



Hartsville United Methodist Church

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Methodist Messenger January 2025

A Word from Pastor Tim:

“Then they returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.” Matt 2:12

This scripture speaks of the wise men. After they visited the Christ child they had to go back to their home. But they decided they needed to go back another way. The new year is here. It's time for us to go back through the calendar. We're going back through the seasons. We're going back through the same routines we have repeated so many times before. Upon us now is the New Year's season. This is when we make promises to ourselves. Some call them resolutions, and some swear they will never make a New Year's resolution. But yet still, most of us make promises to ourselves of new behavior.

The one new behavior I always ask you to consider, read your Bible daily this year. And most of the time, there are a lot of you that will agree. You will get a reading plan, hopefully you'll use the one I have given you. And you will agree to read scripture every day. Somewhere around the second week of January, you start missing days. And you try to make up the missed days. By February, if you make it that long, you are behind and this simple task has become an unbearable load. I hope you will go back to this habit. But perhaps it's time you go back a different way.

What if we heeded the lesson of the manna? Manna was a gift from God to make bread. It came every day. You couldn't eat yesterday's manna today because it would spoil. Today's manna was good for today only. What if you go back to reading your Bible every day, but you go back in this new different way.

Recognize that when you're reading scripture, you are spending time with God hearing what he wants to tell you today. If you miss it, that's your loss. But keep going forward tomorrow, don't go back and try to pick up yesterday's leftovers. Don't try to read ahead and get tomorrow's stockpiled in the cupboard. Just enjoy the sweet precious time with God as you read his word today.

But won't we miss a lot of scripture that way? Yes. But not nearly as much as we will miss by trying to burden ourselves with a task we've proven we're not mature enough for yet and thus quit a month in to it. Scripture reading is not a task to complete. It is not a chore to mark off your list. It is a gift from God. For 2025 let's recognize this gift and partake of it as a sweet precious present of God's presence.

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*

Mission of the Month



MISSION

Miriam's Promise stands in the gap, building bridges through unplanned pregnancy counseling and child placement services. We offer assistance for domestic and independent adoption, as well as post-placement services. This ministry receives some of its funding through your apportionment dollars. Additionally, any money given at the altar during January will be donated to support this effort.

You can give by leaving donations at the altar rail during communion. Or give during any collection by writing "Miriam's Promise" 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	Nancy Barley
Tia Davis	Tom Harris
Helen & Don Voss	Jill Harper
Levi Owen	David Parker
Ashley Warwick	Wendy Finn
Don Wright	

Bible Study

Bible study is back! Our weekly bible study is back in full swing. We are studying the book of Romans. We meet each Tuesday at 6PM at Goose Creek Coffee Café. Come join us.

Fellowship Meal

Mark your calendars to be here for service on January 19. Following the service, we will meet in the fellowship hall for a wonderful time of fellowship and food. This meal is open to all people. And it's a great time to invite friends. If you serve on the Church council for 2025, please make plans to stay for a council meeting after the meal.

Worship Committee

As we start this new year, it's time to plan the events we will be having as a congregation during 2025. This is the work of the worship committee.

We would like to meet here at the church at 6 PM on the night of January 16. All committee members are expected to be in attendance. But even if you're not on that committee, if you're interested in having a voice in these decisions, please make plans to attend.

Jan-25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Communion	6	7 Bible Study 6:00 PM	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Bible Study 6:00 PM	15	16 Worship Committee 6:00 PM	17	18
19 Fellowship Meal Council Mtg	20	21 Bible Study 6:00 PM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Bible Study 6:00 PM	29	30	31	

Sunday Servants:

Prayer Team

05- John Oliver
 12- Natalie Knudsen
 19- Zandria Gwin
 28- Kathy Lindsey

Reader

05 - Haley Boswell
 12- Morgan Robertson
 19- J Mac Crabtree
 26 - Robbie Jones

Kid's Message

05- Kathy Atwood
 12- Melissa Robertson
 19- Beth Crabtree
 26 -

Flowers

05- Kelley Family
 12- Barbara Garren
 19-
 26- Kathy Atwood

Ushers

Kelley Family

Help Center:

