



Hartsville United Methodist Church
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**Methodist
Messenger**
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A Word from Pastor Tim:

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” Matthew 28:19

A new year is upon us. The only question is, how will we use this year? As your pastor, I often hear conversations dealing with people’s desire to see the church grow. Are you one of these wonderful people that wants to see our church grow? Hallelujah! So what will you do to make that happen?

What? What will I do, that’s your job, Pastor! Sorry, but it’s not. When my efforts grow the church, it will be short-lived growth. It has to be done by you. According to Ephesians 3, it is my job to equip you for this work. And I’ve got some great news, we have some wonderful tools for you to use to accomplish this.

This year we are celebrating our 185th anniversary as a congregation here in Hartsville. I am working closely with our church leaders and community leaders to plan several events and celebrations throughout the year to mark such a historical feat. And while these celebrations will certainly be fun, they also serve another purpose. They give you new talking points and conversational openers to share your faith with others. These events will purposefully incorporate the leaderships and congregations of other churches in our area. This makes a perfect opportunity to invite people that don’t have a church family to come and attend.

Most people that don’t regularly attend church are intimidated by the thought of going into a church. A common fear is that they will be recognized and singled out as a newcomer. That doesn’t happen at community events because they’ll be plenty of people there that you don’t know. They are also scared that the church might teach something extreme or have crazy practices. That’s not a fear at community events, you know you’re getting common mainstream practices when different denominations are willing to work together.

These events can be great opportunities for you to start a conversation about your faith, why you attend church, why you chose the church you did, and end with an invitation to come and be a part of a special gathering that does not automatically place them on the hook for regular Sunday attendance. But you cannot just invite someone once and expect that to be enough. How many commercials and advertisements do you have to see for a new business before you finally stop in?

I guess the only question you have left is, will you utilize these tools? Who will you share with? Who else? Will you follow up with them? This will determine if our church grows. I pray it does.

Prayer List

The backbone of a church is prayer. Place this somewhere you will see it often. Then let every sighting be a reminder to pray for these. Please update the church on those on this list and others that need to be added.

Helen & Don Voss (Health)	Curtis Butcher (Cancer)
Connor Brown	Richard Robertson
Maxton Hawkins	Rosemary Denham
JoAnn McEvoy Family	Jenny Bradshaw (Cancer)
Jim Hunt	Bert Gammons (Multiple Health Issues)
JoAnne Kelley (Senior Living Center)	Beth Rolin (Cancer)
Mary Howell	Jill harper (leukemia)
Zoe Rose (Heart Condition)	Ann Thurman (Cancer)
Laura Marshall (Cancer)	Shannon Satterfield (Medical Issues)
Peggy Daniels	Alice White
Alice Livingston	David Parker
Jessica Spicer (cancer)	

Confirmation Classes

Don't be fooled, these are not just for kids, and not just for those new to the faith. Have you ever gotten disappointed because kids in the church grow up and don't place much of an emphasis on being part of the church? Here's your chance to make a difference. If they don't see you prioritizing things in the church, they get the impression church is presented to them, rather than them being a part of it. Teach them a new way.

Come and join them for confirmation classes. Maybe you will renew your understanding of the faith, or learn something new, or help guide them in their journey.

A church with a strong youth presence is a church that walks along side their youth.

Have you never been through a Methodist confirmation class? Do you have a child that has not? Or perhaps you need to go through it again? Talk to Tim to sign up.

The Chapel Hill Chronicle



Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

92 Beasley Bend Road in Riddleton, TN
Sunday Worship at 9 AM
Sunday School at 10:15 AM

"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible." ~George Washington

BIRTHDAYS:

Nehemiah Zimmerman	February 3 rd
Vincent Johnson	February 4 th
Doug	February 7 th
Scott Hoff	February 8 th
Abraham Lincoln	February 12 th
George Washington	February 22 nd
Florence Dunavant	February 27 th

ANNIVERSARY:

Ed & Linda Johnson	February 13 th
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FEBRUARY DATES:

Ground Hog Day	February 2 nd
President's Day	February 20 th
Ash Wednesday	February 22 nd

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT CHAPEL HILL UMC: Saturday, February 25, 2023, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Carry out, free delivery.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: February 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day reminds us of love. Expressing uncritical praise and affection. A tribute of such. We think of romance and devotion. It is a tradition of courtly love. Finding love gives us joy and confidence to live each day to the fullest with kind, loving intentions and wondrous anticipation.

There were three different St. Valentines mentioned in early martyrologies, all sharing February 14th for a feast day. The first St. Valentine was a priest and physician in Rome. He was arrested, condemned to death for his faith, beaten with clubs, and finally beheaded on February 14, AD 270.

The second St. Valentine was the Bishop of Interamna (now Terni, located about 60 miles from Rome). He too was arrested, scourged (beaten) and decapitated.

The third St. Valentine suffered martyrdom in Africa with several companions. However, nothing further is known about this saint. In all, these men, each named St. Valentine, showed heroic love for the Lord and His Church.

