

Hartsville United Methodist Church
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From Your Pastor

We have an important and Holy season coming up in February, and that is the Season of Lent. Lent is a 40-day season, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. During Lent, I will be doing a sermon series based on a book by Adam Hamilton, "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" My hope and prayer is that we all will have a better understanding of what Jesus has done for us in His self-giving act.

You may also like to know about Ash Wednesday. According to the United Methodist Book of Worship, "Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith." In the service, the form and content focus on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. We use ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance, which has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. The imposition of ashes (the placement of a cross of ashes on your forehead or it is allowed to be placed on the back of your head) can be a powerful nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. The ashes are produced from the palms of Palm Sunday. I have always found the Ash Wednesday service to be a powerful service and a great start to the season of Lent. Pastor David

Opportunities for persons of all ages

On February 17th, we will have our annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5 PM.
The Ash Wednesday Service will be at 6 PM on February 18th.
You are invited to join the Choir as we begin preparation for Palm Sunday and Easter special music. Of course, anyone is welcome in the Choir. Preparation for Easter begins on February 4th.
Calling all Handbell ringers: the Handbells will begin practice for Palm Sunday on February 19th at 6 PM. Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of the Handbell Choir is welcome to attend. If you are thinking about it, please speak to Seth.

TWK Board of Ordained Ministry Seeks Prayer Support for Candidates

Thirteen candidates will interview for clergy membership at the Board of Ordained Ministry Evaluation Conference on March 2-3 at Beersheba Springs Assembly. You are invited to send handwritten cards of prayer and encouragement. Mail cards by February 20 to: BOMEC Prayer Card, c/o Joanna Newberry, 5050 Pickering Road, Clarksville, TN 37043.

Summer Jobs for Young Adults!
Cedar Crest Camp is hiring exceptional young adults to work in Summer 2026! If you are looking for a faith-focused, fun, and relationship-centered job, consider applying to join our team! Summer staff work directly with children and youth of all ages to provide a safe space for spiritual exploration and growth. By facilitating camp activities (such as canoeing, zip-lining, and games) and leading devotions and sharing their faith journeys with campers, summer staff can positively impact the children and youth who attend weekly summer sessions at Cedar Crest. Positions are open to those who have completed their junior year of high school and to college graduates. Contact Audrey Jordan at audrey.jordan@twkumc.org for more information. Applications can be found at cedarcrestcamp.org.

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.

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CM John Oliver Acolytes Nate and Turner	2	3 Bible Study 6 PM Goose Creek Coffee	4 Choir Practice 6 PM	5	6	7 HeadStart in the Basement 8 AM-10:30 AM
8 CM Pastor David Acolytes Hadley Boswell	9	10 Bible Study 6 PM Goose Creek Coffee	11 Choir 6 PM	12	13	14
15 CM Martha Dawson Alannah and Rhett	16 United Methodist Women 6 PM	17 Fat Tuesday Meal 5:00-6 PM No Bible Study	18 No Choir Ash Wednesday Service 6 PM	19 Handbells 6 PM	20	21
22 CM Beth Crabtree Acolyte Madison Curtis	23	24 No Bible Study	25 Choir 6 PM	26 Handbells 6 PM	27	28

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.

Help Center- Mac & Cheese

Ministry of the Month- Miriam's Promise

Please provide the requested food to support the Help Center.

Your Service

Ushers-Bobby Joe and Judy Lentz

Prayer Team-1st Zandria Gwin, 8th Kathy Lindsey, 15th Leah Satterfield, 22nd Betty Gross.

Children's Message-1st John Oliver, 8th Pastor David, 15th Martha Dawson, 22nd Beth Crabtree.

The Hartsville UMW has BBQ for sale for $10 a pound and Pecans for $15 a bag.

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

"Love is the greatest refreshment in Life." ~Pablo Picasso

Happy Valentine's Day February 14th

BIRTHDAYS:
Vincent Johnson February 4th
Florence Dunavant February 27th

ANNIVERSARY:
Ed and Linda Johnson February 13th
55 YEARS!!!!!

CALENDAR:
Groundhog Day ` February 2nd
President's Day February 16th
Ash Wednesday February 18th

Ash Wednesday Service: 6:00 p.m. at Hartsville United Methodist Church, 2/18.

