



Hartsville United Methodist Church  
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**Methodist  
Messenger**  
**September 2023**

### ***A Word from Pastor Tim:***

*“The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord.”*  
*Proverbs 21:31*

This scripture reminds me of two truths - no matter what endeavor to which it is applied. Let's apply it to our Sunday morning worship service, and look at those two truths. *“The victory belongs to the Lord.”* If our services are to have an impact in people's lives, including our own, that is up to God. He will bring it about. And no amount of our planning or effort will change that. There are no special tricks a church consultant can give us to get around that fact. But the second thing we see here is equally true. *“The horse is prepared for the day of battle.”* Regardless of the first truth, it is our responsibility to prepare.

How much time do you spend preparing? I don't mean getting dressed, or doing your hair, or making delectable treats. What I am asking is, how much time do you spend preparing your heart to receive what the Lord has for you? Consider this, during our church service, we will spend time in prayer, musical worship, declaration, giving, digging into the word, and several other activities. People often tell me that at the end of a church service, as they are leaving, this is the time during their week when they are most focused on God and his will for their life. How much more might we hear and receive from God if we show up at church on Sunday morning with the same posture we often leave with?

Here's what I'm implying. What if every single one of us took some time on Sunday morning before coming to church, to spend time in prayer, in the word of God, put some worship music or hymns on the radio as we're getting ready? What if everyone prayed for the service, the pastor, the choir, the Sunday school teachers? Our services have a way of clearing our minds and hearts of worries and anxieties from the week, taking our focus off of our schedules and our to do list, and helping us to focus on God better. What if we got started at home? Could we go deeper with God? Could we hear his voice more clearly? What if the horse was truly prepared for the day of battle? Might we see the Lord bring larger and more lasting victories?

# 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 <sup>th</sup> grade	Kathy R.	Youth Classroom
Brunch and Bibles	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 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*

## 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.

Alice White	Curtis Butcher (Cancer)
Maxton Hawkins	Rosemary Denham
Alice Livingston	Jenny Bradshaw (Cancer)
Jim Hunt	Bert Gammons (Multiple Health Issues)
Eddie Taylor	Beth Rolin (Cancer)
Jessica Spicer (cancer)	Richard Robertson
Zoe Rose (Heart Condition)	Ann Thurman (Cancer)
Jerry Robertson	Flo Dunavant
Helen & Don Voss (Health)	Jill Harper (leukemia)
Jennifer Summers	David Parker
Ashley Warwick	Local Church Partners
Charlotte Thompson	Bill Berkeley

# 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

**When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back and get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. ~Deuteronomy 24:19**

### BIRTHDAYS:

Nelson Rollins	September 8 <sup>th</sup>
Cyndi Trusty Schultz	September 15 <sup>th</sup>
Herman Henry	September 20 <sup>th</sup>
Penny Farley	September 21 <sup>st</sup>
Mary Akers	September 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Bruce (Randy) Hensley	September 25 <sup>th</sup>

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Nelson & Barbara Rollins September 3<sup>rd</sup>

### IN BEAUTIFUL, LOVING MEMORY:

Leon Richardson	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Helen Royster	September 30 <sup>th</sup>

**Thank you, Fair Board** and the fine folks of Trousdale County, TN. Chapel Hill is grateful for our continued space at your Fair. We thank all our contributors and workers. Thank you very much, Pastor Tim. You are awesome!

**GOD BLESS KARRY JOHNSON.** Karry was baptized Sunday, August 27, 2023, at the Jere Mitchell (Rome) Ferry Landing,

Riddleton, TN. We love and welcome her as the latest member of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. **Amen**

As the energy and temperatures of Summer change into the pleasant, laid back ways of Fall, let us be content, happy and thankful for the beauty of God's gift of the Change of Seasons. The leaves of the trees will turn into amber, yellow, red stained glasslike, hanging proudly, with hints of green and gold flickering and turning in the Autumn breeze and sun. They will start to slowly fall like pieces of a puzzle scattered about the ground. Somebody's grandpa will come and rake them into a colorful, happy pile for the children to come and dive into. For a better time, let the dog dive in, too.

Farmers will watch our Harvest Moons and collect the crops to go and be the nourishment and the staples for our Country and World. Our first Harvest Moon in September, the Corn Moon, will excite nature with its presence in the sky. The coyotes will howl louder in anticipation of the open fields that they will hunt and glean after the harvest. God bless our Farmers.

Our Harvest Moon in October, the Hunter's Moon, will appear in the sky so big and bright, much to the appreciation of the Coon Hunters out there, and the spooning couples everywhere. It will provide the magic of the night in which coon hunting tales are made, and in which courtship behaviors are born and expressed.

Our November Moon, the Beaver Moon, is named for the nocturnal beaver. They keep working under the full light of the moon to build their Winter dams for their warmth and protection needed soon with the coming of the December Cold Moon. We admire its beauty and reflection from the warmth inside through the window, or from the warmth of a wrap outside, as we accept and settle into Winter's approach.

