



Hartsville United Methodist Church

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# Methodist Messenger March 2024

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

*“Search me, oh God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalms 139: 23-24*

As we continue the Lenten season, we are in a time of repentance and confession. And that requires introspection and revelation. If you’ll notice, our services each Sunday this year have been preparing us for this posture. We have been talking about deconstructing our ideas and methods as Christians and as a church. The question is, is it working?

Are you seeing ways in which you may have been falling into error while trying to accomplish the right thing? Have you allowed God to reveal to your heart old patterns and mindsets that you have utilized in service of the kingdom but need to be discarded? I think we can all recognize and admit that we’re not perfect. In fact, when you phrase it that way, we are far from it. We are really good at recognizing that. Can we go a step further, and admit the areas that need to change? That’s a little harder, isn’t it.

It’s easier to make a generic statement that is broad and lacking any specific detail. It is much more difficult to name specific areas. Not because we’re incapable of recognizing them. Not because we don’t know any better. We’ve talked about a lot of them together on Sunday mornings. No, it’s harder, because with confessing comes accountability. Once we acknowledge the specific areas where we need to change our thinking, attitudes, and habits, we are now accountable to do so. Even if we don’t tell anyone else, we’re still accountable to ourselves.

This takes humility. It’s something only the mature Christian can do. When I look out at the congregation on Sunday morning, I see a mature congregation, serious about their relationship with Christ. I hope I am seeing things accurately. Keep in mind, age is not a sign of maturity. I know some very immature people that are extremely advanced in years. It is my observation that the most accurate sign of maturity is that of humility. And it is that humility that allows us to admit our shortcomings and strive to move beyond them.

It is my prayer that the scripture above would be something that would characterize our attitude towards God daily. “Search me, oh God, and know my

heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.” That daily, we would lay ourselves bare before God, and invite him to inspect all that we are. “See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.” If you find something in me, that’s not pleasing to you God, help me steer in a new direction.

May that not just be a Lenten journey, but our life’s journey.

**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
John Wesley Class	18yo and up	John O.	Upstairs Classroom

*Sunday School  
For All Ages*

## **Easter Services**

Make plans to join us for Easter Sunday this year. There are lots of ways that you can celebrate the resurrection this year on March 31st.

At Chapel Hill, we will gather at 7 AM for an indoor sunrise service followed by brunch.

Then at Hartsville we will have a brunch at 9:30. The kids will have an Easter egg hunt outside at 10 AM. Then we will have our worship service in the sanctuary at 11 AM.

## **Good Friday**

Following last year's tradition of all area churches working together to present a thought provoking reflection on Good Friday, we will gather at the 1stst Baptist Church at 6 PM on March 29th. We will have a service in the sanctuary lead by pastors Tim Dunavant, Matt Edwards, and Matt Brown. The music will be provided by 1st baptist Church. You do not want to miss this holy time.

## **Special Guest Leaders**

Don't miss our special guests this month. Pastor Tim will be in the Middle East on an educational trip to explore the churches of the New Testament. But that does not mean it's time to stay home.

On March 10th the Gideons International president, Tim Agee will be at both churches to share how you can be involved in a ministry that reaches some of the darkest places on earth. It is the ministry that reached Pastor Tim in his darkest hour.

On March 17th, Rev. John Dietz will be preaching at Chapel Hill. Pastor Dietz has been a pastor in the UMC for 10 years. At Hartsville 1st on that day, the UMW will lead the service and preach. They will share about their ministry and how you can be involved.

On March 24th, Palm Sunday, Tim will be back in service. And our district superintendent Rev. Jerry Wallace will also be here to bring the message in both churches.

## **Church @ the Park**

Make plans to join us at Hartsville Community park for our Sunday worship service on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am. We will be setup at the stage. Bring a lawn chair if you have one and invite a friend. Stay tuned for more details as they develop.

