



Harker Heights

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A Global Methodist Church

Our Message

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A Monthly Newsletter of Harker Heights Methodist Church

From the Pastor

The Lord has been faithful to our church in these days. He has ushered HHMC through a time of transition in our denomination, helping us to pay off ALL of our debt, while also nearly doubling the average worship attendance. Many of you shared a renewed enthusiasm for your connection to the church. I give thanks for this blessing.

In the midst of this, your church staff has dedicated themselves to involving many of you in their respective ministry areas. Your contribution of time, skills, and patience make a meaningful difference as we invite everybody to a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit is preparing our church for vital years of mission in this community and around the

world. You may recall that last year, the church council voted to form a strategic planning team to study and make a recommendation about the best possible use of church property for executing its mission and ministries. On November 10 at 11:45am, the Strategic Planning Team will report its recommendation to the Church Council regarding where they believe the church should locate its ministry in the coming years. If you would like to hear their report, we welcome you to attend the meeting. Plus, let us know you are coming and we will make sure to have lunch for you!

P.S. Please join me in extending our thanks to Ken Arnold who has graciously agreed to help us compile this monthly church newsletter.

Blessings,
Brian

Weekly Events

Sundays

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

Wednesdays

7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast – HH IHOP
1:30pm Prayer Group
4:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
6-7pm 1017 Club (KISD Sch)
6:00pm Choir Practice
6:15pm Adult Bible Study

YTD Financial Report of October 15, 2024

General Fund

Income: \$241,087.58
Expense: \$218,056.67
Net Income: \$23,030.91

Restricted Fund

Income (including any balance from 2023): \$58,820.52
Expense \$34,543.69
Net Income: \$24,276.83

Children's Ministry

I just wanted to say a big thank you for all your help with the Children's Ministry. Because of you, these kids are learning all about the Bible. We've got Sunday morning small groups and a fun club on Wednesday nights where we share God's love. If you want to see what we've been up to, follow [YoungestGen.hhmc](https://www.instagram.com/YoungestGen.hhmc) on Instagram.

This school year, we have welcomed more than 20 children to our Wednesday night 1017 Club group. Over the past nine weeks, we've explored the stories of Samson, Noah, and Daniel. We will keep discussing Heroes from the Bible. Don't forget to share the word about this wonderful club with others!

This year, our children have taken the initiative to tidy up our own prayer garden, trim some bushes, and pick up litter at a local park. In the upcoming months, we will be constructing birdhouses for several parks and creating a ramp for someone in need. We invite you to join us.

Nov. 20: Join us for a Friendsgiving Potluck on from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Save the date: December 24, 2024 at 5:00pm • Christmas Eve Worship: Candlelight +Communion

Youth Ministry



We extend a big thank you to all who supported us during the September Flamingo Fundraiser. We were able to raise over \$2000 that will fund most of our Winter Mission in February.

After church on November 3rd we had a Chili Lunch and Silent Auction Fundraiser to fully fund the Winter Mission. Any additional donations will go towards summer camp in July.

Our students are busy maintaining the community garden, volunteering at the Food Care Center, and growing plants that we started from seeds. Winter garden transplanting will be Nov. 26th at 10am.

Music Ministry

Our SPR Team continues to search for the right candidate to serve as a Music Director and Song Leader. If you know someone who is willing to share their music gifts in a ministry role, please encourage them to review the job description at www.hhmc.church/jobs

Voice and Handbell Choirs

We invite anyone with interest to ring or sing - no experience required. Rehearsals are weekly on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30pm and 6:00pm respectively.

Thanks to Tom Hulon

Tom graciously served as our interim volunteer music director and song leader before recently needing to take a break from singing per doctor's orders. Please extend your gratitude to Tom for his service in our music ministry!

News

Your Finance Team is making preparations 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 last month. 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.

The Trustees are completing or have finished various repairs at the church recently including: installing a new door in the east hallway, replacing ceiling tiles that fell last week, removing dead or damage trees on campus, and organizing storage areas. Thank you to all of our servant leaders!

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 make related payments or deposits per Trustees decision.

- Nov 09 - 8:30am Methodist Men/Women Breakfast, Sack Lunches
- Nov 10 - All Saints Sunday
- Nov 10 - 11:45am Church Council
- Nov 11 - 6:00pm Trustees Meeting
- Nov 14 - 6:30pm Emmaus (Nolanville)
- Nov 16 - 9:30am Anew Women's Conference in Waco
- Nov 17 - 5:00pm Youth Picture Scavenger Hunt
- Nov 19 - 6:00pm Finance Meeting
- Nov 20 - Wednesday Activities featuring the Friendsgiving Potluck
- Nov 24 - No Youth
- Nov 26 - 10:00am Youth Community Garden Planting
- Nov 27 - No Wednesday Activities
- Nov 27 - 29 - Office Closed
- Nov 29 - 10:00am Christmas Decoration of the Church

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