



## Hartsville United Methodist Church

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# Methodist Messenger

## February 2025

### *A Word from Pastor Tim:*

Driving past the tech school one day, I saw a car driving down the road. I'm not sure if it came out of that parking lot or not, but I felt like it did. The wheels were slanted at a weird angle. You could tell the camber was off just by watching it drive down the road. I could tell it was severely out of line. And I thought to myself "how could somebody drive a car like that? It's clearly going to wear down the tires. Drive it for a week and the tires going to pop?" It was a clearly visible problem. And I couldn't imagine how someone could drive it and not notice it. I thought they must be an idiot.

Then I noticed a car in the school parking lot. Their hood was up and several people were standing around talking and pointing at the car. Someone was having mechanical trouble. Then I realized what might be going on. I realized that there might be another explanation other than being an idiot. Immediately, I repented and began praying for the students at that school.

I realized that what I was witnessing might not be the behavior of idiots driving cars that clearly needed maintenance. Instead, it might be the behavior of desperate people doing anything they could to change their circumstances. People determined to get to class, to get a certification, to get whatever it took to change their lot in life. And I prayed that God bless their determination. I prayed that he allow their automobiles to experience grace. That he make a way where they seemed to be no way. And I repented of my callous attitude. I had been judgmental. The struggle is real, and I had failed to see that for a moment. Lord, help me.

Sometimes you will see someone behaving in a manner that seems idiotic to you. And given your circumstances, it would be crazy to behave that way. But keep in mind, they're not experiencing your circumstances. They're trying to navigate the perils of this world the best they can. This day was a reminder for me to keep a heart of compassion for all people. To look past the circumstances, and to see that they might have reasons for making different decisions than I would've made. May we all approach each other with an attitude of grace. May we look first at the struggle someone is enduring before we try to judge the response in their actions.

## 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*

### 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.

# 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.

## Pancake Breakfast

Come support Chapel Hill UMC. They are having their annual pancake breakfast on Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7-10.

Delivery is available as well. For more information, check their page in this newsletter.

# Feb-25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion	3	4 Bible Study 6:00 PM	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Bible Study 6:00 PM	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Bible Study 6:00 PM	19	20	21	22 Pancake B Chapel Hill 7am-10am
23	24	25 Bible Study 6:00 PM	26	27	28	

**Sunday Servants:**

**Prayer Team**

02- Leah Satterfield  
09- Betty Gross  
16- Tina Hiatt  
23- Kathy Dies

**Reader**

02 - Haley Boswell  
09- Morgan Robertson  
16- J Mac Crabtree  
23 - Robbie Jones

**Kid's Message**

02- Kathy Atwood  
09- Melissa Robertson  
16- Beth Crabtree  
23 -

**Flowers**

02- Kathy Robertson  
09- Betty Gross  
16- Natalie Knudsen  
23- Judy Lentz

**Ushers**

Lentz Family

**Help Center:**

Mac & Cheese

# 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

**“Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.” ~George Washington**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Nehemiah Zimmerman	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Vincent Johnson	February 4 <sup>th</sup>
Scott Hoff	February 8 <sup>th</sup>
Flo Dunavant	February 27 <sup>th</sup>

### ANNIVERSARY:

Ed & Linda Johnson      February 13<sup>th</sup>

**“Shadow or shine, it’s Groundhog Time.” Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**“Without Valentines Day, February would be well, January.” 😊  
~Jim Gaffigan Friday, 2/14**

**Presidents Day, Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Please** bring baby gifts to church on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, for the Smith County Pregnancy Center, Carthage, Tennessee.

**Annual Pancake Breakfast at Chapel Hill UMC, Saturday, February 22, 2025, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Dine in, Pick up, Delivery available.

## IN MEMORY: ALTON DEAN MOSS Ft. Meyers, Florida      1961 - 2025

**Father of Mrs. Karry Moss Johnson, of Riddleton, TN.** Please keep Karry and her family in prayer. – Our Creator would never have made such lovely days and have given us the deep hearts to enjoy them above and beyond all thought, unless we were meant to be immortal. ~Hawthorne

### A VALENTINE PRAYER FOR GOD:

**Almighty Father in Heaven:** Let us take this space to thank you, tell of our love for you, give our promises of dedication, determination and work in Your holy name. Let us strive to show and give love, compassion and strength to everyone we meet.

Help us to feel and show the beauty of Your handmade days. Let the warmth of Your sunshine melt away all doubt that Your love is true love that warms the heart and soul with happiness like a warm, sweet, homemade cookie.

Let our hands and hearts stay busy feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, caring for the children, loving the animals, praying for an existence that replicates Your plan for us from the beginning of creation.

Let our churches be and work in the World as one in Your name, Your love, Your ideas. Let us thank You ahead of time for Your patience as we get it together in our work and worship as one. Let us be successful in this endeavor to finally understand and create Your gift to us from the beginning. Let us know and feel the true meaning of love, so that no one can fail.

In our humble hearts we come and offer this prayer in your humble name, w/love we pray. ~Amen

**“Character is like a tree, and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.”  
~Abraham Lincoln**

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*Recipe Corner*

***Lasagna Soup***  
*By Tim Dunavant*

1/2 lb lean ground beef  
1 yellow onion , chopped  
2 Tablespoons tomato paste  
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes  
1 teaspoons dried basil  
9 lasagna noodles , broken into pieces  
10 ounces ricotta cheese  
1/2 c parmesan cheese

1/2 lb ground Italian sausage  
3 cloves garlic , minced  
24 ounce marinara sauce  
2 Tblsp fresh parsley chopped  
7 cups low sodium chicken broth  
4 Leaves, Fresh Basil, minced  
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese  
salt and pepper to taste

Cook ground beef and sausage until browned. Season with salt and pepper as you cook. Drain grease and remove meat from the pot. Heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and sauté stirring occasionally. Add in minced garlic and cook for another minute. Stir in tomato paste, marinara sauce, spices, and broth. Return meat to pot. Bring to boil then add lasagna noodles (broken into 4ths) to pot and reduce heat to medium-low and cook, stirring occasionally, until noodles are tender.

In a small bowl, stir together mozzarella, Parmesan and ricotta cheeses with basil. Ladle the hot soup into bowls, and dollop a scoop of the cheese mixture on top.