

## Youth Ministries

For more information about youth activities and programs, contact Brie Thompson, Pastor of Youth & Young Adult Ministries (pastorbrie@harrisburgbic.org; 717-561-2170, ext. 121).

### Youth Sunday School—6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School meets in the Large Youth Room during the latter half of the 9 am service (after the pastoral prayer in worship). This is an opportunity to fellowship, learn, and grow together as we study the Bible, discuss challenging life questions and encourage and pray for one another.

### Bible Quizzing

Bible Quizzing combines travel, fun, and friendships with memorization and study of God's Word. This program is for youth 12 to 18 years of age. They meet on Sundays at 11 am, September to June, compete monthly with local teams, and end the year by participating in Bible Quizzing Finals. Quizzing meets during the 11 am service in the Large Youth Room.

### Youth Groups

Youth Group is packed full of fun, fellowship, and opportunities to grow in relationship with God and each other. Senior High Youth Group (grades 9 to 12) meets Sundays (6:30-8 pm in the Large Youth Room). Junior High Youth Group (grades 6 to 8) meets Wednesdays (6:30-8 pm in the Large Youth Room).

### Feb 1—Caitlin's Smiles Craft Kit Making

Youth, join us February 1<sup>st</sup> at New Hope Church (10-11:30 am). Admission to this service activity is one craft item (NEW and in original packaging). Preferred donations are foam stickers (no letters or numbers, please), coloring books, Ziploc baggies (snack, sandwich, quart-sizes), gimp/plastic lacing, hemp lacing, loom rubber bands, chenille stems, or play dough. To sign-up, visit the youth table or email Pastor Brie.

### Feb 7—Game & Movie Night

Youth, join us in the Large Youth Room for an evening of gaming and a movie! Our gathering will be 6:30-9:30 pm on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a snack to share and feel free to bring games!

### Feb 19—Cook Wednesday Evening Meal

The Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups are responsible for preparing our Wednesday evening meal. Youth who plan to help should arrive at HBIC anytime between 3:30 and 5:30 pm.

### Feb 25—Hershey Bears Game

We will meet at HBIC at 6 pm for a 7 pm game. Cost is \$15. Youth should plan to dress warm and eat dinner before coming and/or bring money to buy concessions. Parents/guardians can arrange to meet our group at the gate, if preferred. Our return to HBIC will be around 9:30 pm. Sign-up can be done at the youth table or by contacting Pastor Brie.

## Children's Ministries

For more information about Children's Ministries activities and programs, contact Patty Patterson, Pastor of Children's Ministries (717-561-2170, ext. 107; pastorpatty@harrisburgbic.org).

### Creation Kids—Sundays at 9 & 11 AM

Children (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) participate in worship with their families, then are invited to attend age-appropriate classes in the CE (Christian Education) area. Dismissal from the sanctuary occurs after the pastoral prayer on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. And on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, we have "Serve Sunday", a chance for children to remain in the service and explore serving in a variety of ways.

### Worship Dance—Tuesdays

Be part of HBIC's praise dance ministry for children and youth, girls and boys (3 years and older). Worship Dance meets on Tuesday evenings in the Sanctuary. For more information, please contact Nicolette Snell (717-903-7384; nsnellteacher@hotmail.com).

### Kids Club—Wednesdays

At Kid's Club, we teach children about Jesus and encouraging them in their relationship with him. Kids Club runs from September to July on Wednesdays (6:30-8 pm), and offers a variety of activities to meet the needs of diverse learners. Children (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are welcome to join Kids Club at any time; no pre-registration is necessary. Classes for infants-2 yr olds and 3-4 yr olds are also offered on Wednesday evenings for parents attending programs.

### Jr. Bible Quizzing—Thursdays

Jr. Bible Quizzing meets on Thursdays (January 9<sup>th</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup>) in preparation for a tournament on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Children, ages 9 to 11, and those 8 year olds turning 9 before next October 31 (2020), are invited to participate. For more information on a time and location for practices, please contact Leona Asper (657-0593; leasper@comcast.net).



## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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## Newcomers

*Our vision is to be a thriving diverse urban church sharing Christ's love and serving the needs of our local and global communities! As a church family, we look forward to getting to know you and to see how God will involve you in his vision for this community.*

### Rooted Series

We believe that life transformation begins and occurs in the context of relationship with Jesus and others. Join us for this 4-part series to explore your purpose in God's story. For more information, please pick up an Adult Discipleship Options guide at our Information Center or visit our website (HBIC.Church).

### Discipleship, Serving, & Fellowship Opportunities

We offer a variety of ways to facilitate personal growth and nurture relationships. Please visit our Information Center or website (HBIC.Church) for more information.

