



## Hartsville United Methodist Church

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# Methodist Messenger October 2024

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

*The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." Exodus 3:7–10*

**This is a devotional written by JD Walt.**

I love what God doesn't say to Moses. He doesn't say, "Moses, I love you and have a wonderful plan for your life." He says, in fact, "I want your life for my plan." Notice the verbiage in today's text: "I have seen . . . I have heard . . . I am concerned . . . I have come down" Moses was likely excited to hear the details of how God was going to solve this vexing problem of the enslavement of the Israelites. Finally, he must have been thinking to himself, God is finally going to intervene in this abominable mess and save our people. After all this demonstrative reporting, we get this sudden, dramatic shift: So now, go. I am sending you . . .

Moses must have thought, You must have the wrong Moses, here. He must have thought, that ship has sailed in my life. At this point in his life, he was out to pasture, in every sense of the term. Why would God come to an assisted living community to find a candidate to deliver a nation from the oppressive rule of a cruel dictator?

The better question may be this one: Why wouldn't God do this? Isn't it just like God to do just this kind of thing? There are still places in the world where to be old is to be revered and set apart as "the elders." The idea of putting them out to pasture would be anathema. The elders are the most experienced, wisest, most spiritually mature members of any community. At the same time, they have the most discretionary time and, in many cases, the most wealth.

Still, in most of our culture (i.e., America), they are increasingly sidelined, rotated off of boards, and encouraged to vacate positions of leadership so younger people can have a turn. At the same time they are asked to step aside, we expect them to write checks. It's wrong. I am beginning to think of these years between sixty and heaven as one's kingdom prime—comprising what could be the most fruitful season of one's life.

Youth and young adulthood are filled with idealism. The tests of midlife lead to an overabundance of realism and often cynicism. But what of old age? That is the question. There is a higher way—the antithesis of cynicism. Dreams. On the day of Pentecost, Peter proclaimed the prophecy of Joel fulfilled, which declared that the old will dream dreams (see Acts 2:17; Joel 2:28).

We need the dreams of the elders to converge and commingle with the visions of the young. Our churches seem to have been more formed by the sociological principles of our time than the theology of the Bible. The homogeneous unit principle is a good example. It explains why most people in most of our churches look just like most of us. Segmenting groups in the church according to age is another.

The nature of the church, however, is intergenerational. We've got to get the old and the young into the same rooms again. What the elders need more of in their lives is the young, and what the young need more of in their lives are the elders. So many of our young are struggling and suffering in the full panoply of the Egyptian enslavements of our time.

All this to say, old age (whatever old means) is not a season to retire. Okay, sure, quit your job if you want and can. You just can't retire. Your kingdom prime is ahead of you. This is a season to become wildly open to the dreams of God. This is a season to sow your life into the young. This is a season to enter into new assignments of prayer. This is a season to, "Wake up, sleeper! Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you!" "So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." It starts with the preferred biblical response to God: "Here I am!"

## 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 <sup>th</sup> grade	Kathy R.	Youth Classroom
John Wesley Class	18yo and up	John O.	Upstairs Classroom

*Sunday School  
For Learning*

### Mission of the Month



Every year, at Christmas time, this church hands out incredibly well stocked food boxes. To do that we need your help. In addition to our normal ways of collecting food and donations, we are naming the food boxes as the recipient of this month's special offering.

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

# 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	Jeff Wyatt
Amanda Garey	Shannon Cothron
Tia Davis	Tom Harris
Helen & Don Voss	Jill Harper
Levi Owen	David Parker
Ashley Warwick	Wendy Finn

## Charge Conference

Our charge conference will be directly after service on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to join us.

## 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 practices are every Thursday at 6PM. Talk with Seth for more info.

## Pig Roast and Auction

This year's annual pig roast will be held at the church on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Prices will be \$10 per plate or \$12 per pound. The auction will be online through Carmen Reality. The items will be available on the site beginning at the end of October and will close November 8<sup>th</sup>. All purchases will be picked up the day of the BBQ.

