



Hartsville United Methodist Church

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# Methodist Messenger October 2023

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

*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

*Hebrews 10: 24-25*

Unfortunately, the common way of reading this scripture is then to focus on those that are not coming to church. But can I show you another side of it?

For those that are coming to church, have you given up on connecting with, encouraging, and meeting together with members that you haven't seen in a while? It is normal for a church to look at their membership rolls and find a great number of people that have joined the church, but no longer have much connection.

Most of the time, we put all the blame on those people for not attending to their membership vows. And there is a place for that. But when they became members, we took vows too. Vows to lead them, guide them, instruct them, and encourage them. And our vow had nothing to do with whether or not they were coming to our building.

It is time that we own a portion of the responsibility for losing touch with so many people here at our church. That is why I am asking us to be intentional over this next year to reconnect, as a church, with those that have officially joined the church, but are no longer here when we gather. And that does not just mean talking them into coming back on a Sunday. It means engaging with them right where they are. Some may not be able to come because of their health or geographical location. Then it is incumbent upon us to do all we can to offer connection to them.

So how do we do that? That's a great question. You should come to charge conference on October 26 to get more information. Or find Pastor Tim and talk with him if you would like to be a part of the solution.

# 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)
Bill Berkeley	Richard Robertson
Zoe Rose (Heart Condition)	Ann Thurman (Cancer)
Local Church Partners	Flo Dunavant
Helen & Don Voss (Health)	Jill Harper (leukemia)
Jennifer Summers	David Parker
Ashley Warwick	

# 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

**"My favorite color is October."**

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**BIRTHDAYS:**

Staci Dunavant	October 1 <sup>st</sup>
Torri Chandler	October 6 <sup>th</sup>
Mazzey Jo Johnson	October 15 <sup>th</sup>
Conchita Sandoval	October 17 <sup>th</sup>
Sadie Holder	October 29 <sup>th</sup>
Alicia Maberry Robinson	October 29 <sup>th</sup>
Pastor Tim Dunavant	October 29 <sup>th</sup>

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**IN BEAUTIFUL, LOVING MEMORY:**

Steve Hensley	October 21 <sup>st</sup>
Johnny Lee	October 25 <sup>th</sup>
Jordan Watkins	October 31 <sup>st</sup>

**We remember thee with love. Gone too soon.**

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**LET'S THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT HEARING**

**HEALTH.** Did you know that hearing issues and Alzheimer's are linked by several studies that show that hearing loss increases the risk and the speed of cognitive decline and dementia? **LET'S PAY ATTENTION TO OUR EARS.**

**READ THIS!!!:** Please know that Chapel Hill UMC has received a \$3,476.00 Grant from our TN Western Ky Conference, and an additional Grant of \$10,000.00 from ENCORE MINISTRIES. These Grants will be used for a new roof for the Chapel Hill United Methodist

Church. Thank you, Pastor Tim, for knowing what to do, telling us about it and guiding us through it. We feel so blessed and thankful for you. Do I hear an **AMEN? Say it out loud, right now! AMEN!**

\*We are still approximately \$5,000.00 short of the money needed for a new roof. Donations are prayed for.

I find it so comforting and pleasing when I look at the beauty that God has created in this world. When I seem down all I have to do is look up and look all around and find His beauty, and it teaches me that His beauty is what I should be focusing on. It is there for my benefit so that I can smile at any time and have my troubles lessened.

I was dwelling on something that made me sad the other day when just out of the blue a friend gave me a vase of Dahlia accented with Lantana. I was stunned with the exquisite beauty and love I felt in their colors. I immediately had a better frame of mind to live in.

The last time I visited with my dear mother-in-law she had the most unusual Marigolds blooming. They were very tall and put forth an unusual Marigold bloom. I harvested some seeds that I planted this past May. The foliage of the flowers had grown thick and tall all summer long, but with no buds for blooming. However, I just continued to let them grow and just recently gave up hope of them blooming at all. Much to my surprise I noticed the other day that there were little buds all over them that will burst open sometime in the new Fall season. I take it that God is sending love to me from my wonderful, Nellie, who is, I'm sure, living her best life in her eternal home in Heaven.