## **Wednesday Night Dinners**

It's that time of year again. Time to take a break from cooking and gather with your church family. Every Wednesday night in March we will gather for dinner at 5 PM at Hartsville 1st in the fellowship hall. The youth are then invited to participate in the cooperative youth service at the Journey church at six.

## Handbell Choir

Would you be interested in being a part of a handbell choir? We are starting a handbell choir this year, but to do so we will need to help purchasing the handbells. If this is something you would find meaningful, please consider donating towards this project. First, however, we must make sure we have people wanting to participate. Is that you? Please talk to Seth and let him know of your interest.

## 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 folks. Please update the church when you can on those on this list and others who need to be added. Thank you.

Alice White	Curtis Butcher
Maxton Hawkins	Rosemary Denham
Alice Livingston	Joe Fergusson
Jim Hunt	Bert Gammons
Eddie Taylor	Beth Rolin
Micheal Oliver	Chris Conner
Amanda Garey	Ann Thurman
Tia Davis	Flo Dunavant
Helen & Don Voss	Jill Harper
Levi Owen	David Parker
Ashley Warwick	Wendy Finn
Scott Byrd	Don White
Tom Harris	

## Mission of the Month

Crossroads Mission Care is a recognized 501C3 nonprofit whose mission is to provide services, resources, hospitality, and workshops to all first responders. They currently work directly with Putnam, Smith, Sumner, Trousdale, and Wilson counties, but indirectly with most of middle Tennessee departments. They also have 45 acres in Dixon Springs/Cato they use to help first responders heal and rest. Giving to this ministry helps care for those that care for us.

You can give by leaving donations at the altar rail during communion. Or give during any collection by writing “Crossroads” on the memo line of a check or on an offering envelope.

# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> <b>Help Center</b> <b>Rice</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Ushers</b> <b>Jones Family</b>	<b>27 Kid's Message</b> 3 - Beth Crabtree 10- Kayla Jones 17- Kathy Atwood 24 - Leah Brown 31 - Beth Crabtree	<b>28 Reader</b> 3 - J Mac Crabtree 10- Robbie Jones 17 -Hadley Boswell 24 - Jonathan Brown 31 - J Mac Crabtree	<b>29 Flowers</b> 3 - Kathy Dies 10- Natalie Knudsen 17- Mary Sanchez 24 - Leah Brown 31 - Easter Lillies	<b>1 Prayer Team</b> 3 -Natalie Knudsen 10- Zandria Gwinn 17-Kathy Lindsey 24 - Leah Satterfield 31 - Tina Hielt	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Communion Offering <b>Crossroads Mission</b>	<b>4</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>5</b> Bible Study 6PM @ Goose Creek	<b>6</b> Dinner @ 5PM Unite @6PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Gideon's Intl to lead service</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Bible Study 6PM @ Goose Creek	<b>13</b> Dinner @ 5PM Unite @6PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> UMW to Lead Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bible Study 6PM @ Goose Creek	<b>20</b> Dinner @ 5PM Unite @6PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> D.S. Jerry Wallace to Preach <b>31 Easter</b> 9:30 Brunch Egg Hunt 10am Service 11am	<b>25</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>26</b> Bible Study 6PM @ Goose Creek	<b>27</b> Dinner @ 5PM Unite @6PM	<b>28</b> Church Office 10am-2pm	<b>29</b> <b>Good Friday</b> @ 1st Baptist 6PM	<b>30</b>



# 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

**“Who taught the sun where to stand in the morning? And who told the ocean, you can only come this far? And who showed the moon where to hide till evening? Whose words alone can catch a falling star? Well, I know my Redeemer lives. All of creation testifies.” ~Nicole Mullen, REDEEMER**

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

<u>Cathy &amp; Leroy Smith</u>	March 1 <sup>st</sup>
<u>Cassie Lee</u>	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<u>Hunter Woodard</u>	March 8 <sup>th</sup>
<u>Diana Draper</u>	March 30 <sup>th</sup>

### **IN LOVING MEMORY:**

James Burns March 28<sup>th</sup>

**Join Pastor Tim for Supper every Wednesday evening in March at 5:00 p.m. at Hartsville UMC.**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** March 10<sup>th</sup>

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY:** March 17<sup>th</sup>

**SPRING BEGINS:** March 19<sup>th</sup>

**PALM SUNDAY:** March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sermon by Jerry Wallace, D.S.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** March 29<sup>th</sup>  
Service at First Baptist Church, Hartsville  
6:00 p.m. Pastor Tim, Matt Edwards, Matt Brown speaking.