# Oct-24

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Taco Tuesday 5PM	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Taco Tuesday 5PM	9	10	11	12
13 Charge Conf 12PM	14	15 Taco Tuesday 5PM	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Taco Tuesday 5PM	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Taco Tuesday 5PM	30	31 Trunk or Treat At Senior Center 5-7pm	1	2

**Sunday Servants:**

**Prayer Team**

06- Tina Hielt  
13- Betty Gross  
20- Kathy Dies  
27- Kathy Robertson

**Reader**

06 - Hadley Boswell  
13- Robbie Jones  
20- J Mac Crabtree  
22 - Morgan Robertson

**Kid's Message**

06- Kathy Atwood  
13-  
20- Beth Crabtree  
27 - Melissa Robertson

**Flowers**

06- Leah Brown  
13- Kassie Hassler  
20- Connie Dillehay  
27-

**Ushers**

Marshal/Taylor Family

**Help Center:**

Stuffing

# 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

**“The end of summer is not the end of the world. Here’s to October.” ~A.A. Milne**

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

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

### **MEMORIES KEEP YOU HAPPILY AND LOVINGLY IN OUR HEARTS, RIP:**

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

### **MAY GOD KEEP YOU AND GUIDE YOUR UNION IN HIS NAME ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR MARRIAGE. YOUR CHURCHES LOVE YOU:**

Stetson & Melanie Holder: October 12<sup>th</sup>

**CHAPEL HILL UMC** would like to thank our volunteers, customers, donators, and prayers given for our wonderful and lucrative Fair Season, 2024. We love and appreciate everyone. Without you we lack our awesomeness. You make our efforts awesome!!!! 😊

When I am blank, I think funny, or I think beauty, or I think love. Three positive thoughts that can be thought without involving complication(s), with the exception of the latter, but let’s think about it this time without complication. We are going for smiles, beauty and love here and only feelings simply defined of these words.

On the funny side I am reminded of the Sunday School Teacher that asked her class “Who was the first man on Earth?” Little Johnny raised his hand and said, “Hoss.” The puzzled teacher looked at Little Johnny and said, “No, Johnny, the first man on Earth was Adam.” Little Johnny smiled and said, “I was almost right.” I knew it had to be one of those Cartwright boys.”

On the beautiful side I think of my Chapel Hill Church under the blue of an October sky that sits on a hill overlooking countryside that only God’s hands could create. He has so much beautiful vision. Inside I see the beautiful people so accepting and loving of me with all my good and bad stuff that travels along with me. I hear the word of God coming from our Preacher’s mind and mouth telling of His beautiful love for every one of us. I see His beautiful, warm sunlight dancing in the building in many shades of color as reflected through beautiful stained glass created by artisan hands that have been gifted by Him. I am reminded in that church that everything can be beautiful in my life, if I just surrender to Him. I can be beautiful in the beauty of His love.

Lastly, love. Agape love is Christ centered love and allows you to love unconditionally and be loved. Phileo love is a love that develops between friends/friendships. Eros love can be described in the words of Ms. Helen Hayes, “Love is perhaps the only glimpse we are permitted of eternity.” Let us all be loved by Him and love like Him. Let’s love our neighbors and our friends. Let us feel the happiness of eternity here on Earth, every day, until the last day. It seems there is no happy ending to the latter, but with God’s love we can go on to love another on another happy, beautiful and loving day. ~lh

**“What the light looks like in the pear trees in October is a hundred tear drops of gold, the whole orchard weeping. ~Carole Maso**

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*Recipe Corner*

***Pumpkin Spice Bars***

*By Natalie Knudsen*

2 c. sugar	1/2 c. salad oil
1/2 c. whole buttermilk	2 c. pumpkin
4 eggs	2 c. flour
1/2 tsp salt	1 tsp soda
2 tsp cinnamon	2 tsp baking powder

Mix flour, salt, soda, cinnamon, and baking powder together. In mixing bowl beat together sugar, oil, buttermilk, pumpkin and eggs until combined. Slowly mix in flour mixture.

Pour into greased and floured sheet pan. Bake at 350 for 25-30 min.

**Frosting**

8 oz cream cheese (softened)	1 1/2 sticks butter (softened)
4 1/2 cups powdered sugar, sifted	

Beat cream cheese and butter, add powdered sugar beating on high until smooth. Several minutes.

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