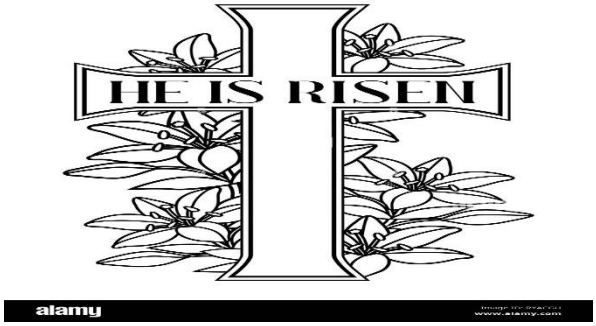


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HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Exciting things starting this month! God is moving among us. On April 5th, Easter Sunday, we will offer the **Nursery** for any parents who wish their children to be there.

On April 12th, Kid's Connect and Youth Connect will begin. These are classes for our children and youth, held each Sunday from 10-10:50 AM. We will also have a Young Adult and parents class at the same time each Sunday.

Kid's Connect is for ages 6 to 10. Youth Connect is for ages 10 and up. In the future, we hope to divide these age groups.

Children's Church will begin on April 1st. Children 6-10 whose parents wish them to attend will be taken downstairs along with nursery-age children after the Children's Message. This is the choice of the parents. Parents can decide if they wish their children to stay in worship after the children's message. We will be having a sign-up for persons to do the Children's Church. It will be the same each week and will be structured like our regular worship services. This will include, but is not limited to: an opening prayer, offering, music, a small lesson, craft/activity.

Sunday, April 12th, following service: Family Ministry Committee Meeting.

We will begin planning Vacation Bible School.

Sunday, May 3rd, following service: Family Ministry Committee Meeting.

A big thank you to our Family Ministries Committee for their work to plan for our Children and youth!

College Scholarship Funds Now Available Through Martin Methodist Foundation

Martin Methodist College may have closed its physical doors in 2021, but its heritage of helping undergraduate students lean into their dream lives on through the Martin Methodist Foundation. The Martin Methodist Foundation is excited to share that the online scholarship portal is now open! Scholarship awards could be as much as $5,000.

The Martin Methodist Foundation seeks to serve deserving undergraduate students by lowering their financial burdens so they can better concentrate on becoming who they were made to be. Please visit the Martin Methodist Foundation website to learn more about eligibility requirements and other important information. Deadline to apply is May 1, 2026

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Choir 6 P	2 Maundy Thursday Communion 5:30 p-6:30	3 Good Friday Service Chapel Hill UMC 4:30 P Tenebrae	4 Holy Saturday Choir 10 A Handbells
5 Easter CM-Pastor David Acolyte and Reader Madison Curtis	6	7	8 No Choir	9 Handbells 6 P	10	11
12 Family Ministries after worship CM-John Oliver Acolytes Alannah and Rhett Butler Reader Alannah	13	14	15 No Choir	16 Handbells 6 P	17	18
19 CM-Kathy Atwood Acolyte & Reader Hadley Boswell	20 UMW 6 P	21	22 No Choir	23 No Handbells PPR 5:30 P	24	25
26 CM Martha Dawson Acolytes-Morgan and Mallie Robertson. Morgan Reader	27	28	29 Choir 6 P	30 Handbells 6 P		

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: Dry beans or personal hygiene items.

Ministry of the Month-Help Center

Please provide the requested food to support the Help Center.

Your Service

Greeters and Ushers-Clint Satterfield family

Prayer Team-5th Zandria Gwin, 12th Kathy Linsey, 19th Leah Satterfield, 26st Betty Gross.

Acolytes-April 5th,

Children's Message-April 5th, Pastor David, 12th, John Oliver, 19th, Kathy Atwood, 26th, Martha Dawson.

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

"A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

BIRTHDAYS:

Ruth Jennings	April 6th
Ed Johnson	April 13th
Linda Brimm	April 13th
Jordan Key	April 21st
LeeAnn Inman	April 29th

"Let everything you do be done in love." ~1 Corinthians 16:14

IN LOVING MEMORY:

Mrs. Nellie Kimble	April 6th
Frank Matthews	April 19th

"There are always flowers for those who want to see them." ~Henri Matisse

CALENDER:

Maundy Thursday Service	April 2nd
Hartsville UMC – 5:30 p.m.	
Good Friday Service	April 3rd
Chapel Hill UMC – 4:30 p.m.	
Easter Sunday Service	April 5th
Chapel Hill UMC – 7:00 a.m.	
Breakfast/Egg Hunt to follow	
Tax Day	April 15th
Volunteer Appreciation Day	April 20th
Earth Day	April 22nd
Arbor Day	April 24th

Please bring a baby gift to the CHUMC Sunday service on Sunday, April 12th, to be donated to the Smith County Pregnancy Center. Linda McDonald will deliver them to the Center.

CHAPEL HILL UMC would like to take this time to bid a very fond farewell to Paul and Natalie Knudsen as they go home, where the heart is. Their heart(s) were big and natural for and in Hartsville, but as we learned from L. Frank Baum, "There is no place like home." This writer didn't know them well, but I know that I will miss them very much. Chapel Hill appreciates their kindness, generosity toward us, and the same that they have and gave for both of our church communities that bring us together as one. Love and peace are our wishes for the two of you. Godspeed home and for your future work. I know it will be plentiful and good. **~lh**

Heavenly Father: We come to you in this Season of sacrifice, love and gifts of eternity. We are so thankful for You and these gifts, and Your power to know how to make it all work, and how to give us the forgiveness required to spend our lives with You in our heavenly home for eternity. Thank you for sending our earthly example into our somewhat desperate lives, to walk and live upon the earth with us and teach us Your wisdom and love. May You - our God, and Your son, Jesus Christ, feel our love and our eternal gratitude this Season of Your unselfish sacrifice for us. How proud we all are of your beautiful Son. In your name, shall we pray forever and ever. **~AMEN**

VERIA'S EGG SALAD RECIPE:

Dozen Hard-Boiled Eggs – Peeled
Mash well with a fork (for making a creamy consistency)
Mix in mayonnaise, salt, and pepper
Easiest, best Egg Salad recipe ever!

"The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring." ~Bernard Williams

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Strawberry Pie

When ripe berries are popping, it's time for this beautiful strawberry pie.
By Elizabeth Nelson, Published on March 28, 2024, Southern Living

Ingredients

1 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup cornstarch
1 tsp. grated lemon zest plus 1 Tbsp. fresh juice (from 1 medium [4 oz.] lemon), divided
1/4 tsp. kosher salt 6 cups hulled and quartered strawberries (from 2 lbs.)
Perfect Pie Crust or 1/2 pkg. store-bought pie crust

Directions

Prepare oven: Preheat oven to 425°F with rack in lower third position. Mix strawberry filling:
In a large bowl, whisk together the sugar, cornstarch, lemon zest, and salt until evenly combined. Add strawberries and lemon juice; toss until evenly coated. Set aside while preparing the crust.

Prepare crust:
Press the unbaked pie crust into a 9-inch ungreased pie dish and crimp as desired. Pour filling and any accumulated juices into the prepared crust. Place onto a rimmed baking sheet to catch any drips.

Bake pie:
Bake in preheated oven for 25 minutes; reduce heat to 350°F and bake 40-45 minutes longer or until filling is bubbly. If crust begins to brown too much, shield with aluminum foil.

Let pie cool:
Remove from oven and let cool on a cooling rack at least 1-2 hours until no longer hot. Filling will continue to thicken as it cools.