

Hartsville United Methodist Church
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**Methodist
Messenger
March 2023**

A Word from Pastor Tim:

“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law give sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

First Corinthians 15:55–57

This year’s Lenten season is underway here in Hartsville and Riddleton. Each year we observe the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday as Lent. This is a time that should include confession and repentance, as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord throughout holy week, ending on Easter Sunday.

The victory that is celebrated on that faithful Sunday morning as the women find the tomb empty is the victory of the power of God, trampling sin and death under his feet. As a way of preparing our hearts to truly celebrate that victory, I normally encourage my congregations to confess and repent of their sins, recognizing that Jesus Christ has set us free, so that we no longer have to do what our flesh desires. But, in addition to the powers of sin, Jesus also found victory over death. And we rarely talk much about death in the church. So, we’re going to do just that during this season.

Are you prepared to die? Or do you live with fear and anxiety that death will find you before you’re ready to embrace it? I ask those same questions about our thoughts towards the death of our loved ones. The inescapable truth is that when we experienced the death of ones we love, it will be a time filled with pain and sadness. My hope during this season is that, perhaps, we will come to accept the peace of Christ during these times as well. I do not mean that we will uproot our sorrow and replace it with peace. Rather, it is my hope that we will hold on to both.

As we approach this Easter season, we find that Jesus’ death upon the cross reminds us of the pain and grief, that we find in death. And the resurrection of Christ that began when the stone was rolled away - and continues to be extended to us today - reminds us of the joy and peace that can be found during these tough times.

It is my prayer for each of us this year that we might learn to walk through the sorrow and grief of death, while remaining tethered to the hope in peace we have in Christ. The pain is inevitable. Let us not live with only, but to carry love of God alongside it in those dark seasons of life.

Join us on Sundays to find out more.

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
Alice Livingston	Jenny Bradshaw (Cancer)
Jim Hunt	Bert Gammons (Multiple Health Issues)
JoAnne Kelley (Senior Living Center)	Beth Rolin (Cancer)
Jessica Spicer (cancer)	Jill harper (leukemia)
Zoe Rose (Heart Condition)	Ann Thurman (Cancer)
Laura Marshall (Cancer)	Shannon Satterfield (Medical Issues)
David Parker	Alice White

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.*

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

“Be still and know that I am. Be still and know. Be still. Be.” ~St. Patrick

BIRTHDAYS:

Cathy Smith	March 1 st
Leroy Smith	March 1 st
Cassie Lee	March 2 nd
Hunter Woodard	March 8 th
Albert Einstein	March 14 th
Diana Draper	March 30 th
Stephanie Chambers	March 30 th

HAPPY, LOVING MEMORIES:

James Barnes (Birthday)	March 28 th
Charles & Shirley Smith (Anniversary)	March 8 th

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	March 12 th
PI DAY	March 14 th
ST. PATRICK'S DAY	March 17 th
SPRING BEGINS	March 20

Thank you everyone who participated in the Annual CHUMC Pancake Breakfast. We are humbled by everyone's help, work, donations, prayers and participation in this event year after year. We thank God most of all.

Most of us look forward to “Springing forward” into time this March 12th. This gives us more daylight to delight in, to work, to spend time in, to relax, to pray, to give thanks. You get the picture.

Just the word “Spring” gives us a fever to commune with each other and nature OUTSIDE! Quoting Einstein: **“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.”**

Where I live every year the Spring gives birth to wheat fields of the most magnificent, vivid color of green that engulfs your mind's eye with awe and fills your heart with overwhelming beauty. The sides of the road and the yards of homes are scattered with Narcissus (Daffodils). Funny word for a flower, but if we were as pretty as a Narcissus we would want to look at ourselves all the time, because we just can't stop admiring the attraction of their simple beauty when they are in bloom. Thank you, Jesus! There are approximately 13,000 varieties of Narcissus. They come in yellow, white, white and yellow, they even come in what looks like abstract... The awesome green and yellow splendor on my road wakes up my happy and restores my energy and fills my heart with more love for Him and His purposes.

The Spring gives us so much to rejoice in Him and thank Him for. We can see and feel His love just by taking in and enjoying all the beauty and miracles of the Earth. I feel so safe and blessed to be so loved by Him, and His love gives me an overabundance of love to give to others that feels like it will be never ending, stored up fresh every day just bursting to come out and be.

Enjoy the Springtime sunrises and sunsets and feed from the beautiful light and energy they possess. Lasso a moon or two and bask in the warmth of God telling you good-night, take it easy, job well done for the day. I love you.