Peanut Butter

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

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. ~MLK Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – 1/20/2025

BIRTHDAYS:

Jacob Watkins	January 10th
Levi Holder	January 11th
Greg Hager	January 14th
Charneal Smith	January 28th

IN LOVING MEMORY ALWAYS:

Mrs. Sadie Trusty	January 13th
Mr. Dick Brimm	January 15th

Linda Johnson of CHUMC says, Happy New Year. She shares words with us by Emily Dickinson: “Hope” is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul, and sings the tune without words and never stops at all.”

UPCOMING: Mark your calendars for the last Saturday in February, 2025. We will be having our annual Pancake Breakfast from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at Chapel Hill UMC, 92 Beasley’s Bend Road, Riddleton, Tennessee. Delivery available.

CHAPEL HILL UMC would like to love and thank our Preacher, his family, HUMC, our community, and each other in our congregation, and so many others for all the prayers, work, love, encouragement,

donations, participation in keeping CHUMC a curio, so to speak, in participation with God’s work and love. We love each and every one of you, depend on you and need you. We are so happy to belong to God’s beautiful house on a beautiful hill in a part of His incredible creation. CHUMC is one of His country homes. A rare, unusual staple of worship in this day and time. We also rejoice in His name and give thanks to Him for his continued grace to us and keeping His house open for us to worship in and do His good work out of. Happy New Year, of which we are thankful for and anticipate the upcoming year of service to Him with joy.

ROASTED BLUEBERRY & RICOTTA TOAST: (for a cold January morning)

- *1 pint of blueberries
- *1 tablespoon honey (plus additional for serving)
- *Juice from ½ of a large lemon
- *½ Tablespoon of olive oil
- *1 sm. loaf of rustic style bread, cut into 1 ½ inch thick pieces
- *1/2 cup hazelnuts
- 1 cup Ricotta Cheese
- *Zest from 1/2 a lemon
- *2-3 teaspoons fresh thyme, minced
- *Flakey sea salt

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place the blueberries on a baking sheet. Whisk together the honey, lemon juice and olive oil. Pour over the blueberries and toss well to coat. Roast in the oven for 5-7 minutes, or until blueberries are soft and almost ready to pop. Remove from the oven and set aside. Increase the oven temperature to broil. Place the sliced bread directly onto the top rack in the oven. Toast until lightly browned and crisp. About 2 minutes (times will vary depending on your specific oven). Keep a close eye on the bread after 1 minute! Place the hazelnuts into a small dry skillet over medium high heat. Cook, shaking the pan a few times, until lightly toasted. About 3-5 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside. Spread the ricotta cheese over each slice of bread. Spoon toasted blueberries over each slice followed by the toasted hazelnuts, lemon zest, thyme and flakey sea salt. Drizzle with a little more honey and serve warm

“Nothing is so common as the wish to be remarkable.” Wm. Shakespeare

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Recipe Corner

Cabbage Soup
By Linda Hensely

1 lb of Ground Beef	1 Can of Kidney Beans
Small Onion - diced	1 Can of Kidney Beans
Small Bell Pepper - diced	1 Can of Tomato Sauce
Small Head of Cabbage	1 Can of Diced Tomatoes

Brown beef with salt, pepper, onion and bell pepper. Then drain. Wash and cut up cabbage to your desired size. Combine in a regular size Crock Pot beef mixture, cut cabbage, kidney beans, tomato sauce and diced tomatoes. Sprinkle in some garlic salt, salt and pepper to taste. You may need a little water too.

Stir very well and cook in Crock Pot for 3-5 hours on high, or cook on low if you are going to be gone all day. I usually serve this soup with cornbread.

If you want a large Crock Pot full, double the ingredients.

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