



Hartsville United Methodist Church

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Methodist Messenger

April 2025

A Word from Pastor Tim:

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, and who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8: 28

We always receive a great deal of rain here this time of year. I remember last year. Everywhere I went I saw fields that were flooding, creeks and rivers that we're leaving their banks, many new streams being created and even some roads beginning to flood. The yard here at the parsonage appeared flooded in many spots and there was even water coming in the basement. For me and most people that I've talked with, this over abundance of rain in such a short period of time seemed like nothing more than a big aggravation. It is so destructive and it causes suffering for many.

But could these large storms have another purpose? It was as I pondered this question that I began to notice all the dead limbs and trees being washed down river. I noticed all the debris that was being washed away. Perhaps the storm was not as destructive as I had originally thought. Perhaps the storm was simply removing what had already died.

We have all experienced metaphorical storms in our lives. Although we may never refer to them as good, perhaps we can see that they are indeed a necessary part of the cycle of life. I am not saying that God brings these storms upon us for good reasons. But perhaps these storms come from living in a broken and fallen world. And they do have a destructive force at work within them. But maybe God is at work too.

It seems clear God is not bringing the storms on us without concern for our pain. But he is also not absent from them either. He seems intent that when we suffer at the hands of this cruel world that our suffering is not in vain. God uses even our worse times for “the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose.” And by that he gives us hope.

So next time you find yourself in the midst of a dark storm, try to see that God is in it with you. He sees your pain and he sees the devastation. And he is already at work for your good, even as the storm rages.

He may not have caused it. It may still hurt. But he is still working it for your good.

Because he has plans for you! “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

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

Mission of the Month



Our ministry of the month for April is the Emmanuel House. The Emmanuel House is a transitional living facility and temporary shelter where homeless women and children can find temporary housing, spiritual mentorship, transportation, life skill training, education and access to recover and social services. This will enable these women to find jobs or go back to school to better themselves. They are located on Main Street in Carthage, TN.

The Emmanuel House is a Faith, Hope, and Love Home for the hopeless. Let us reach out to these women and children that do not have a place to live to give them hope. You can give directly to this account anytime of the year by simply marking the memo line on your offering. Or, you can leave any unmarked donation on the altar rail during communion service this month.

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	Jeff Wyatt
Maxton Hawkins	Rosemary Denham
Alice Livingston	Bert Gammons
Jim Hunt	Tom Harris
Tia Davis	Levi Owen
Helen & Don Voss	Wendy Finn
Amanda Garey	Jill Harper
Ashley Warwick	David Parker
Sean Engle	Josh Milton
Eddie Taylor	William Cleek
Flo Dunavant	Megan Gammons
Don Wright	Chris Cain

Revival

Beech Grove UMC is hosting revival services for our community April 23-25. Each evening at 6:30 pm they will have worship and an anointed speaker.

Easter Services

Make plans to join us for Easter Sunday this year. There are lots of ways that you can celebrate the resurrection this year on April 20th.

At Chapel Hill, we will gather at 7 AM for an indoor sunrise service followed by brunch.

Then at Hartsville we will have a brunch at 9:30. The kids will have an Easter egg hunt outside at 10:30 AM. Then we will have our worship service in the sanctuary at 11AM.

Also, there will be a Good Friday service on the 18th at 6pm where the kids will present their play. A reception will follow.

On Maudy Thursday the church will be open for communion from 2-7pm. Stop by at your convenience.

Apr-25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion	7	8 Bible Study 6:00 PM	9	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday	14	15 Bible Study 6:00 PM	16	17 Maudy Thursday 2pm-7pm Communion	18 Good Friday Service and Kid's Play 6PM	19
20 Easter Chapel H 7 Brunch 9:30 Egg Hunt 10:30 Service 11	21	22 Bible Study 6:00 PM	23 Revival Beech Grove 6:30pm	24 Revival Beech Grove 6:30pm	25 Revival Beech Grove 6:30pm	26
27	28	29 Bible Study 6:00 PM	30			

Sunday Servants:

Prayer Team

06 - Leah Satterfield
13 - Betty Gross
20 - Tina Hiatt
27 - Kathy Dies

Reader

06 - J Mac Crabtree
13- Morgan Robertson
20- Katherine Geary
27 -

Kid's Message

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

Flowers

06 - Mary Sanchez
13 - Natalie Knudsen
20 - Easter Lillies
27 - Rachel Gross

Ushers

C. Satterfield Family

Help Center:

Dry Beans

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

“When Spring came, even the false Spring, there were no problems except where to be the happiest.” ~Hemingway

BIRTHDAYS:

Ed Johnson	April 13 th
Linda Brimm	April 13 th
LeeAnn Inman	April 29 th

“You gotta bloom where you’re planted.” ~Dolly Parton

IN LOVING MEMORY:

Camile Paradis	April 6 th
Steve Hensley	April 18 th
Frank Matthews	April 19 th

“Spring has a way of bringing everything back to life, even a broken heart.” ~Willie Nelson

EASTER CALENDAR:

Easter Sunday Service at Chapel Hill
7:00 a.m. with breakfast to follow and
Easter Egg Hunt.

“Easter is never deserved.” ~J. Karan

EULOGIES, BUTTERCUPS, HOPE AND FAITH

I went to a friend’s funeral and the eulogy(s) were given by two close friends of the Deceased and his son. The first friend spoke about the spiritually of the man, the other friend spoke about the personal and funny side of the man. Both men knew and loved him very much. Such good words and memories to remember and hold on to. Job well done. His son started at the beginning with everything he remembered about his dad, from his (the son’s) beginning until the last minute he had with him on this good Earth. His words were real and raw, and were born of love, sorrow and so much respect. I was so moved. The son’s words took me back in time and I felt all the sadness, happiness and laughter of those eras. I think he touched all our lives with his words, and I felt how much my friend that had passed and his family had been so present in my life and how important they were in my life. I felt loved and fortunate to have such friends and memories in good and bad times. As old as I am, I grew so much hearing his words.

I have had the good fortune and the loving kindness of another friend for the past few weeks that has adorned my home with the beauty of the Buttercup. Bulbs that have grown and blossomed in a planter have filled my house with a cheerful, friendly, hopeful newness that only a Buttercup can bring. When the initial delivery had lived it’s blooming life, off it went to be planted back in the ground, but only with another delivery of blooming bulbs to smile up my house in all their bright yellow happiness. I don’t know how long this can go on in this season of Buttercups, but I feel special and thankful for the beauty and happiness of it all. I will always remember the feeling that came with those Buttercups and how lucky I am that it was for me. Gestures such as this build strength in us to survive unhappier times. I hope you are like me and have so many good gestures in your life that you can’t count them, to survive unhappier times. We only need remember one: When Jesus Christ died for us on the Cross. That should be enough to renew me any day and keep a smile on my face.

I would be amiss to not mention my good and sweet Chapel Hill Church that sits on a beautiful hill where I am always inspired to keep faith and hope alive in my heart and mind. All of us from Chapel Hill UMC would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. ~LH

“The entire plan for the future has it’s key in the resurrection.” ~Billy Graham

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Recipe Corner

Super Fruit Salad
By Natalie Knudsen

1 can pineapple tidbits
1 can mandarin oranges, drained
1 cup red grapes, halved
2 bananas, sliced

Dressing:

1 cup pineapple juice
1/4 cup sugar
1 Tablespoon cornstarch
1 beaten egg

Drain pineapple and reserve the juice. Stir all of the fruit together. In small saucepan, combine pineapple juice, sugar, cornstarch and egg. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly until boiling and thickened. Cool. Pour over fruit and serve chilled