I also had Zinnias bloom late this year. They look as if they are shining and dancing in the late summer suns, and I am sure the early Autumn suns will do much to accent their cheerfulness and colorful, laidback sweetness.

God has made for us everything we need to be content and stay happy. It is up to us to fill our hearts with God. When we do, what were our dramatic troubles will be taken in stride and patience will overcome the drama for an easier outcome. Let us not live in the drama, let us live in the wonder and beauty of our world. That is our gift. It is a gift that renews itself every waking day. Live like Jesus would, in His Father's world. ~LH

**Just love everyone. I'll sort them out later. ~GOD**

## **Chapel Hill Roof**

A little update for all the friends of Chapel Hill UMC. As you may know, our existing roof was installed by the congregation in the 1950s. This means we are way overdue for a new roof. The church considered bids from three different contractors and officially approved a bid from Roof Fix. Pastor Tim helped us apply for two grants through our United Methodist connection. With wonderful joy, we announce that we have been awarded both grants for a grand total of nearly \$14,000. And thanks to the hard-working ladies of Riddleton, we have raised over \$15,000.

But we're still about \$5000 short of what we need to replace the roof, gutter system, and all necessary repairs to the roof structure. If you would like to give to this project, simply write "new roof" on the memo line on your check and mail it to the church or drop it in the plate next time you visit us. Also, be on the lookout for our upcoming fundraisers as we keep working towards this goal.

## **Wednesday night dinners**

It's October, and that means it's time for Wednesday night fellowship dinners again. Make plans to come by the church each Wednesday night and meet us in the fellowship hall at 5 PM or after for a wonderful dinner and fellowship with our church family.

## **Hartsville Unite**

Hartsville Unite is a new community initiative to give the kids in our community the best possible youth group. We will meet each Wednesday night through the school year at The Journey Church starting at 6 PM. This is for kids in 6-12th grade. This is a cooperative effort between our churches, The Journey Church, and 1st Baptist. Want to volunteer? Or donate snacks and supplies? Talk to Pastor Tim.

## **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.

# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Guest Preacher and Fellowship Meal	<b>2</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>3</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>4</b> <b>Fellowship Dinner @5PM</b>	<b>5</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>10</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>11</b> <b>Fellowship Dinner @5PM</b>	<b>12</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>17</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>18</b> <b>Fellowship Dinner @5PM</b>	<b>19</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>20</b> 5th Quarter After Game	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>24</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>25</b> <b>Fellowship Dinner @5PM</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Charge Conference @6PM</b>	<b>27</b> 5th Quarter After Game	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>31</b> <b>Ushers Bill and Vivan Arnold</b>	<b>1 Flowers</b> 1st Tim Dunavant 8th Judy Lentz 15th Connie Dillehay 22nd Kassie Hassler 29th Dies, Knudsen, Gross	<b>2 Prayer Team</b> 1st Kathy Dies 8th Kathy Robertson 15th John Oliver 22nd Betty Gross 29th Natalie Knudsen	<b>3 Readers</b> 1st Robbie Jones 8th Hadley Boswell 15th Braeli Lane Jackson 22nd J Mac Crabtree 29th Morgan Robertson	<b>4 Kid's Message</b> 1st Kayla Jones 8th Kathy Atwood 15th Leah Brown 22nd Beth Crabtree 29th John Oliver

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*Recipe Corner*

**Mexican Cornbread**

1 1/2 cups self-rising cornmeal mix.  
3 eggs beaten,  
1 cup cream style corn,  
2/3 cup oil,  
1 cup milk  
1 jalapeno pepper, chopped,  
1/2 large sweet green pepper.  
1 cup grated cheese.

Use a cast iron and add a bit of oil or bacon grease to the skillet, put it in the oven for about ten minutes. Mix all ingredients, except cheese. Pour half batter into hot greased skillet, add cheese and then the rest of the batter.

Bake at 375 until golden brown, maybe 30 minutes. When browning on one side, rotate skillet halfway through the cooking time.

When I double this recipe, I use an entire can of cream style corn.

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