Hartsville First United Methodist Church

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

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

September 6, 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 **What a Friend We Have in Jesus** Handbells

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table: in times of disagreement, teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. Amen. **Written by Stephen Shakespear in Prayers for an Inclusive Church. Posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** **He Lives** **UMH 310**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **The Apostles' Creed* **UMH 881**

Reader: Hadley Boswell

CHILDREN'S TIME Martha Dawson

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

O God, you have bound us together in this life. Give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of all who labor. May we be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness, and faithful in our responsibilities to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(REINHOLD NIEBUHR, U.S.A., 20TH CENT., ALT.)

Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer-UMH 895

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** **Open My Eyes, That I May See** **UMH 454**

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory **As the Deer** **Choir**

Doxology **UMH 95**

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 18:15-20**

SERMON **The Obligation to Love**

Holy Communion

***HYMN OF INVITATION** **Precious Lord, Take My Hand** **UMH 474**

***SENDING FORTH** We follow the light of Christ into the world, sharing the love and mercy of our Lord, Jesus.

***BENEDICTION** Family of God, the lessons of reconciliation and peace-making are not easy. As you move into the week ahead, may God bless you with the desire to restore community when it is broken, to hold boundaries with firmness and grace, to listen with curiosity, and to speak with gentleness, that all may know we are disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2026

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Sent forth by God's Blessing - 664 Choir

***POSTLUDE**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by John and Lynn Oliver.

The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Henry Dale Taylor, born to Katie and Wesley Taylor. Proud grandparents are Pat and Cathey Kelley.

The church office will be closed tomorrow for Labor Day.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at the Fair is on September 12, from 7:30 am to 9 am. Workers need to arrive at 6:30 am, breakfast begins at 7:30 am.

Church Council meeting will be on September 13th after worship. Meal provided.

Tuesday Bible Study will begin again on September 15th.

Our Youth will provide the worship on September 20th. They are gathering on the 13th at 10 to prepare. Our Annual Charge Conference is on September 27th at 1:30 PM. Pastor David has the Charge Conference reports to be filled out. The **Scripture** for next Sunday is Matthew 18:21-35.

Pastor David asks that you fill out a survey for the Small Church Cohort I'm involved in. He can send the link by email if you prefer. The link is https://sewanee.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efYCIto35vUZlZk?CongregationID=S012&CohortID=26A&Wave=W1

In Service at Our Church-August/September 2026

	Today	**Next Week**
Ushers:	The Rieger Family	The Rieger Family
(Ushers, please make a count of the attendance and record)		
Prayer Team	Tina Heitt	Kathy Dies
Acolytes:	Hadley Boswell	Morgan and Mallie Robertson
Reader:	Hadley Boswell	Morgan Robertson
Kids' message:	Martha Dawson	Melissa Robertson
Flowers:	John and Lynn Oliver	Betty Gross

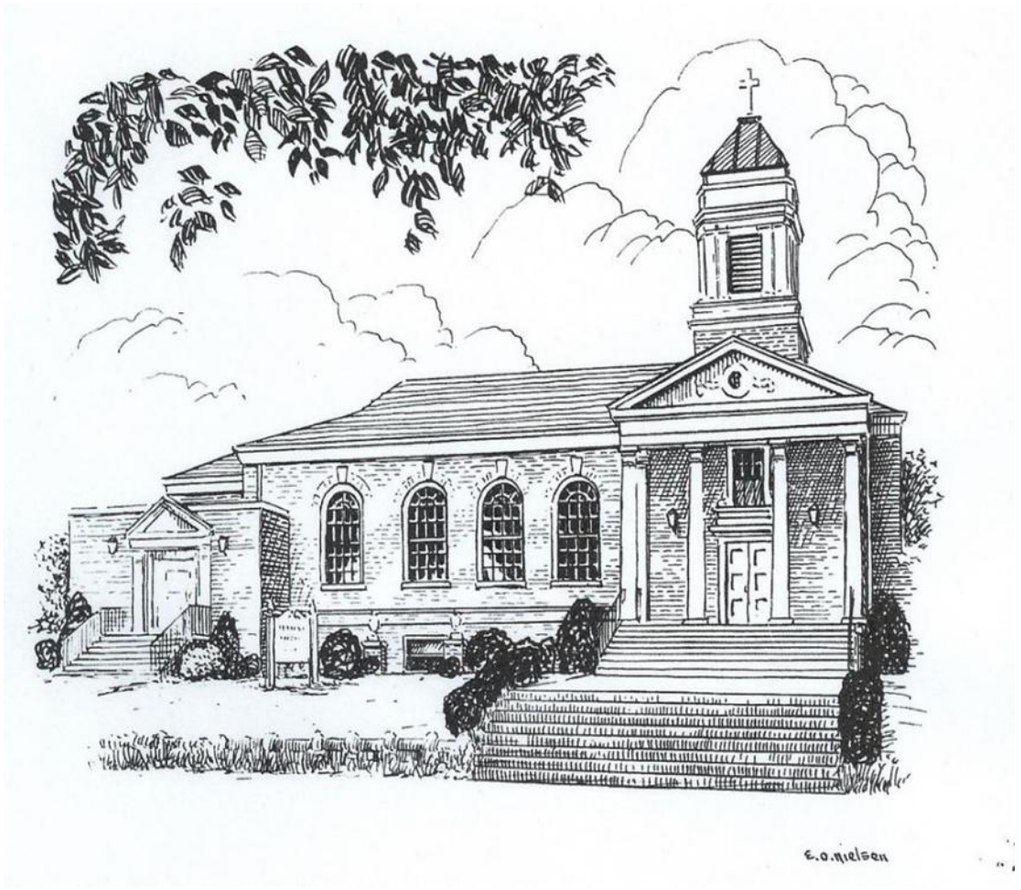
Our Prayer List

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, Bill Painter, Luke Givens, Fred Rathbone, Patsy Nickols, Anne Elliott, Jana Austin, Tracy Reid (pancreatic cancer), Declan Graves, Mandy Dye, Marilyn Watson, Kent Krisle, Mr. Moss, Abigail, Amanda Carman, Bess Rickman Hubbard, Virginia Cothren, Ray Anthon, Tim Abbott, Randy and Tina Hiett, Robert Penick, Our Schools.

Stewardship as of August 30, 2026	**August**	**September**	**2026**
Tithes/Offerings, Operating Budget	$12663		$94013.18
Designated for the Building Fund	$700		$8995
Designated for Mission of the Month	$148		$1089
Benevolence Fund		$100	
Please remember our Benevolence Fund in your giving.			
Worship Attendance for 08/30/25: 54 Sunday School: 4 Online: 2			

September
Ministry of the Month: Help Center
Pantry Donation Needed: Canned Meat. 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
Services are streamed on Facebook each Sunday at https://www.facebook.com/hartsvilleumc/. Please remind those who are homebound or traveling.
Please remember that Pastor David's Sabbath is on Fridays, and only call with urgent needs. He appreciates how you all respect his Sabbath.

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