidance of our church as we seek to discern the nature of our ministry. On Sunday November 10th, the Church Council gathered for its regular meeting at which time they received a report and recommendations from our Strategic Leadership Team about where to locate the church's ministries in the future. The work of the Strategic Leadership Team was not done in haste and included 7 separate meetings during which we considered numerous different factors affecting our church and its ministry. I am grateful to each of them for their service to our church in this season.

The recommendation by the Strategic Leadership Team is to relocate our church to the property we own on FM 2410 and build a new church facility in a phased process

To that end, your Church Council voted to take the following actions:

1. Authorize the formation of a Building Committee to work with an architect, and in consultation with the congregation, design and produce preliminary construction blueprints for a new church facility to be located at the FM 2410 property.

2. Authorize the expenditure of up to \$60,000 to execute the Building Committee's work with an Architect.

To be sure, this recommendation and subsequent action are not a final decision to build or move the church. Any future decision to sign a building contract or sell existing property will be made by a duly called vote of all church members for which you will receive appropriate and timely notification. You will have multiple opportunities to give meaningful input to this decision.

I invite you to join me in praying for God's wisdom and the Holy Spirit's leading for our church to discern how we can best steward that which is entrusted to us as we work to invite everybody to a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

YTD Financial Report As of November 19, 2024

General Fund

Income:	\$282,670.26
Expense:	\$239,616.43
Net Income*:	\$43,053.83

*excludes income and expense related to parsonage mortgage payoff

Restricted Fund

Income and Beginning Balance:	\$61,981.52
Expense:	\$36,305.00
Net Restricted Income:	\$25,676.52

HHMC is Debt Free as of Sept. 6, 2024

Seeking Your Input

Help us name the newsletter! Send us your best ideas for how we should name future editions of this publication to:

info@hhmc.church.

Weekly Events

Sundays

7:30am	Community Breakfast
9:00am	Worship
10:20am	Sunday School
5-7:00pm	Youth

Wednesdays

7:30am	Men's Breakfast at HH IHOP
1:30pm	Prayer Group
4:30pm	Handbell Choir
5:30pm	Community Meal
6:00pm	Choir. Bible Study
6-7:30pm	1017 Club

Children's Ministry

As the year ends, I want to share a few celebrations from the Children's Ministry area. First, the children and I are blessed with the support of our church. Not only did we have so much fun learning about the love of Christ, but we also grew our love and knowledge.

With the support of big- hearted volunteers and generous donations, the Children's Ministry has grown in attendance, but we can always use a few more volunteers.

Next, I want to say, "Thank you!" to our children's lead team. Without them we would not be able to serve the sixty-eight kids that have walked into our church in the past 5 months. I am proud of our team and look forward to their leadership in 2025.

Lastly, to the children of our church: A HUGE Thank you! You ROCK! You have shown the Love of Jesus to every single person at our church. From picking up trash at dinners, to holding doors open, and

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Children's Ministry (from Page 1) being happy to lend a hand when asked, I am so proud of you all and how much (Jesus' love) you show our world. Thank you for being you!

Events we have this month:

Beside our regular Wednesday night and Sunday morning meet ups.

We have A fun Family trip to

Main Street Bethlehem in Burnet, Texas Having the children in the Killeen Parade, and our incredibly fun Children's Christmas Party planned for this month. See the calendar part for dates. More information will be announced as dates get closer. And, to everyone from my heart to yours,

Merry Christmas - Kimberley Urie

Reserve a Poinsettia!

If your family would like to purchase a poinsettia to be placed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season, please find the order sheet in the church lobby and indicate the names of persons you would like to honor or remember. The poinsettias are provided in support of the Killeen ISD Education Foundation and cost \$15 each, payable to HHMC. Poinsettias may be picked up from the sanctuary on Christmas Eve.

Conference Leadership Self-Nominations

The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church is looking for volunteers to serve in conference ministries, boards and committees. If you believe God is calling you to serve in a conference level capacity, please complete the online form linked below. By submitting the form, you are placing your name before the Leadership Nominations Committee for consideration.

