

The Harmony Grit

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Homecoming Service Held

Harmony Homecoming (and our 80th birthday celebration) was held on Sunday, October 7th, 2007. The festivities began at 9:45 a.m. with an hour of Special Music and remembrances. There was a steady stream of singers and musicians (all local, homegrown talent) who performed their favorite hymn or praise song for the service. The congregation even got to sing some well-known standards. Several people also shared their recollections of what Harmony Church has meant to them over the years. Our worship service began at 11. Former Danville District Superintendent Bob McAden was our speaker. In his sermon, "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past", Bob spoke of the faithful individuals who had established Harmony Church and compared their efforts to the disciples who followed the mandate from Jesus to "Spread the Word". And who can forget the covered dish meal and fellowship that followed? Thanks to all who helped make Homecoming such a Special Day at Harmony. See you next year on the first Sunday in October!

Harmony Revival a "Hardy" Event

Harmony has just concluded a very successful Fall Revival. Services were held nightly from Sunday, October 28th through Wednesday, October 31st. Our guest speaker was Rev. Sallye Hardy, interim pastor of Berea Christian Church (UCC). Sallye is the daughter of Fletcher and Ann Hardy and the sister of our pastor, Robert Hardy. She shared her talent and experiences with us through a variety of sermon topics that included "American Idols", "Nagging and Whining", and "How to Lose your Mind". Nightly attendance averaged 50. The congregation was also treated to special music each night. Sallye challenged us to let God into our lives, to let Him shape us as He sees best, to use the talents He has given each of us. She reminded us how much the success of the church depends on the participation of all the members. The revival was a wonderful time of renewal, re-energizing, sharing, and insights into God's Will for us.

Update on Missions

The year 2007 is rapidly growing to a close. That means it is time to revisit our Missions projects while there is still time to meet our goals. Last December our members pledged \$6,600 of support for God's Pit Crew (thegodspitcrew.org), Red Bird Mission (rbmission.org), and Peter and Masha Oswalt in Russia (orphangrad.blogspot.com). Our goal was to send each organization a \$550 check each quarter this year. That would require \$5,500 through October. Unfortunately we have only collected \$4906 to date. That means we have two months of catch-up time. Hopefully you have met your pledge each month. If not, now is the time to renew your efforts. Each website listed above provides information about the organization - where they are located, what type of service they provide, who they help, how you can help. When we help others, we are following the examples of Christ and the early church.

Ann Hardy wanted to let everyone know she recently heard from Bishop Dickson Ochuto in Kenya, Africa. We have supported Dickson's efforts in his church work and with an orphanage and a school for several years. (Remember the windows & the shipment of wedding dresse?) Last year we bought a milk cow for the school. He wrote to thank us for our continued support and to let us know the cow was ready to calve. Another example of a gift that keeps on giving!

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Here are some dates for your November Calendar!

Sunday, November 4 th @ 11 a.m.	All Saints Sunday
Monday, November 5 th @ 7 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 6 th @ 7:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 7 th @ 6:30 p.m.	Ladies Fellowship "End of Year" meal
Saturday, Nov. 10 th @ 11 a.m.	Men's Stew (\$4 a quart)
Sunday, Nov. 11 th @ 8 a.m.	Faithful Few Men's Breakfast & Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 14 th @ 7:30 p.m.	Church Council meeting
Saturday, Nov. 17 th @ 8:30 a.m.	Danville District Conference & Training Sessions
Wednesday, Nov. 21 st @ 7 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at Cascade UMC
Wednesday, Nov. 28 th @ 7 p.m.	Choir Practice

These events are in addition to the regular 7 p.m. Sunday Night Bible Study and the Thursday Night Meal (7 p.m.) meal Worship Service (7:30 p.m.).

November Birthdays: 15th Megan Crite-Irby 18th Ashley Griffith & Joyce Hilbert
25th Sara Hayward 29th Kloe Wellington 30th Levi Phillips

November Anniversaries: 16th Kyle & Ashley Griffith

Did you notice that November 10th is the date for the Men's stew? See a "Faithful Few" member to reserve a gallon or two of that tasty fall favorite. They might also be willing to let you help them peel some potatoes and onions for the pot!

See our pastor Robert to sign up for a District Training Session on November 17th. Training Session topics include: Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Local Church Finances, Creation Care, Prison Ministry, Conflict Resolution, Scouting, Twelve Misconceptions about Ministry to the Unchurched, Marketing - Another Word for Evangelism, Senior Issues, Stewardship, Endowment/Planned Giving & Investment of Church Funds, and a session labeled "So I'm the Lay Leader - Now What?". Hope to see you there.

Want your Grit via e-mail? How about a mp3 audio file of a Sunday Service? Send a note or request information to jrfinney99@yahoo.com, or visit our web site at www.harmonyumchurch.org.



There was no shortage of Hardy preachers at Harmony this past week. Pictured are Robert Hardy (our present pastor), Fletcher Hardy (the proud parent and our former pastor), and Sallye Hardy (Robert's sister and our Revival Speaker).