HOCKESSIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Sunday, Continued.

A weekly guide for living the message

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## This Week in Scripture

**SERMON TEXT**

**Galatians 6:2**

**CARRY ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS**

"Carry each other's burden, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."

## The Message in Brief

The Apostles' Creed calls us to believe in the holy catholic church and the communion of saints. The church is holy not because its people are perfect, but because it belongs to God and is set apart for God's work. Here, catholic means universal: believers across places, cultures, and traditions are united in Christ. The church is not a building or a club; it is people called together to worship, serve, and carry one another's burdens. Though imperfect and sometimes divided, we share a calling to love, forgive, seek unity, and follow Christ's mission.

**The church isn't a perfect people. We are called to a perfect mission.**

## Questions to Carry

1. How does knowing the church belongs to Christ change my expectations of it?
2. Where can I help build unity rather than division?
3. Whose burden can I help carry this week?

## Live It This Week

Reach out to someone who feels overlooked, disconnected, or burdened. Listen without judgment and offer practical help. Find one way to serve alongside others and make Christ's love visible beyond the church walls.

## Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, thank You for calling us into Your church. Forgive us when we divide, judge, or forget whose church it is. Teach us to love one another, carry each other's burdens, and welcome those who have been hurt or excluded. Unite us in Your mission and make us faithful servants in the world. Amen.