



Hartsville United Methodist Church

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Methodist Messenger

September 2024

A Word from Pastor Tim:

“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil” Eph 6:12

I have had some strange conversations with people that illustrate a particular heresy that seems to be getting worse by the day. For example, I had a recent conversation with someone that told me a story about their interactions with a friend. The two often discussed their religious beliefs in a friendly manner. They had done so for years and had learned from each other and grown because of it. One particular day, the friend attempts to share with this man his take on some current events and a certain political figure. This enraged the man deeply because he did not share the same opinions. “Don’t tell me you’re my Christian brother, you’re my enemy!”

If you don’t agree with me on politics, you’re my enemy? Wow! Really? This might just be a novel example of immaturity if it were not so common. We, as a church, have forgotten what unites us. We have chosen instead to focus on secondary issues and the distinctions that provide division. We look at the individual standing across from us, made in the image of God, and determine they are our enemy. Did you know that a survey conducted earlier this year found that the majority of Republicans think that the biggest threat to the nation is Democrats? Did you know that the same study found that a majority of Democrats think that the largest threat to the nation at this moment is Republicans?

Perhaps our problem is a theological one. If we understand the gospel then we recognize what Paul wrote in the scripture above in Ephesians 6. Our neighbors are not our enemies. Our friends and our family are not our enemies. Our battle is a spiritual one. And it is not simply thus because the other person is operating in the wrong spirit, but often because we are as well. Are we so prideful to think that we must be right in every way? What if we were to humble ourselves and recognize that we have just as much potential to be wrong as the other person? What if we were to see the other person as deserving of our love and brotherhood simply because of their creator, not because of their stance? What if we were to recognize that our only enemy is Satan and not even the people that he may use - recognizing that sometimes we may even be that person?

If you feel yourself tempted in this area at times, I ask you to take a step back and pray for yourself and the other person. Pray that God help you be more passionate about your love for your neighbor than you are about your disdain for their opinion. Pray that God help you see their heart in the matter. And pray that God help you to see them as God sees them, worthy of love. Either Christianity is a hobby for you or a way of life. And if it is truly a way of life, evil will always be your enemy, but the people who sometimes embrace it will continue to be your brothers and sisters in this fallen world.

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

*Sunday School
For Learning*

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 on others who need to be added. Thank you.

Alice White	Flo Dunavant
Maxton Hawkins	Rosemary Denham
Alice Livingston	Sean Engle
Jim Hunt	Bert Gammons
Eddie Taylor	Beth Rolin
Josh Milton	Harry Seise
Amanda Garey	Shannon Cothron
Tia Davis	Tom Harris
Helen & Don Voss	Jill Harper
Levi Owen	David Parker
Ashley Warwick	Wendy Finn
Jeff Wyatt	

Mission of the Month



The Trousdale County Help Center is an amazing ministry with which we are proud to be a partner. I know that many in our church already support the Help Center in many ways, such as Barbara Garren, who serves on their board. In addition, every month we have a different pantry item listed in the newsletter and in our bulletin. When these items are brought in, they are donated to the Help Center. They provide food and assistance to people in need in Trousdale County. Would you consider going the extra mile and supporting them this month?

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

Hog Roast

Our annual pig roast is September 28th. Buy the BBQ by the plate or by the pound. Share this info with your friends.

Committee meetings

The PPR committee will meet on September 9th at 6 PM. Please join if you are a member of this committee.

Handbells

We now have a wonderful set of handbells and are starting a new choir using them. Everybody is welcome to be a part of this team. The first practice will be Thursday September 12th at 6PM. Talk with Seth for more info.

Pancake Breakfast

September 7th will be our annual pancake breakfast at the high school. We need donations and volunteers. Food will be served from 7-10AM. Please see Natalie Knudsen for more info.

Sep-24

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Bible Study @ 6 pm @ Goose Creek	4	5 Chapel Hill at the Fair	6 Chapel Hill at the Fair	7 Pancake BF 7-10am Chapel Hill at the Fair
8	9 PPR Mtg 6PM	10 Bible Study @ 6 pm @ Goose Creek	11	12	13	14
15 Fellowship Meal Council Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Sunday Servants:

Prayer Team

01 - John Oliver
08 - Natalie Knudsen
15 - Zandria Gwin
22 - Kathy Lindsey
29 - Leah Satterfield

Reader

01 - Hadley Boswell
08 - J Mac Crabtree
15 - Robbie Jones
22 - Morgan Robertson
29 - Katerine Garey

Kid's Message

01 - Kathy Atwood
08 - Beth Crabtree
15 -
22 - Melissa Robertson
29 - John Oliver

Flowers

01 - John Oliver
08 - The Bradshaws
15 - Betty Gross
22 - Beth Crabtree
29 - Kathy Dies

Ushers

Rieger/ Lindsey Family

Help Center:

Canned Meat

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

“Diligence and hard work.” Happy Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd.

BIRTHDAYS:

Nelson Rollins	September 8 th
Herman Henry	September 20 th
Penny Farley	September 21 st
Autumn begins	September 22 nd
Mary Akers	September 23 rd
Bruce (Randy) Hensley	September 25 th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Rollins September 3rd

We love you. 😊

IN LOVING MEMORY:

Leon Richardson	September 22 nd
Helen Royster	September 30 th

Come see us at the Trousdale County Fair. Chapel Hill UMC will be in the High School cafeteria on September 6th and 7th.

PRAYER FOR MELANIE AND STETSON:

Our Dearest Father, thank you for the soon to be union of Stetson and Melanie. Keep them happy and healthy and forever in Your House. Bless their family and families with your gracious love for all the days of their lives. Keep them strong and at peace and forever in love with You.
~Amen

**“Not as though I had already attained.”
~Philippians 3:12**

GOOD READ: John Wesley’s The Character of a Methodist – Set in modern language with introduction and suggestions for group use. By: David Wentz

“In a time of upheaval in the largest denomination of the Methodist movement, this classic explanation and defense of Methodist Christianity by its founder is required reading. Pastor David Wentz has updated Wesley’s 18th-century language, deleted references to no-longer-relevant theological dispute(s) and added an introduction that sets the work in context. The result is clear, easy to read text that is enjoyable and understandable for modern readers of all levels of theological interest and expertise.

This short book is ideal for small groups and adult Sunday School classes as well as individual reading. Dr. Wentz has included thoughtful discussion questions at the end of each section, a brief guide on how to lead small groups, and a suggested six-week schedule. For further study, Wesley’s numerous Scripture quotes and allusions are identified, with the Biblical text cited and quoted in footnotes. Wesley’s full original version is included as an appendix.

No matter where one stands in the wide umbrella of global Methodism, this accessible summary of its root emphases provides a vital foundation.”

“I hope I can be the autumn leaf, who looked at the sky and lived. And when it was time to leave, gracefully it knew life was a gift.” ~Dodinsky

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Recipe Corner

Pumpkin Pie Coffee Creamer

By Tim Dunavant

One and a half cups Heavy Cream
2 tbsp Pumpkin Puree
2 tbsp Maple Syrup
1 tsp Pumpkin Pie spice
1-2 sticks Cinnamon

Mix it all together in a saucepan and bring it to boil over medium heat.
Boil for one minute.
Let it cool overnight in the fridge. Then remove the cinnamon stick.
That's it. It will last two weeks in the fridge.

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