### Sermon Podcast

Stream or download a favorite sermon or one you recently missed by visiting our website (HBIC.Church), or subscribe as a listener through iTunes, Google Play, SoundCloud, or Stitcher.

### Stay Informed

Stay informed by visiting our Information Center or website and by subscribing to our email updates (email the church or text "HARRISBURGBIC" to 22828).

### Welcome Meal

This is a wonderful opportunity each Spring and Fall to meet new people, to get to know our staff and to learn more about HBIC. Watch for more information in our March activity and events guide.

## Community Services

### Food Pantry

- 2nd Thursday: 1-2:30 pm
- 4th Thursday: 4-5:30 pm

### Medical Clinic

- February 5 & 19  
9 am-4 pm

## All Church

*Consider joining us for an upcoming group or event!*

### Fellowship Dinner Groups

Harrisburg BIC Church annually provides opportunity for individuals and families to be intentional about practicing hospitality and sharing meals with one another through Fellowship Dinner Groups. These groups are a fantastic way to meet new people, connect with others who are different than you, and appreciate something new—food, traditions, and friendships. Registration will occur February, and group information will be shared in March.

### Food Pantry Donations

Throughout February, please consider our Food Pantry Ministry as a way to show love to our neighbors in need. There will be a cart in the lobby for donations of canned goods such as fruit, tuna, salmon, and chicken. Other items to donate are laundry detergent, dish detergent, personal care items such as soap, toothpaste and toilet paper. To volunteer in the Food Pantry, contact Nancy Benson (717-510-0813), Nancy Busch (717-432-5317), or Nancy Patrick (717-441-4914).

### Join the Gospel Choir

The Gospel Choir would like to invite you to vocally join them in helping to lead worship on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. For more information, contact Pastor Esteban (pastoresteban@harrisburgbic.org; 717-561-2170, ext. 106).

## Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church

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### **Harrisburg Softball Team Sign-up**

HBIC is exploring the possibility of forming a softball team which would participate in a local church league in the Spring. If you are interested in hearing more about this team and participation in it, please contact Pastor Patty or add your name and contact information to the list at the Information Center.

### **Safe Haven Shelter Volunteers**

Harrisburg BIC is once again partnering with Christian Churches United to provide volunteers for their emergency overnight shelter at Safe Haven. HBIC is scheduled to provide two volunteers per night, March 1-7. Volunteers will provide hospitality at the shelter from 7:30 pm to 7 am (with lights out at 10 pm so everyone gets some sleep). Safe Haven staff will check men into the shelter and will be available if needed. Safe Haven is also located in Harrisburg. For more information or to sign-up contact Mike Spellman (717-774-4324; 1950spellman@gmail.com).

### **Poverty Simulation Registration**

On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> (8:30 am-12 pm), HBIC will host a Poverty Simulation, which will be facilitated by Tri County Community Action and Christian Churches United. A Poverty Simulation is a true-to-life role playing experience for groups and organizations to experience first-hand the challenges, decisions, and life of someone in poverty. As a group, participants will be faced with daily decisions ranging from how to get the kids to school on time, find or maintain employment, visit the assistance office or church, pay your bills, and keep a roof over your head...all in the span of a few hours.

Poverty Simulations are thought provoking and lead to powerful conversations, and they help us all realize that it takes a community to end poverty.

You can participate in one of two ways:

#### **1. Volunteer**

Help with parking (8:15-9:15 am) or with various stations (arrive by 8:15 am for training and stay for the whole morning). To volunteer, contact Lois Saylor (717-695-7926; lawsaylor@comcast.net).

#### **2. Participate**

Experience the simulation and better understand some of the challenges our neighbors may be dealing with, then take part in the discussion afterwards about how we can offer positive support. To register, contact Darrel Reinford (dreinford@ccuhbg.org; 717-230-9550).

Note: registration is required!

### **Atlantic Conference Annual Meeting Registration**

Our pastors and delegates will be attending this regional conference held at Pequea Church (40 Church Road, Lancaster) on Saturday, March 28 from 8 am until noon, followed by lunch. Others from our congregation are invited to attend as well. Non-voting/guest attendees who are planning to attend and stay for lunch must sign up at the Information Center by Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **General Assembly Registration**

The General Assembly of the Brethren in Christ U.S. (July 10-13) will be held in Salina, Kansas and will convene on Friday with dinner followed by a plenary session. Registration for General Assembly includes the following: 6 meals, participation in large group gatherings and worship, as well as participation in 3 workshops. For more information and to register by June 17, visit [www.bicus.org/event/general-assembly-2020](http://www.bicus.org/event/general-assembly-2020).