In the Medieval Age, a common belief in England and France was that birds began to pair on February 14th, "half-way through the second month of the year." Chaucer wrote, "for this was on Seynt Valentyne's Day, when every foul cometh to choose his mate." For this reason, the day was dedicated to "lovers" and prompted the sending of letters, gifts, or other signs of affection.

There is a Christian message that should be remembered. The love of our Lord, depicted beautifully in the image of His most Sacred Heart, is a sacrificial, self-less, and unconditional love. Such is the love that each Christian is called to express in his own life, for God and neighbor. Each person should again pledge his love to those loved ones, praying for their intentions, promising fidelity to them, and thanking them for their love in return. Never forget Jesus said, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" **John 15:12-13**. St. Valentine fulfilled this command, and may we do the same.

~Arlington Catholic Herald/LH

"When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. That's my religion."
~Abraham Lincoln.

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Ushers Guffey Family	30 Flowers 5th Beth Crabtree 12th Natilie Knudsen 19th Martha Dawson 26th Leah Brown	31 Prayer Team 5th Kathy Lindsey 12th Leah Satterfield 19th Tina Hiatt 26th Betty Gross	1	2	3 Church Office 10am-2pm	4
5	6 Church Office 10am-2pm	7 Missions Mtg 5PM Worship Mtg 6pm	8	9	10 Church Office 10am-2pm	11
12	13 Suicide Prevention Training @Journey Church 6pm	14 Church Office 10am-2pm	15 Bible Study w/ Bishop @ Lebanon FUMC 6pm	16	17 Church Office 10am-2pm	18
19 Tacos & Tunes 12pm	20 Church Office 10am-2pm	21 Fat Tuesday Meal 6pm	22 Ash Wednesday Chapel Hill 5:30 pm HUMC 7:00 pm	23	24 Church Office 10am-2pm	25 Pancake Breakfast 7am-11am @Chapel Hill
26	27	28 Church Office 10am-2pm	1	2	3	4

NOW EVERYONE HAS AN ACTIVITY AVAILABLE DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME AT 10 AM. THE CHOICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Class	Ages	Leader	Location
Nursery	Newborn – 3yo	Gilda	Downstairs nursery
Youth Group	4yo- 5 th grade	Kathy R.	Youth Classroom
Brunch and Bibles	6 th -12 th grades	Kayla J.	Fellowship Hall
Epworth Class	18yo and up	Leah B.	Young Adult Room
John Wesley Class	18yo and up	John O.	Upstairs Class rm

*Sunday School
For All Ages*

VBS 2023

It may be winter, but it's time to plan our Vacation Bible School for this summer. The dates have tentatively been set as June 12 through the 15th. The only way this is possible is with the effort of the entire church.

I often hear people say that the youth are the future of the church. Let's prove it by all coming together to make this the best VBS ever. To get involved, talk to Leah Brown or Kayla Jones.

Fat Tuesday

Don't miss our Fat Tuesday celebration this year. We will gather here at the church on February 21st in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be served at 6pm.

Ash Wednesday

February 22nd will be Ash Wednesday this year. This will be the beginning of our Lenten observance. Our service times are:

Chapel Hill 5:30 PM

HUMC 7:00 PM

I hope you can join us for one of these.

Tacos and Tunes

Don't miss the fun! After service on February 19th, head to the fellowship hall for a taco lunch. Seth will lead us in a hymn sing from there.

Pancake Breakfast

Come out to Chapel Hill UMC for a world class pancake breakfast! We will be serving from 7am to 11am on Saturday February 25th.

A Bible Study with Bishop William T. McAlilly

SCRIPTURE TEXTS:

JOHN 15, 16 & 17

A District Wide event
Wednesday

February 15, 2023

Lebanon FUMC 6pm



***In person attendance is encouraged, however a
livestream will be available.***

JOIN US FOR A MESSIANIC PASSOVER SEDER MEAL



*April 2nd at 5pm
224 River st Hartsville Tn
Led by Rev. Ric Wright
This will be a meal, a teaching, and an experience.*

FEBRUARY 13 @ 6PM - FEBRUARY 13 @ 6PM - FEBRUARY 13 @ 6PM

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING FOR CLERGY & CHURCH LEADERS



LED BY JAIME HARPER, MS, NCC, CPRS |
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FAITH BASED
INITIATIVES

- WHERE: JOURNEY CHURCH HARTSVILLE
• 205 BROADWAY, HARTSVILLE
- WHEN: FEBRUARY 13, 2022, 6-7:30PM

PLEASE RSVP WITH NAME, CHURCH NAME, AND
NUMBER ATTENDING:

TEXT - 850-866-0087

EMAIL- JOURNEYHARTSVILLE@GMAIL.COM

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To continue receiving this monthly publication you may need to take action now. You have a few choices.

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www.hartsvilleumc.org

Just enter your info at the bottom of the page to "Join Our Email List." Please note, you will be sent a confirmation email immediately. If you don't see it, check your spam folder.

You can also call the church and ask to continue getting these in the mail, (615) 374-2400

Or you can pickup a paper copy in the Narthex before and after services at both churches.