



## Hartsville United Methodist Church

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# Methodist Messenger May 2025

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

Pastor David Lay and family

Currently serving as Pastor at Hohenwald First United Methodist Church. He will be starting his 27th year of experience in pastoral ministry at the end of June. He has served United Methodist churches throughout Middle Tennessee as part of the Tennessee Conference and the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference. Pastor Lay was commissioned as a Deacon in 1998 and an Elder in full Connection in 2003.

Originally from Savannah, TN, in Hardin County, David has worked with children and youth in treatment facilities for behavioral problems, as well as a social worker in a nursing home, before receiving the call to ministry. Growing up, his family raised, trained, and showed Tennessee Walking Horses. He has three brothers, with two living in Savannah, Tennessee, and one living in Franklin, Kentucky. His mom, Jane Lay, lives in Savannah, Tennessee. Pastor Lay received a degree in Psychology at Middle Tennessee State University and his Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Pastor Lay is married to Penny Sevier and has one 19-year-old stepdaughter, Aubrey Ruth Jennings, who goes by the name Ruth. Ruth is attending the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, working on a degree in exercise science. They became a family almost eight years ago on July 3, 2017. Penny is originally from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Penny received her undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University and her master's in education from the University of North Alabama. Penny teaches at Lewis County High School as a social studies and history teacher. Penny enjoys playing tennis. David and Penny enjoy hiking, especially in Tennessee State Parks and Natural Areas.

David and Penny are excited to be moving to Hartsville and Chapel Hill UMCs and seeing what God has in store for us as we begin ministry together.

## 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



Our ministry of the month for May is the backpack program. The backpack program is a non-profit here in Hartsville that provides a great way to get food directly in the hands of kids across the county.

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
David and Penny Lay	Eli Pedigo

## Graduate Sunday

Join us on May 4<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate our graduates. There will be a reception following the service. If you are able, please bring a card or gift to bless these young people as they celebrate their accomplishment and look forward to the future.

Our graduates this year are Elizabeth Denning and Alexis Smitley.

## New Pastor

As was announced in April, we are preparing to welcome our next pastor. The Rev. David Lay and his wife Penny will begin serving here in July. This is a hard time as they leave behind loved ones and a community to transition here to Hartsville. Please cover them in prayer during this time.

# May-25

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

## Sunday Servants:

### Prayer Team

04 - Kathy Roberston  
11 - John Oliver  
18 - Natalie Knudsen  
25 - Zandria Gwin

### Reader

04 -J Mac Crabtree  
11- Morgan Robertson  
18- Katherine Geary  
25 - Hadley Boswell

### Kid's Message

04 - Beth Crabtree  
11- Melissa Robertson  
18- Kathy Atwood  
25-

### Flowers

04 - Connie Dillehay  
11 - Betty Gross  
18 - Mary Sanchez  
25 - Judy Lentz

### Ushers

Knudsen Family

### Help Center:

Pasta and sauce

## 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

**“You are altogether beautiful, my darling, there is no flaw in you.”**  
 ~Solomon 4:7

#### BIRTHDAYS:

Zachary Chandler	May 6 <sup>th</sup>
Katie Grandstaff	May 20 <sup>th</sup>

#### IN LOVING MEMORY:

Leonard Paradis	May 5 <sup>th</sup>
George M. Draper, Sr.	May 20 <sup>th</sup>
Mrs. Sadie Trusty	May 26 <sup>th</sup>

#### MAY CALENDAR:

National Day of Prayer	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Mother's Day	May 11 <sup>th</sup>
Armed Forces Day	May 17 <sup>th</sup>
Memorial Day	May 26 <sup>th</sup>

#### SPECIAL THOUGHT(S):

We love you Tim, Staci, Mikayla and Josh. Godspeed into the next Chapter and know that you will **always** be in our thoughts, hearts and in our prayers. Thank you for everything.

#### MEMORIAL THOUGHT:

“How important it is for us to celebrate our Heroes and She-Roes.” ~Maya Angelou

**Pray** for our new incoming minister, Rev. David Lay and his family and his new congregations. We have much love, work and hope to offer you. Looking forward to all of us together in love with God.

**Mothers.** I only ever met my mother one-time for a visit of approximately two weeks at 37 years old. Upon the instant of meeting her I felt all the things one would feel for their mother. I liked her instantly. I had loved her always. I could feel and know things about her instinctively. I was thankful for my conception and birth by her for I owed my life to her. She thought I was beautiful and amazing, as mothers do. I thought she was, too, as daughters do.

I had all kinds of “Mothers” growing up. I had my grandmother (Daddy’s mom) for the first eleven years who nurtured me with love, and fostered physical, intellectual, and emotional growth. She raised me in Church, and when she was called from this Earth she left me with my amazing grandfather who took over, nurturing me, caring for me and meeting my little-girl needs. He didn’t go to church, but he kept me in church. He was amazing at mothering. Since that time I have known a lot of men that mother well in all kinds of circumstances wherein the mother is absent. Men can be mothers, too. My grandfather did enlist help from aunts, other mothers in the community and my church. They were always loving and happy to help. I developed all kinds of good things within myself and thoughts because of so many mothers.

When I was 18 years old I started attending Chapel Hill. There was always Linda McDonald there. In fact, she has been there for going on 85 years. Linda nurtures us, protects us, organizes us, gives us positive thoughts and actions, prays for us, hosts us, feeds us, fellowships with us, cries, laughs and loves with us, works with us, provides many things we need for our ministries, keeps us informed... She has always been like a mother to me and many others. I guess in my case I should say a mothering, older sister. 😊 This Mother’s Day I want her to know that she means the world to all of us at Chapel Hill and thank her for her mothering and mentoring that she is so unaware of but does so quietly well. She is the main caretaker of God’s Chapel Hill House, and sometimes of us. Thank you and much love to you, Linda.

**“She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.” ~Proverbs 31:26**

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**Recipe Corner**

***Scalloped Pineapple***  
***By Natalie Knudsen***

3/4 cup sugar  
3 Tablespoons flour  
1 cup grated cheddar cheese  
1 (20 oz) can pineapple tidbits  
4 Tablespoons melted butter  
1 stack pack Ritz crackers

Mix sugar and flour in bowl. Add grated cheese and drained pineapple (reserve juice). Mix well. Place in shallow casserole dish and spring small amount of reserved juice over mixture. Combine crushed cracker crumbs with melted margarine and sprinkle over pineapple mixture. Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes or until bubbly and cheese is melted. This is an excellent side dish with baked ham!!