### **Feb 2–Annual Council Meeting**

Join us for our Annual Council Meeting following the 11 am worship service. A light lunch will be served. All members are urged to attend; attendees who are not members are also invited. (A quorum of 20% of our membership is needed in order to vote.) We will be electing people for various positions in the life of the church, voting on the 2020 budget, sharing highlights from 2019, and reviewing plans for 2020 and beyond. Childcare will be provided for children, infant through 5th grade.

*Council packets are now available at the Information Center or online.*

### **Feb 2 to Mar 29–My Coins Count Collection**

The children of our church will be collecting coins in a jug at the Information Center for Mennonite Central Committee's work around the world. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Leaders in Training (LITs) will be sorting and counting collected money on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the PA Relief Sale. Small banks are also available to take home, fill, and return.

### **Feb 9–Communion Sunday**

### **Feb 9–Register for Stewardship University**

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, Everence Lancaster will host Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. Courses will explore subjects ranging from retirement preparation and better budgeting to health and fitness. Brochures with more information and a registration form are

available at the Information Center. Groups of 5 or more individuals registering together by mail will receive \$5 off each registration. In addition, Everence is offering \$5 more off of registrations received by February 16th. This would make the cost of registration \$29.

To register and receive these discounts, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Information Center, and plan to submit your registration form along with cash or a check made payable to "Everence" to Sheila Derr, HBIC's Church Administrator, by February 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Feb 20–Messiah College Humanities Symposium**

The keynote lecture for Messiah College's Humanities Symposium is Anthony Ray Hinton, a survivor of Alabama's death row. His story is a decades-long journey to exoneration and freedom.

HBIC has reserved a block of 60 tickets (free) for this lecture (7:30-9 pm, Calvin & Janet High Center for Worship & Performing Arts, Parmer Hall). Initially these tickets will be available only for those who attend HBIC on Sundays or Wednesdays. After February 2<sup>nd</sup>, any remaining tickets will also be available for reserving for others beyond HBIC. To reserve tickets, stop by the Information Center.

### **Feb 23–Mosaics Meal**

The Mosaics Committee is hosting a dinner on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 5:15 pm, to celebrate our diverse and multiethnic church family, and we'd love for you to join us!

### **Pot Luck Meal**

Visit the Information Center to sign-up to bring an ethnic dish of your choice. Your dish should be enough to feed at least 10 people and be divided between two containers. Desserts can be in a sing container.

### **Volunteers**

Assistance is needed in a variety of areas, including set-up, serving, and clean-up. A sign-up sheet is at the Information Center for those able to help.

### **Feb 26–Ash Wednesday Service**

Let's join together in celebrating the beginning of Lent, a forty-day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent is a time of repentance, of considering Christ's sufferings and rethinking how we are called to live in relationship to God. *Midweek programming (for children, youth, & adults) is cancelled for this week. Childcare (2 years to 5th grade) will be available during this service.*

## **Adult Discipleship & Support Groups**

*Come connect with us as we grow together our various classes, gatherings, studies, and Life Groups this January to July! Whether you're looking to join a Life Group, take a money management class, or dive into Bible study, there's something for everyone. For more details, pick up an Adult Discipleship Options booklet at the Information Center or visit us online (HBIC.Church).*

## **Classics (55+)**

*For more information about Classics (55+) activities and programs, contact Woody Dalton, Pastor of Adult Discipleship (717-561-2170, ext. 103; [pastorwoody@harrisburgbic.org](mailto:pastorwoody@harrisburgbic.org)).*

### **Are You 55 or Older?**

You may not be tweeting tweets or posting posts, but you need to be receiving HBIC Classics emails! If you're not on our Classics email list, send an email to Steve Burlew at [sburlew@gmail.com](mailto:sburlew@gmail.com).

### **Feb 22–Let's Go Bowling!**

Classics, join us for an afternoon of bowling and fellowship at ABC Bowling (2-4 pm; 1001 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg). Cost is \$10/person; shoe rental is included. To help us in making a reservation for this event, please sign-up by February 5<sup>th</sup> at the Information Center or by emailing Steve Burlew.

## **Young Adult Ministries**

For more information about young adult activities and programs, contact Brie Thompson, Pastor of Youth & Young Adult Ministries ([pastorbrie@harrisburgbic.org](mailto:pastorbrie@harrisburgbic.org); 717-561-2170, ext. 121).

### **Feb 8–Service at Ronald McDonald House**

10am-12pm at The Hershey Ronald McDonald House, 745 W. Governor Rd, Hershey. We will be doing deep cleaning of their facility. This event has a cap for attendees; please let Pastor Brie know if you plan to attend.

### **Feb 15–Game Night**

Young Adults, join us in the Large Youth Room (7-9 pm) for an evening of food, fellowship and fun! Please bring a snack to share, and feel free to bring games.