Well now, do you feel like singing, **Oh, For the Beauty Of the Earth?** Happy Spring, everyone, from Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. ~LH

“When a solution is simple, God is answering.” ~Albert Einstein

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Ushers Jones Family	27 Flowers 5th Barbara Garren 12th Jim Marshall 19th Kathy Dies 26th Betty Gross	28 Prayer Team 5th Kathy Dies 12th Kathy Robertson 19th John Oliver 26th Raynee Robertson	1	2	3 Church Office 10am-2pm	4
5 Communion Sunday	6 Church Office 10am-2pm	7 Church Office 10am-2pm	8 Fellowship Dinner 5PM Missions mtg after dinner	9	10 Church Office 10am-2pm	11
12 Community Worship & meal 5PM	13 Mental Health training @ 1st Baptist 6PM	14 Church Office 10am-2pm	15 Fellowship Dinner 5PM	16	17 Church Office 10am-2pm	18
19	20 Church Office 10am-2pm	21 Church Office 10am-2pm	22 Fellowship Dinner 5PM	23	24 Church Office 10am-2pm	25
26 Fellowship meal and council mtg	27 Church Office 10am-2pm	28 Church Office 10am-2pm	29 Fellowship Dinner 5PM	30	31 Church Office 10am-2pm	1

**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 5th through the 9th. 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.

Fellowship Dinners

Join us for dinner Wednesdays in March, the 8th - 29th, for dinner. Each Wednesday at 5 PM dinner will be served in the fellowship hall. All you have to do is show up and enjoy!

Mental Health Training

Last year we covenanted with other churches in our area to work together as the body of Christ in several ways. One of those is improving our ability to minister to people with mental health issues. This month we will host a training that will be held at the 1st Baptist @ 6 PM, March 13.

This training will focus on understanding the role trauma plays in an individual's mental state, and how being aware of that can help us to love them better. Don't miss this opportunity, many in this community need you to know this information. And the ones needing your help, may be your family.

Community Worship Celebration

Mark your calendars to be here Sunday, March 12 at 5 PM. We will welcome several other churches into our building as we have our first community worship night. 1st Baptist will lead worship and provide a message. Our church will provide a meal afterwards in the fellowship hall.

I am counting on you to be there and represent our church. Of all the things we're doing, this is the best time to invite someone new to church. Come and worship and get to know your neighbors!

Fellowship meal

Mark your calendar to make plans to stay after service on the 26th. The church will provide a fellowship meal for everyone. After the meal, the council members are asked to stay for a meeting. This meeting is open to everyone that would like to be involved in the kingdom work here in Hartsville.

Passion Drama

Make plans to attend now! On Good Friday, April 7 at 7 PM our church will host a passion drama with the help of several other churches in this community. It will be held @ 1st Baptist, you do not want to miss this.

Please understand, this production will depict some of the mature aspects of the crucifixion of Jesus. This may not be suitable for young children. Only you know if your child is old enough to process and understand the images that will be displayed.

YOU'RE INVITED

**COMMUNITY
WORSHIP
NIGHT**

**March
12**

5PM

**PRAISE GOD AS A
COMMUNITY**
1ST BAPTIST CHURCH WILL LEAD OUR TIME OF PRAISE.
BRO. MATT EDWARDS WILL DELIVER A POWERFUL WORD.

**STAY AFTER FOR A MEAL PROVIDED BY
HARTSVILLE 1ST UMC**

HELD @ HARTSVILLE 1ST UMC

224 RIVER ST HARTSVILLE TN

The Journey Church Ladies Conference

beauty from ashes
ISAIAH 61:3

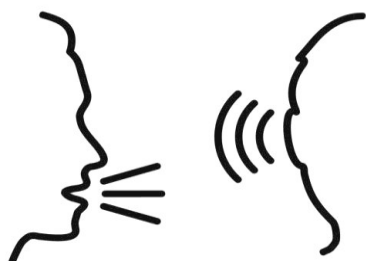
Who: All Ladies from 18 to 99 Invited
When: April 28th, 6:00 PM | April 29th, 9:00 AM
Where: The Journey Church - Hartsville

To register: <https://tjcladiesconference2023.godaddysites.com/>

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Did you know?

Priesthood of all Believers



Did you know, everyone's voice is valuable and needed. A church thrives best when a variety of people are sharing about their faith.

That could mean sharing a testimony of how you came to faith or what God has done in your life. Or it might mean sharing a word about what God has led you to see through your devotions in scripture. Or it might mean leading a children's message. And it could even mean preaching a sermon.

Would you consider blessing the church in this way? If so, pray, and ask the Lord how he would have you share. And then talk to Pastor Tim to get his thoughts and schedule an appropriate time.

Speaking to the body is not the ministry of one, but the ministry of all.