CHUMC PRESENTS:
Annual Pancake Breakfast at CHUMC, 92 Beasley's Bend Road, Riddleton, Tennessee, Saturday, February 28, 2026, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Dine In, Take Out, Delivery ($5.00). **No drinks with deliveries.**

IN EPHESIANS we learn about Seasons in our lives. Almost 19 years ago the Chapel Hill UMC women and men started a season of Tacos, Tea and Strawberry Ice Cream and some other good stuff. One Sunday in Spring, 2007, a group of us were having lunch at LaVilla and were talking about some of our youth who had received scholarships that year. We were so proud of them, and Wilma said, "Why can't we raise the funds to give CHUMC Scholarships to Smith County students?" So we did. The ideas and planning for our project were born around the Rook table at Dukeland Farms on Sunday evenings. Linda McDonald started making ice cream when the strawberries came in that Spring. We made our own recipe for Chapel Hill Walking Tacos and other menu items that we came up with. We wanted everything to be homemade, until the last couple of years wherein we discovered Bob Evans Mashed Potatoes. Our first fair was the summer of 2007 at the Smith County Fair. Our first scholarship was given in 2008 to Alicia Maberry in the amount of $1,500.00, and each year since, it has been $3,000.00. For several years, we went to three (3) Fairs, Smith, Macon, and Trousdale Counties. A few years ago, we gave up Macon. Today, as I write this, we are giving up Smith County and will not return to the 2026 Smith County Fair. We appreciate Smith County Fair Board's support and all the help, encouragement, and praise they gave to us each year we participated in their Fair. It is like not ever returning to a family reunion. We became a Fair Family and developed relationships with our other vendor neighbors and the Smith County Fair volunteers, etc.… When we give our scholarship in May 2026, we will have given $55,500.00 in CHUMC Scholarships. Even though this particular season for CHUMC has passed, we are now planning another Season. One that fits our now physical limitations better. We are reinventing how we are doing things to keep our Scholarship alive for future students. Chapel Hill understands that the youth is our future, and we want to continue to help them and not give up our help, just reinvent it. On this day, I don't know what and how this will take shape, but it will take shape, because God gives us the love, strength, and the drive to do so. He is going to help us carry on. We will see you at the Trousdale County Fair, Summer 2026, reinvented. Special thanks to Mr. Stan Webster, Mr. Moose Tyree, and the rest of the Smith County Fair Board and volunteers. We want you to share in the success that our scholarship recipients have had with you. We will miss the Smith County Fair. We are embarking on a new Season now. Everyone, please keep us in your hopes and prayers. It sure was a good Season. Thank you, everyone. ~lh

"To everything, turn, turn, turn
There is a season, turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under Heaven." ~Pete Seeger

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Slow-Cooker Chicken-Tortilla Soup By Marian Cooper Cairns County Living

Ingredients

1 1/4 lb. skinless, bone-in chicken thighs 1 small onion, chopped 1/2 red bell pepper, chopped 1 garlic clove, chopped 2 cups chicken stock 1 (14.5-oz.) can diced tomatoes, drained 1 (8-oz.) can tomato sauce 1 (4-oz.) can chopped green chiles 1 tsp. chili powder 1 tsp. dried oregano 3/4 tsp. ground cumin Kosher salt Freshly ground black pepper 2 yellow squash, halved and sliced 3 oz. green beans, halved 1 Tbsp. fresh lime juice 2 1/2 Tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro, plus more for serving Sliced jalapeños, sour cream, and tortilla chips, for serving

Directions

Step 1

Combine chicken, onion, bell pepper, garlic, stock, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, chiles, chili powder, oregano, and cumin in a 4-quart slow cooker. Season with salt and pepper.

Step 2

Cook, covered, until chicken is cooked through on low 7 to 8 hours or on high 3 to 4 hours. Add squash and green beans and cook, covered, for 30 minutes. Remove chicken, discard bones and shred meat; return to slow cooker. Stir in lime juice and cilantro.

Step 3

Serve topped with cilantro, jalapeños, and sour cream, with tortilla chips alongside.