**EASTER SUNDAY:** March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Service at CHUMC, 7:00 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt & breakfast to follow.

### **A LITTLE PRAYER**

*Let us be thankful, Lord, for little things. The song of birds, the rapture of the rose, cloud-dappled skies, the laugh of limpid springs, drowned sunbeams and the perfume April blows, Bronze wheat a-shimmer, purple shade of trees. Let us be thankful, Lord of Life, for these!*

*Let us be praiseful, Sire, for simple sights. The blue smoke curling from a fire of peat, keen stars a-frolicking on frosty nights, prismatic pigeons strutting in a street, daisies dew-diamonded in smiling sward. For the simple sights let us be praiseful, Lord!*

*Let us be grateful, God, for health serene. The hope to do a kindly deed each day, The faith of fellowship, a conscience clean, the will to worship and the gift to pray. For all of worth in us, of You a part, Let us be grateful, God with humble heart.*

**AMEM ~Via Rev. Tom Gibson**

**CHUMC** is so thankful for the success of our Annual February Pancake Breakfast. We are always so blessed by you: The customer, the volunteer, the donation, the prayer, the friend, the family, our Pastor, our God. Hope to do it all again, next year, Lord willing.

**GODSPEED** to Pastor Tim for his trip to Greece and Turkey March 8<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. May his heart prosper in the journey and his mind be overwhelmed with peace and love. We will miss you, Tim.

**“Well, Jesus kissed his mother’s hands, whispered, “Mother, still your tears. For remember the soul of the universe willed a world and it appeared.” ~Bruce Springsteen, JESUS WAS AN ONLY CHILD**

The Journey Church-Hartsville  
Ladies Conference 2024  
April 26 and 27



For more information and to register  
click on the QR code below or go to  
<https://tjcladiesconference.weebly.com>



TJCLADIES CONFERENCE 2024

April 26 and 27

REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (+ area code) \_\_\_\_\_  
email address \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size (circle one): S M L XL 2X 3X

How did you hear about the conference?

church friend flyer other \_\_\_\_\_  
If church, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Fee for two days is \$45. To pay by cash  
or check, contact Ellen at 615.579.3086.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU REGISTER AFTER  
APRIL 10, YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE A T-SHIRT.

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*Recipe Corner*

*Chicken Enchilada Soup*

*By Beth Crabtree*

**Seasonings – Combine and set aside**

½ teaspoon chili powder

½ teaspoon mustard powder

¼ teaspoon cumin

1 pinch cayenne optional

½ teaspoon onion powder

½ teaspoon garlic powder

1 pinch cinnamon

**Soup**

1 tablespoon butter

1 yellow onion diced

3 cloves garlic minced

10 oz. Rotel w/ gr chilies undrained

15 oz. can corn drained

1 teaspoon hot sauce optional

1 large boneless skinless chicken breast

½ cup Monterey Jack cheese shredded.

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 jalapeno diced with no seeds

10 oz. red enchilada sauce

15 oz. black beans drained and rinsed

4 cups chicken broth

4 oz. cream cheese cubed and softened

1 cup cheddar cheese shredded

Heat butter & oil in a pot, add onions & peppers. Cook 4 min. add garlic cook 1 min. Season chicken, add to pot with all remaining ingredients except for cheese. Bring the soup to a gentle boil and hold for 12 min. Remove chicken, shred, and return it. Reduce heat to low. Stir in the cheese until melted. Taste, adjust seasonings as needed, then serve!

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