

HARMONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Greetings!

For about two years before I was called to the ministry, I worked for a person to develop businesses. He had written a book titled: *The Game of Work*. Our work with businesses was to develop whatever business they were in, by looking at the numbers that pertained to that work. For example: we looked at the total billings of the business, the amount received from the billings, the number of employees, the number of orders, etc. Based on the numbers, we developed ways to increase the money received, to review the number of employees to pull, backage and ship the product, etc.

Some 40 years later, this same concept can be used for a church to see if the church is "winning or losing" that is, is the church beneficial to the people it serves and therefore beneficial to "making disciples for Jesus Christ."

If for example, the number of those attend worship services (in house worship services) is declining and the amount of income is reducing, then the church needs to decide if it should continue "the way it has always done" or seek other ways to increase both those who attend and the amount received.

One other factor we need to include is the fact that we were closed to in person worship from March 2020 to August 2021 due to Covid. During that time, we recorded our worship services on Facebook and made that broadcast available to all who wanted to view it. We called those "views".

With all that in mind and as background, we offer the following numbers for your review.

Operating money received (not including designated funds)

	2023	2024
Income	\$118,047	\$117,494
Expenses	\$129,223	\$114,342
Net	(11,176)	3,152

You can see that by reducing our expenses and having the income about the same, we were able to have a small positive balance for 2024. A very large thank you to those who decided to give a little extra to bring the balance to the positive side.

Average Worship attendance: in house		views	Total (reported to conf)
2018	58	0	58
2019	64	0	64
2020 (Jan-Feb)	62	(Mar-Dec) 61	123
2021 (Aug-Dec)	44	(Jan-Sep) 44	88
2022	38	32	70
2023	44	43	87
2024	44	104	148

One more thing that added or subtracted to the totals: It was during the years 2021 and 2022, that we had what has come to be known as "tent city" in our parking lot. This was mainly my idea and my doing. I can see that there were and are some who disagreed with that decision to have the "city." Yet, we, that is you and I, made it through those days. And today, we are trying to pick up the pieces by feeding the hungry in place of the Devereux Center closing.

Based on the "The Game of Work," we are winning or at least in a comeback mode

I have been told that I should think of the church first. If that is correct, then I have failed. I have put what I believe God has asked me to do ahead of the church. I have tried to live by Matthew 25:31-46 and James 2:14-17.

The question now becomes, what is the basis of your faith? How do you live out that faith?

Peace and Blessings
And Happy New Year

Pastor Don



Harmony UMC Updates



~SHARE ~ CONNECT ~ SERVE ~ GROW~

Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.

THREE WAYS TO CONNECT ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

- 1. COME TO CHURCH IN PERSON @ 11:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING**
OR
- 2. STREAMING LIVE ON HARMONY UMC FACEBOOK page**

If you are attending in person, please remember:

- Childcare is available
- Fellowship time after church

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

These are some of our HUMC people who packed goodies in boxes for children all over the world so they could get their first ever Christmas present and hear the story of Jesus. We filled 23 boxes and delivered them to Hauser Community Church.

A total of 1046 boxes were sent to Samaritan's Purse from our region, to be prepared for the journey to the children.

Praise the Lord for all these helpers.



January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 11-2 Devereux lunch	3 11-2 Devereux lunch	4 11- Lunch (1st Presbyterian) 3:30-Sq Dancers
5 11 Worship 3:30-Sq Dancers	6 11-2 Devereux lunch	7 11-3 DKD 2 HIV Alliance 2 SQ Dancers 3 Snack Pack	8 10 Mat Min 12 Garden Club 6:30 Choir	9 11-2 Devereux	10 11-2 Devereux lunch	11 11- Lunch (Gloria Dei)
12 11 Worship 3:30-Sq Dancers	13 11-2 Devereux lunch	12 2- HIV Alliance	15 10 Mat Min 6:30 Choir	16 11-2 Devereux lunch	17 11-2 Devereux lunch	18 11- Lunch (Harmony UMC) 3:30-Sq Dancers
19 11 Worship 3:30-Sq Dancers	20 11-2 Devereux lunch	21 2- HIV Alliance	22 10 Mat Min 6:30 Choir	23 11-2 Devereux lunch	24 11-2 Devereux lunch	25 11- Lunch (Faith Lutheran)
26 11 Worship 3:30-Sq Dancers	27 11-2 Devereux lunch	28 2- HIV Alliance	29 10 Mat Min 6:30 Choir	30 11-2 Devereux lunch	31 11-2 Devereux lunch	

Harmony General Fund & Ministries

Harmony UMC Outreach/Ministries

- * Saturday Community Fellowship Meal
 - * Clothes Closet
 - * Mat Ministry
- * Eastside Snack Pack Program
 - * Harmony House
 - * Wesley Fund
- * Coos Food Cupboard
- * Camping Scholarships (United Methodist Camps)

Remember, giving with a cheerful heart and a spirit of generosity is a beautiful way to honor God and bless others.

Coos Food Cupboard

Harmony UMC is a faithful supporter of Coos Food Cupboard. Please give non-perishable goods. There is a basket in the narthex for Coos Food Cupboard.

Thank you!



HARMONY UMC General Fund As of Dec 30, 2024

December Monthly Expenses

Income:	\$ 17,296.36
Expenses	\$ 10,743.16
Inc. less Exp	6,553.20

Year 2024

Income:	\$ 117,494.45
Expenses	\$ 114,342.45
Inc. less Exp	\$ 3,152.00

HARMONY UMC Dedicated Fund Balance As of Jan 4, 2025

Wesley Fund	\$ 1,965.43
Eastside Snack Pack	\$ 573.65
Sat. Fellowship Meal	\$ -764.58

Share...Connect...Serve...Grow

WE ARE STEWARDS THROUGH...

...OUR PRAYERS

- Fonda Keller
- Sharon King
- Joan Glasgow
- Jonelle McClelland



If you would like to add someone to the prayer chain, please contact Sharon King (541)751-7888; sking0821@outlook.com or Jane Henrickson, 541-267-3481

...OUR GIFTS

- Coos Food Cupboard
- Harmony House
- Juniper House
- Eastside Snack Pack Program
- Saturday Community Fellowship Meal
- The Wesley Fund : Helping those in need
- Mat Ministry
- Harmony Singers, Musicians & Sound Booth
- Harmony UMC Staff

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 1 Karen Baisinger
 Jan 2 Sal Hoeger
 Jan 7 Martha Elena Molitor
 Jan 14 Kimberly Agricola
 Jan 14 Nova Lovell
 Jan 19 Smokey Martin
 Jan 20 Janice Johnson
 Jan 23 Carolynn Agricola

Jan 23 Zach Martin



...OUR PRESENCE

Please come and join us on
 Sunday 11:00 am. Worship Service
 If you do not feel comfortable with in-person worship, we are still streaming our services on Harmony UMC Facebook Page.
 Please join us in worship !

...OUR SERVICE

- * *Providing hot meals to the community on Saturdays : 5 churches participate.*
 - * *Realizing that we do not own this building—God owns it and we need to allow other groups to use it.*
- ⇒ *Big Thank You to all our volunteers*

Volunteering when needed

- ♦ *Those who work for Harmony UMC*
- ♦ *Our groups that cook, help, and feed those individuals who come to the Saturday Community Fellowship Meal.*
- ♦ *All the other volunteers who help to make our church the place to be.*

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 1 Gene & Donna Hiserote

Happy Anniversary