

Hartsville United Methodist Church
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Methodist Messenger

January 2026

"Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9

Happy New Year! God is doing new things!

Inclement Weather Policy: In the event of Snow or Ice during the week, if Schools are out, activities at the church are canceled. On Sundays, Pastor David will make every effort to be at the church, but everyone should make their best judgment on whether to leave their home. We do not want anyone to put themselves at risk. If roads are unpassable, please stay at home. We will make every effort to get the word out. Please check the Facebook page and website for announcements.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS OF ALL AGES

United 2026 Youth Gathering

Youth across TWK are invited to UNITED—a high-energy retreat centered on this year's theme, "Cross the Street." Choose from two weekends at Cedar Crest Camp: January 30–February 1 or February 6–8. Experience powerful worship led by James Touchton, inspiring messages from Katie Minnis, meaningful small groups, and unforgettable community. Go to: https://www.cedarcrestcamp.org/event-details/united-youth-gathering-2026-01-30-19-00 to register.

Whom Shall I Send? | Tennessee Western Kentucky Conference Nominations

The opportunity to offer spiritual leadership in the TWK has never been greater. The TWK Nominations Committee is working throughout the year to discover and discern who is being called to add their voice and service to the tables across the TWK. Go to https://umhef.org/scholarships/apply/ to find out more information.

Applications Now Open for United Methodist Scholarships

The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation has opened applications for scholarships to help fund the 2026-2027 school year for United Methodist students hoping to attend a United Methodist-related college or seminary. Every year, the foundation awards up to $2 million in scholarships. Go to https://umhef.org/scholarships/apply/ for more information.

January ENCORE Ministry Connection Now Available

If you didn't receive the January issue of ENCORE Ministry Connection, an informative enewsletter for older adults, pastors, and church leaders featuring older adult ministry resources, tips, and ideas, click here. To receive a free monthly subscription, email csolomon@encoreministry.org

Project Transformation Seeking Regional Program Coordinators

Project Transformation Tennessee (PT) seeks Regional Program Coordinators to strengthen local support of program offerings. Staff in this role will connect with and support the college-age young adults, children, and churches who are active in PT's programs to ensure the highest-quality experience possible. This role is part-time from August to April

and full-time from May to July. To read the full job description, visit projecttransformation.org/tennessee/about-us/job-opportunities.

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 CM: Beth Crabtree Acolytes: Maddie Curtis Reader: Maddie Curtis	12 Finance Committee 6 PM	13 Bible Study 6 PM Goose Creek Coffee Shop	14 Worship Committee 5 PM Choir Practice 6 PM	15	16	17
18 Meal after worship Administrative Council CM: Melissa Robertson Acolytes: Morgan and Mallie Robertson Reader: Morgan Robertson	19	20 Bible Study 6 PM Goose Creek Coffee Shop	21 Pastor-Parish Relations Committee 5 PM Choir 6 PM	22	23	24
25 CM: Kathy Atwood Acolytes: Alannah and Rhett Butler Reader: Alannah Butler	26	27 Bible Study 6 PM Goose Creek Coffee Shop	28 Choir 6 PM	29	30	31

More Calendars from WinCalendar: February, March, April

Help Center- Peanut Butter **Ministry of the Month- Miriam's Promise**

Please provide the requested food to support the Help Center.

Your Service

Ushers-The Kelley Family

Prayer Team-11th Kathy Robertson, 18th John Oliver, 25th Melissa Robertson

Flowers-11th Tammy Nollnar, 18th Macey Hawkins, 25th Kathy Dies

Children's Message-11th Beth Crabtree, 18th Melissa Robertson, 25th Kathy Atwood

Notice the acolytes and the readers on the calendar. If any of these dates don't work, please let Pastor David know. The plan going forward is to have the same schedule each month, so he needs to know if that Sunday doesn't work so other arrangements can be made. We appreciate all who serve.

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

"For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice." ~T.S. Eliot

BIRTHDAYS:

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

IN LOVING, BEAUTIFUL MEMORY:

Mrs. Sadie Trusty	January 13th

New Year's Day	January 1st
Martin Luther King Day	January 19th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Chapel Hill UMC, 92 Beasley's Bend Road, will host the annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 28, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Dine in, Take Out, Delivery. ($5). **No drinks with Deliveries.**

Alice Elizabeth White
1924 – 2025
Loved by her family, a mentor to many, stayed long enough to be missed by generations. Her life will be long remembered. She traded her home in Hartsville for her home in Heaven.

Tom P. Thompson, Jr.
1942 – 2025
He was so happy on earth, and now he is happily ever after.

"Grief is not a disorder, a disease or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical and spiritual necessity, the price you pay for love. The only cure for grief is grieving. ~Earl Grollman

LINDA MC'S NEW YEAR'S SOUP:

1 cup sliced smoked lean ham
2 celery ribs, 1 med. onion (chopped)
2 carrots (chopped)
2 garlic cloves (minced)
2 15 oz. cans black-eyed peas (not drained)
2 14 oz. cans of chicken broth
2 14 oz cans of stewed tomatoes (undrained)
1 14 oz. can diced tomatoes (undrained)
1 8 oz. can of tomato sauce
1 ½ cups of chopped frozen or fresh spinach
½ chopped parsley
½ teaspoon pepper

Sauté the first five (5) ingredients until vegetables are tender (in Dutch Oven)

Stir in black-eyed peas and the next four (4) ingredients and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce the heat, and simmer for 1 ½ hours.

Stir in 1 ½ cups spinach, parsley, and pepper. Yields 10 cups.

Putting a penny in your black-eyed peas on New Year's Day is a southern tradition symbolizing good luck and prosperity for the coming year, with the person who finds the coin considered the luckiest, paired with greens (money) and cornbread (gold) for a complete fortune. **I think we can all agree that our fortune comes from God's incredible love for each of us.**

"You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." ~MLK, Jr.

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One of my favorite cookies is Ginger Snaps, next to my White Chip and Pecan cookies. I have tried making some, but I am going to try this recipe I found online. I thought I would share it with you this month. Pastor David

Grandma's Gingersnap Cookies

Prep Time: 20 mins Cook Time: 10 mins Total Time: 30 mins Yield: 60 cookies
⅓ cup cinnamon sugar 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour 1 tablespoon ground ginger
2 teaspoons baking soda 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon ½ teaspoon salt ¾ cup butter or shortening 1 cup white sugar 1 large egg ¼ cup dark molasses

Directions
Gather all ingredients. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Place cinnamon sugar in a bowl; set aside. Sift flour, ginger, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt into a mixing bowl. Stir the mixture until blended, then sift a second time into another bowl. Beat butter in a large bowl with an electric mixer until creamy. Gradually beat in white sugar. Add egg and molasses and beat until light and fluffy.Sift 1/3 of the flour mixture into the butter mixture; stir to thoroughly blend. Sift in the remaining flour mixture and mix together until a soft dough forms. Pinch off small amounts of dough and roll them with your hands into 1-inch-diameter balls. Place balls in cinnamon sugar and roll to coat, then place 2-inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake in the preheated oven until tops are rounded and slightly cracked, about 10 minutes, switching racks halfway through. Cool cookies on a wire rack. Enjoy!