Hartsville First United Methodist Church

Ministers – All God's People (1 Peter 2:9)

Pianist/Organist/Choral Leader – Seth Thurman Pastor David Lay

July 26, 2026

Welcome Home. *We are pleased you are with us this morning. We encourage guests to please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE (As you feel comfortable, offer one another signs of peace and welcome)

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

God, Your extravagant love has called us together. Long before we even knew You, You already knew us, and had chosen us to be part of Your own family— sisters and brothers with our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. What amazing love You have shown toward us! And so we come before You with praise and thanksgiving, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives, and opening ourselves to the prompting and leading of Your Holy Spirit. Receive our worship—our praise and prayers and offerings— through the intercession of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. May the time we spend here in Your presence bring honour and glory to Your Name. Amen. **Posted on the re:Worship blog**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** **No. 139**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **The Apostle's Creed* **No. 881**

Reader: Madison Curtis

CHILDREN'S TIME

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer **No. 895**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** **This is My Father's World** **No. 144**

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Doxology **No. 95**

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

SERMON Glimpses of the Kingdom of Heaven

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYER OUR SCHOOLS

***HYMN OF INVITATION** **Hymn of Promise** **No. 707**

***SENDING FORTH** We follow the light of Christ into the world, share the love and mercy of God!

***BENEDICTION** Go now in the blessing and assurance that nothing can separate us from the love of God. May this good news inspire us all to take up the hard work of building community and acting for the flourishing of all our neighbors, because we do not act on our own—we act on the power of God's never-ending love. Amen. **Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2026.**

***POSTLUDE**

***Please stand as you are able. **universal**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Kathy Dies, in honor of the upcoming 2026-27 school year.

Choir practice will resume Wednesday, July 29th at 6 PM.

Handbell practice resumes August 6th.

The Church is purchasing an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). This purchase is coming from the Memorial Fund. You are welcome to help by giving towards this purchase.

We will have our Annual Ice cream social on August 9th at 4 PM.

The Nursery is available downstairs for those who wish to use it; of course, we always welcome our children in worship.

The **Scripture** for next Sunday is Matthew 14:22-33.

Ushers, please do not close the doors to the Narthex when Children's Church goes downstairs.

In Service at Our Church-July 2026

	Today	**Next Week**
Ushers:	Dana and Kassie Hassler	The Crabtrees
(Ushers, please make a count of the attendance and record)		
Prayer Team	John Oliver	Melissa Robertson
Acolytes:	Madison Curtis	Turner and Nate Dillehay
Reader:	Madison Curtis	Turner Dillehay
Kids' message:	Beth Crabtree	Pastor David
Flowers:	Kathy Dies	Kelley Family

Our Prayer List

Please notify the Pastor in writing if you have any additions or updates for our Prayer List.

Bill and Vivian Arnold & Helen & Don Voss; Barbara Garren, Maxton Hawkins, Eli Pedigo, David Parker, Amanda Garey, Tom Harris, Ashley Warwick, Levi Owen, Eddie Taylor, Wendy Finn, Tina Hiett, Mary Lanier, Bill Painter, Luke Givens, Fred Rathbone, Durrell Burton (Amy McEvoy's father), Patsy Nickols, Anne Elliott, Jana Austin, Tracy Reid (pancreatic cancer), Declan Graves, Rhett Butler, Mandy Dye, Marilyn Watson, Kent Krisle, Bill Sevier, Mr. Moss, Abigail, Nettie Lay, Amanda Carman, Bess Rickman Hubbard, Virginia Cothren, Ray Anthon, Linda McDonald, Tim Abbott, Jim Marshall.

July

Stewardship as of July 12, 2026	**June**	**July**	**2026**
Tithes/Offerings, Operating Budget	$8967	$6210	$80199.18
Designated for the Building Fund	$600	$300	$8070
Designated for Mission of the Month	$195	1515	$941
Worship Attendance for 07/12/25: 41 Sunday School: 0 Online			

Ministry of the Month: Emmanuel House

Pantry Donation Needed: Canned Vegetables. The Help Center can always use personal hygiene items and toiletries.

United Methodist Women meet on the Second Monday of each month.

Choir meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM.

Handbells meet on Thursdays at 6 PM.

You may give to the church electronically any time using PayPal at HartsvilleUMC.org/give

(615) 374-2400

Website: www.HartsvilleUMC.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/hartsvilleumc

Sunday services are streamed on Facebook beginning at 10:50.

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Pastor David's Sabbath Day is each Friday. Please respect this time for him. Only call with urgent needs.

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