

#### Hartsville United Methodist Church

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# Methodist Messenger March 2025

#### A Word from Pastor Tim:

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

Philippians 4:8

The day before my surgery last month, my mother was scheduled for a surgery. My son, Josh, drives her to her doctor's appointments when he is available. So this particular Monday morning he had to leave the house by 4:15am in order to go pick her up and get her to the hospital in Nashville by the right time. And I had originally told him not to expect to arrive home before four or five pm that evening. It was going to be a long day.

Josh was on time in every aspect and got my mother to the hospital when needed. As they were getting registered, they received a call, telling them that the surgeon had the flu. Surgery was canceled. You can go back home now. Can you imagine the frustration you might feel?

Josh made it back home somewhere around 7:30 that morning. I told him "Gosh, I would've been so angry when they canceled because of all the needless time spent. You didn't have to get up in the middle of the night and head out down the road after all. I would've been so mad!" To which he quickly responded, "Actually, I was very relieved. I was just glad to know I wasn't going to have to sit at the hospital and be gone all day. I was thankful."

How many times do we look only to the negative aspects of the events in our lives? On this day, I was quick to look at the negative parts of this experience. I was quick to anger and slow to reason.

Life is filled with troubles, but Jesus encourages us to take heart, for he has overcome the world. Life is full of aggravation. But Paul reminds us to keep our focus on the blessings we have in this life.

How might our attitudes change if we applied that theology to the simplest task and events like that of a canceled doctors visit?

# 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



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.

## 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	Family of Jerry Robertson
Family of Beth Rolin	Family of Hollie Myers

#### **Bible Study**

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

#### **Fat Tuesday**

Before we begin our Lenten season, join with us for a fat Tuesday meal. This will be held on Tuesday, March 4 at 6pm.

## **Ash Wednesday**

Each year we come together and celebrate Ash Wednesday as a way to begin preparing our hearts for the celebration of the Easter season. Come join us this year for a service at noon on March 5.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion	3	4 Fat Tuesday 6:00 PM	5 Ash Wed 12 Noon	6	7	8
9 Diaper Drop	10	11 Bible Study 6:00 PM	12	13	14	15
16 F. Meal Council Mtg	17	18 Bible Study 6:00 PM	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Bible Study 6:00 PM	26	27	28	29

**Sunday Servants:** 

**Prayer Team** 02- Kathy Robertson

09- John Oliver

16- Natalie Knudsen

23- Zandria Gwin

30- Kathy Lindsey

Reader

02 - Haley Boswell

09- Morgan Robertson

16- J Mac Crabtree

23 - Robbie Jones

30- Katherine Garey

Kid's Message

02- Kathy Atwood

09- Melissa Robertson16- Beth Crabtree

23 -

30 - Kathy Atwood

**Flowers** 

02- Alice Satterfield

09- Cathy Kelly

16- Lynn Oliver

23- Kathy Dies

30 - Martha Dawson

**Ushers** Help Center: Rice Robertson Family 4

#### 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

"Daffodils, that comes before the swallow dares and take the winds of March with beauty." ~Wm. Shakespeare

#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Leroy and Cathy Smith	March 1 <sup>st</sup>
Cassie Lee	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Hunter Woodard	March 8 <sup>th</sup>
Karry Johnson	March 30 <sup>th</sup>
Diana Draper	March 30 <sup>th</sup>

#### MARCH CALENDAR:

Ash Wednesday	March 5 <sup>th</sup>
Daylight Savings Time	March 9th
	2:00 A.M.
St. Patrick's Day	March 17 <sup>th</sup>
First Day of Spring	March 20

Ash Wednesday Service to be held at Hartsville United Methodist Church, River Street, Hartsville, TN at 12 Noon.

**Ash Wednesday** is the first day of Lent. A prayerful, somber day. A reminder that humans are mortal and our need to reconcile with God. Ashes on our forehead(s) is to symbolize repentance, mortality, and renewal. Turn away from sin and live in God's Word.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** Spring your clocks forward one hour.

**ST. PATRICK:** In his footsteps, Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. He feared nothing, not even death, so complete was his trust in God, and the importance of his mission. His mission being to spread the Word.

**Spring** is finally here to fill our hearts with Springtime beauty that will revive and refresh us from the drab, cold days of Winter. I look forward to the green in everything and the blooming of yellow things. The green and the yellow together are such a lovely, exciting gift from above. God really knew how to renew us with this season of Springtime. He gets our attention. Let Him keep it with thanks, good deeds and love overflowing from each of us.

**CHAPEL HILL UMC** would like to give thanks for our good fortune with our Pancake Breakfast held in February. We want to thank YOU, each and everyone of you for caring about our ministries, that you support this function every year. We are so humbled. Let us send out a special thanks to Mrs. Barbara Rollins. She is a phenomenal woman who loves God and Chapel Hill Church. We love you, Barbara. We also love our Preacher Tim, and his lovely family. Thank you, Preacher Tim and lovely family.

Personally, I would like to take this space to tell you something that I have become especially thankful for. I want to specifically thank God for making coffee beans in Ethiopia. New to coffee, I find it has changed my life, for I never feel alone. Now, every morning a hot, soothing cup of coffee sits by my side in the car. It is my best friend. I want to go everywhere with it. It keeps me warm and aware. I have heard it said before and now I know that you can view each day in a good, new way with a cup of coffee. That's cause God loves us.

"March is a tomboy with tousled hair, a mischievous smile, mud on her shoes, and a laugh in her voice." ~Hal Borland

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#### Recipe Corner

### Reuben Dip By Tim Dunavant

- 1 (16 ounce) jar sauerkraut, drained
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- 2 cups shredded cooked corned beef
- 1/4 cup Thousand Island dressing

Combine sauerkraut, cream cheese, Swiss cheese, corned beef, and Thousand Island dressing in a slow cooker; cover, and cook on high until hot, stirring occasionally while cooking, about 45 minutes.

Can keep warm and serve or hollow out a round rye bread loaf and serve in it. Great served with rye chips or pita chips.