



Hartsville United Methodist Church  
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**Methodist  
Messenger  
November 2023**

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

*“Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Psalm 90:12*

Have you ever noticed that some of the most powerful truths you will ever learn in this life will be taught to you by your pets? This is strange considering their intellect and ability to think it’s so small compared to our own. But yet, we all know it to be true.

Some of you have heard me talk about my dog Snowball. He is our 14-year-old Malti Zhu. Of course, he is blind, as we have had his eyeballs removed. His teeth are also falling out, his leg pops out of socket sometimes, if he’s not deaf, he’s close to it, he’s gotten really skinny and can’t seem to eat enough to gain any weight, and now he’s in the early stages of kidney failure.

Poor thing. The average life expectancy of a dog of his breed is 12 to 14 years. We passed the 14-year mark back in May and are rapidly approaching 15. That means we know he is living on borrowed time. He does nothing anymore, but sleep. And his favorite place to sleep is in my lap. Sometimes he’s in my way and I have other stuff to do. In the middle of the night, he sleeps in the bed with us and likes to snuggle. But I need to roll over or get comfortable and he’s just in the way. Sometimes it can be frustrating or annoying. But then I decided to start a new practice.

Every time I get the opportunity to pet him and show him love, I treat it as though it is the last time I will get that opportunity. This way, when he does pass, I can be confident that I have treated him the best way possible. How upset would I be if when he passes, I realize that every time he came to me for connection, I was just annoyed and aggravated? This has been my practice for the last month or two because “he could die any day now.”

But what about Staci? What about my kids? What about my friends? They could all die today or any day. But I don’t treat every encounter with them as though it is my last opportunity to show them my love for them. But it might very well be my last opportunity. I had this realization while petting snowball a few weeks ago. And I realized that it is not only good logic, but also logic that needs to be applied to every

relationship of mine. I admit, I am slower in this application than I was with my dog. But I am trying to see every encounter for what it really is, potentially the last opportunity I will have to communicate love to a person.

Will I ever perfect this behavior? No. But imagine what an impact it will have on all my relationships just by improving in this. Now, imagine how it would impact your relationships if you were to give conscious effort to improving in this area.

**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*

## **All Saints Day**

**All saints day is rapidly approaching. It will be November 5. If you wanted to purchase carnations in memorial of someone, contact Natalie Knudsen immediately to make arrangements.**

# 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	Josh Milton
Jon Hare	Ashly Hare
Amanda Garey	Levi Owen

## Community Thanksgiving service

Sunday, November 19 at 5 PM we will host our annual community Thanksgiving service here at HUMC. We will enjoy worship and a message lead by a church in our community. Then we will all gather downstairs for a wonderful meal together. Not only is this something you don't want to miss, but it's a great opportunity to invite your neighbors to church.

## Thanksgiving day

Every year on thanksgiving day, my family and I gather in the fellowship hall of the church for lunch at noon. We will provide the turkey, rolls, and drinks. And anyone else that wants to attend is invited to come and enjoy a meal together. It is potluck, so bring something for everyone to enjoy.

Want to enjoy a large Thanksgiving spread without having to cook everything? Bring your family and come join us here at noon. Need a place to gather for Thanksgiving that is handicap accessible? Bring your family and join us here. Don't have family that are local that are gathering on Thursday morning? Come gather with us. There are all sorts of reasons why you might find yourself wanting to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal here. And that's why we do this. You are our family. Come and make this part of your yearly tradition as well.

# 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

**"In war, there are no unwounded soldiers."**  
~Jose Narosky

**Veteran's Day is Saturday, November 11, 2023.**

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Becky Hoff	November 4 <sup>th</sup>
Cricket Mitchell	November 14 <sup>th</sup>
Rebecca Draper	November 14 <sup>th</sup>
Austin Johnson	November 18 <sup>th</sup>
Jody Johnson	November 19 <sup>th</sup>
Larry Robb	November 19 <sup>th</sup>
Roger Lewis	November 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Cherrie Shackelford	November 30 <sup>th</sup>

**CHUMC FOOD DRIVE:** Please benefit the Smith County Help Center, Carthage, Tennessee, by bringing non-perishable food items to donate to church on Sunday, December 3, 2023.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** begins on Sunday, November 5, 2023, 2:00 a.m. Set your clock back one hour.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THANKSGIVING DINNER AT HARTSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. 12 NOON, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023. Pastor Tim and Staci are providing Turkey, rolls**

**and drinks. The rest is POTLUCK, so bring a dish.**

**CHAPEL HILL UMC TAKE OUT/DELIVERY CHILI SUPPER at Chapel Hill Church, 92 Beasley's Bend Road, Saturday, November 18, 2023, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there or see you on a delivery. Information: Phone 615/735-1462.**

**SUNRISE:** I think that when I retire, I will do my best to watch every single sunrise. There is just so much feeling in a sunrise. I guess that since we are now into Fall that Fall sunrises are my favorite. It is the present and where my concentration lies.