By the end of Autumn, we will be shown God's priceless art and architecture in the skeletal trees and likewise that are resting all over the land and the beauty of it all. Everything will be resting, waiting for the activity coming with the birth of Spring. Let us use this gift of time and Season to rest in patience for the new things to come into our lives and to find appreciation/forgiveness for all that has passed. Let us give thanks this Autumn for what was, what is and what will be. Forever let us be thankful and hang on to our hopes and our dreams. ~LH

**"One must work and dare if one really wants to live." ~Vincent Van Gogh (Labor Day is Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>)**

**"There are three solutions to every problem, accept it, change it, or leave it. If you can't accept it, change it. If you can't change it, leave it." Submitted by Linda Johnson**

## **BBQ and Auction**

Our annual Hog Wild BBQ Sale and Auction is coming up soon. It will be September 9. We need your gently used donations for the auction. Go ahead and start looking around your house for what you might can donate. This fundraiser goes a long way to helping the church meet its financial goals every year. And it's also a lot of fun! So mark your calendars, and plan to be there.

## **Alpha Games**

Alpha Games is a 1<sup>st</sup> Responders festival hosted by Crossroads Mission. It will be at Trey Park from 9 AM until 3 PM September 16. Come out and watch law-enforcement and firefighters from across the region compete in all sorts of competitions like tire flipping and ax throwing. It's a fun day with lots of activities for all ages. And everything is for a good cause, supporting our first responders.

## **Fifth Quarter Events**

It's football time in Tennessee! The fifth quarter is an event held for high school students after every home football game this fall. It will be held at the community center. This is a time for our church to provide them with food, entertainment, and a safe place to gather and be social after the football games. There are a number of ways that you can help make this dream a reality. If you are not a night owl and you can't be there during the event, you can still help earlier in the day. You can help set up the center, decorate it, bring snack food or drinks, or just donate to the cause. For more information or to volunteer, see Natalie Knudsen.

## **Charge Conference**

Our charge conference is a once a year meeting with our district superintendent, and the church. Everyone is invited to attend. And every member can vote, not just those on the council or committees. During this meeting, we will communicate who we are and how are growing in grace with the district. The DS will also share with us anything that we need to know from the larger denomination. We will make a report of all of our ministries and vote on several business items for the upcoming year, such as our new leadership team. This year's charge conference will be held on Thursday October 26 at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. Make plans to join us.

## 180th anniversary

Thanks to all who helped with our recent events to celebrate this wonderful milestone. All year we have been celebrating 180 years of God’s work in this community through this congregation. In August, we had our church day at the park and hosted over 400 people and collaborated with 14 different area churches. Even the weather cooperated by having no rain and a little cooler day than most we’ve seen this month.

Then, we celebrated with a church service on the 20th. The sanctuary and fellowship hall were full of friends, family, and past members. Our district superintendent, Jerry Wallace, and two former pastors, Norman Weber and Greg Taylor, helped lead the service.

We want to express a heartfelt thank you to all that attended or helped with the meal, set up, or clean-up for either of these two celebrations. But don’t stop there, this anniversary celebration is a year-long celebration. Let’s continue celebrating this congregation and God’s work through it for the rest of the year.



# ALPHA GAMES

## *FIRST RESPONDER FESTIVAL* **Save the Date!**

**TEAM COMPETITIONS**      **FOOD TRUCKS**  
**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**      **KIDS GAMES**  
**VENDORS**      **ARTISANS**      **K-9 & SEARCH DOGS**

**FIRETRUCKS**      **HELICOPTERS**  
**September 16, 2023**      **9am-3pm**

**Hartsville Park, Trousdale County**

**Third Annual Event!**



**Individual Competitions**  
**1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place trophies**  
**Men's & Women's Divisions**  
3K Run  
Pushups  
Hose Relay  
Tire Flipping  
Pull-ups  
Plank Challenge

### **For More Details:**

**Gil or Patti Carter**  
**[crossroadsmissioncare@gmail.com](mailto:crossroadsmissioncare@gmail.com)**  
**615-738-0822/0823**  
**<http://crossroadsmissioncare.com/alpha-games>**

# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27 Reader</b> 3rd Morgan Robertson 10th Mason Rieger 17th Jonathan Brown 24th Robbie Jones	<b>28 Flowers</b> 3rd Kathy Atwood 10th Betty Gross 17th Bradshaw Family 24th Leah Brown	<b>29</b> <b>Ushers</b> Rieger/ Lindsey Family	<b>30 Prayer Team</b> 3rd Kathy Lindsey 10th Leah Satterfield 17th Tina Hiatt 24th Betty Gross	<b>31 Kid's Message</b> 3rd John Oliver 10th Kathy Atwood 17th Leah Brown 24th Kayla Jones	<b>1</b> 5th Quarter after game	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>5</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5th Quarter after game	<b>9</b> BBQ 12-2 Auction 2pm
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>12</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>16</b> Alpha Games 9am-3pm
<b>17</b> Fellowship Meal Council mtg	<b>18</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>19</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5th Quarter after game	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>26</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

Hartsville 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church is going...



# HOG WILD!

## Pig Roast & Auction

Saturday, September 9 • 224 River Street

**LUNCH 12:00 – 2:00 pm**  
On the Lawn of H1<sup>st</sup>UMC

**AUCTION @ 2:00 p.m.**  
**Under the Big Tent**

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Plate  
& Pound



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*Recipe Corner*

**Fritos Corn Salad**  
**By Linda Hensley**

2 (15 oz.) cans of corn, drained  
2 cups cheddar cheese, grated  
1 green bell pepper, chopped  
1 red onion, Chopped  
1 cup mayonnaise  
  
1 (10 oz.) bag of Chili-Cheese Fritos

In a large bowl mix the first five ingredients together, cover and chill until ready to serve. Toss and mix the Fritos in right before serving. Enjoy!!!

**Want to submit a recipe? Send it to Pastor Tim!**