[Click to open nomination form](#)

Youth Ministry

The HHMC Youth are so grateful for all the support we had at our Chili Lunch and Silent Auction last month. We raised about \$1200. This will allow us to cover our winter mission and go towards our summer camp in July. Our hope is that the congregation will continue to support HHMC Youth by encouraging all 6-12th grade students to join us Sunday nights. Students have an opportunity to grow in their faith with a community of believers, fellowship with their peers, and service opportunities.

This month students will continue to tend to the community garden, participate in Saturday Sack Lunches, and finish off the semester with a fun Karaoke Christmas Party on December 15th.

No Sunday night youth Dec. 22, 29, or Jan. 5th while students are off for winter break. Visit the church website (link below) to see more about what is happening with our youth program.

<https://hhmc.church/students>

News

Your Finance Team is preparing for the church's ministry in 2025. To aid and facilitate the completion of their work, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you may continue to help us be a church that is inviting everybody to a living relationship with Jesus Christ. Estimate of Giving cards that you can use to indicate your support of the church were mailed in October. We kindly ask that you return the completed card to the office or drop it in the offering plate next time you are at the church. If you did not receive a card, or need another copy, there are extra copies on the sign-up table in the sanctuary lobby.

On December 1, 2024, Harker Heights Methodist Church joined other Global Methodist congregations in our area to hold a joint Charge Conference on Sunday December 1 at 4:30pm at First Methodist Church in Gatesville with Rev. Stephen Schmidt presiding. Along with celebrating the work that God is accomplishing in each of our congregations, we also adopted the 2025 budget and leadership nominations previously approved by your Church Council at its November 10th meeting.

Mission & Outreach Team Forming

All those interested to help guide and coordinate our church's efforts to connect to and serve locally and globally in Christian mission are encouraged to attend an INTEREST MEETING ON SUNDAY DEC 8 AT 8:00AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Diana H. at papertiggr@yahoo.com

Church Christmas Party December 14

Children and Adults are invited to join us for the HHMC Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange on Saturday 12/14 from 4-7pm at the home of Pam and Mark Edwards located at 4249 Flint Oak Drive in Harker Heights. Guests are welcome to bring a side/appetizer/dessert to share.

RSVP to Pam at 254-466-2593.

NAVIGATION

Take FM 2410 East 4 miles past Harker Heights HS,

Turn right on High Oak Drive.

Go straight for 1 mile,

Turn right on Highview Drive,

Go ½ mile, turn right on Flint Oak Drive. Continue to the end of the cul-de-sac to arrive at 4249 Flint Oak Drive.

Office

Please note that when scheduling an event at the church, all members and groups are requested to submit a building use request to Jay Lohman in the church office. After a request is made, Jay will confirm whether, or not, the requested space is available and if a location and/or time change is needed to reserve your desired room and publish the event on the church calendar.

Outside groups will be asked to complete a building use agreement and make related payments or deposits per Trustees decision.

HHMC Office Hours: 9am-12 M-F
Brian's Weekly Day Off: Friday
208 Cardinal Lane
Harker Heights, TX 76548
254-699-2671

Upcoming Events

Dec 1 – Advent Begins
Dec 7 – Trip to Burnet, TX for Main Street in Bethlehem
Dec 8 – 8:00am Mission and Outreach Team interest meeting
Dec 9 – 6:00pm Trustees Meeting
Dec 12 – 6:30pm Emmaus (Nolanville)
Dec 14 – Methodist Men/Women Breakfast, Sack Lunches
Dec 14 – 4:00-7:00pm Christmas Party at Edwards Home
Dec 14 – Children's Ministry at Killeen Christmas Parade
Dec 17 – NO Finance Meeting
Dec 18 – 1017 Club Christmas Party
Dec 22 – No youth meeting (Winter Break)
Dec 24 – 5:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
Dec 24 – Poinsettias taken home
Dec 25 & 26 – Church Office Closed
Dec 29 – No Sunday School
Dec 31 – Last Day to postmark 2024 donations
Jan 1, 2025 – Church Office Closed

Save the Date

December 24, 2024 at 5:00pm

Christmas Eve Worship: Candlelight + Communion