I took a picture of the sunrise this morning that awakened the darkness with so much breathtaking color that the picture could not do it justice. It was a mass of puffy clouds with colors of light dark blue and pink radiating from them with sky openings of baby blue appearing. There were subtle hints of a heathery purple that the camera did not reflect, and even though the purple color seemed subtle it was so extraordinarily important to the scene. That color was what caught your attention/eye to the scene and filled your heart with captivating emotion and your eyes with joyful tears. It was easy to shout out a praise of thanks to Him.

As very short increments of time passed the sunrise changed. Gone was the so important heathery purple of before that accented the lightly dark, pastel clouds, and in shown across the horizon a flat blaze of soft hot pink with the light sky above. Gone was the darkness below. Light was born unto this day. What an amazing thing to witness in God's stages. In His creative imagination He stuns us, He wraps our hearts in His beauty, and He loves us. ~LH

### **TAKE TIME TO BE THANKFUL:**

"When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around. ~Willie Nelson

"I'm thankful for every moment." ~Al Green

"Thankfulness creates gratitude which generates contentment that causes peace." ~Todd Stocker

**Love and Happy Thanksgiving from Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. 😊**

## **Chili supper**

Chapel Hill UMC will host their annual chili supper fundraiser on November 18 at the church from 4-7pm. Make plans to come and get some chili, or a cake, or a pound of barbecue. They deliver too! Just call (615) 735-1462 to make make arrangements. All funds raised will go to finish off their new roof.

## **Decorating the church**

Christmas is just around the corner. It's almost time to make it look that way. Let's gather at 5 PM on November 26. We will eat dinner first and then we will decorate the church Christmas style.

## **Church council meeting**

The date of our church council meeting is changing for November. Please mark your calendars, it will be on November 12 this month. After church that Sunday, we will have a fellowship meal downstairs. Everyone is invited. After the meal we ask that the council members stay for a church council meeting. What happens at those meetings? What are we planning for this church for the next few months? Everyone is invited to stay if they wish and be a part of the council meeting. You don't have to be an elected member to stay for the meeting.





# Christmas Food Boxes

Donations Needed  
Sign up in the narthex

All items need to be in  
by December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monetary donations welcome.

For more info, see  
Beth Crabtree  
Connie Dillehay.

Delivery will be the 16th  
Volunteers Needed!

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> @ 5PM  
HELD AT 1<sup>ST</sup>UMC**

**CHURCH OF GOD WILL PREACH AND  
LEAD WORSHIP  
1<sup>ST</sup> UMC IS PROVIDING A MEAL**

**ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS COME!**

# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> <b>Ushers</b> Dillehay Family	<b>30 Flowers</b> 5th Barbara Garren 12th Kathy Dies 19th Lynn & John Oliver 26th Kathy Atwood	<b>31 Prayer Team</b> 5th Zandria Gwinn 12th Kathy Lindsey 19th Leah Satterfield 26th Tina Hiatt	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Community Preganncy Center Chili cook off
<b>5</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> <b>Communion</b> <i>(offering -Food Boxes)</i>	<b>6</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>7</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Fellowship Meal</b> <b>and Council Mtg</b>	<b>13</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>14</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Chapel Hill Chili Supper 4-7pm
<b>19</b> Community Service 5PM	<b>20</b> Community Meal @ High School 4pm-7pm	<b>21</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Thanksgiving Day Lunch @ 12	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Decorate & Dine 5pm	<b>27</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>28</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>1 Kid's Message</b> 5th Mason Rieger 12th Jonathan Brown 19th Robbie Jones 26th Hadley Boswell	<b>2 Reader</b> 5th Kathy Atwood 12th Leah Brown 19th Kayle Jones 26th Kathy Atwood

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*Recipe Corner*

**Eggplant Parmigiana**  
**By Linda McDonald**

3 tlbsp melted butter  
½ c cornflake crumbs  
¼ c grated Parmesan  
½ tsp Salt  
Dash of pepper  
1 small eggplant

One egg, slightly beaten  
8oz canned tomato sauce  
1/2 teaspoon oregano  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
Dash of onion salt  
2 slices, mozz. cheese, cut in half diagonally

Pour melted butter in a 10 x 8 baking dish and set aside. Combine corn flakes, Parmesan cheese, salt, pepper, and set aside. Peel eggplant and cut into 3/4 inch slices. Dip slices in the egg and coat with the crumb mixture. Arrange in baking dish. Bake at 400 for 20 minutes, flip slices and bake another 15 minutes.

Combine the tomato sauce, oregano, sugar, and onion salt in a small pan. Bring to boil. Pour over the eggplant. Top with mozzarella. Bake an additional three minutes or until cheese is melted.

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