

Hartsville United Methodist Church
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Methodist Messenger
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It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas



With Your Help on Monday Night, November 23! Christmas is in the air and that means it's time to decorate our church for the Christmas season. Plan on joining us on Monday night, November 23, at 6:00 p.m. to deck the halls of Hartsville United Methodist Church with the spirit of Christmas. There are jobs for all ages and abilities, including "sit down" jobs and those for adventurers who like to climb. Mark your calendars and join us on November 26 for the decorating! (And don't forget to be at church on Sunday, November 30 for the beginning of B and the Hanging of the Green!)

HUMC Christmas Food Boxes Are A Tradition
December 19 is the Delivery Date



The annual Christmas Food Box Project is underway. Plans are to prepare 60 boxes for local families. The boxes (two per family) include food for Christmas dinner, along with several other meals, and toiletry items such as paper towels, soap, napkins, etc. Here are some ways you can help with the project: Donate funds to cover the many items that will be purchased. Items to be purchased include meats, milk, eggs, bread, etc., that need to be fresh. (This is an expense of over $3000.) Mark your checks "Food Boxes" and place them in the offering plate.
Volunteer to deliver boxes on Saturday, December 19, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Be at the church basement and bring a map if you are not familiar with Hartsville/Trousdale County roads.

For more information about the Food Box Project, contact Beth Crabtree, Mission Chair.

Christmas Poinsettia Donations



We will have Poinsettias as a part of our Advent/Christmas Worship Service during December. Forms are available at the church to let us know who you would like to honor. Poinsettias are $10.00 each & checks should be made out to the Hartsville United Methodist Church. Please give forms & money to Kathy Dies or place in the Offering Plate. Deadline is Sunday, November 29.

Men's Ham Breakfast



The Men's Ham Breakfast will be Saturday, December 12, from 7-10 a.m. at the church. Come ready to enjoy country ham, biscuits, gravy, eggs, hashbrown casserole, and all the trimmings. Tickets are available from the men of the church and proceeds go toward scholarships for our college students.

All men, young and not so young, are encouraged to volunteer to help with the breakfast. There are several jobs available. Contact John Oliver for more information.

Donations for the food are also accepted. Please give to John Oliver or place in the collection plate with a note it is for the Ham Breakfast. You can also get tickets from John to sell to your family, friends, and neighbors. Come enjoy a great breakfast, shop with the UMW, and then attend the parade.

Annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday, December 12

The United Methodist Women of Hartsville United Methodist Church are sponsoring their Annual

Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale on Saturday, December 12, from 7:00-10:00 a.m. in the church basement.

There will be something for everyone at this year's Bazaar. For sale will be a variety of craft items, including Christmas items, wreaths, picture frames, and many, many more! In addition, a Bazaar favorite, the Christmas White Elephant table, will be a place to find that special treasure that someone else is recycling. You never know what you will find at this unique space!

At the Bake Sale, you will find that special item ready to delight your guests at your Thanksgiving feast. Items planned include a variety of cakes and pies, breads, and special treats like cookies and brownies.

Proceeds from the Bazaar & Bake Sale will go toward the various mission projects of the United Methodist Women, especially projects concerning women and children. Already this year they have supported Home Safe, the Food BackPack Program, and the Christmas Food Boxes. The group provides new shoes, socks, and gloves to all Head Start students in Trousdale County each Christmas.

December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bible Study 6 PM. Mudlark Cafe	2 Choir 6 PM	3	4	5
6 Food box Items due.	7	8 No Bible Study the remainder of the year	9 Choir 6 PM Handbells 6 PM	10	11	12 Men's Ham Breakfast UMW Bazaar 7 AM-11 AM Choir 10 AM Handbells 11:30
13 Choir Handbells Christmas Music	14	15	16 Packing Non-perishables 10 AM No Choir	17Church Christmas Meal 6 PM Farmers Harvest No handbells	18	19 Food Box delivery
20 Children's Christmas Pageant	21	22	23 No Choir	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion 6:30 pm No handbells	25	26
27	28	29	30 No Choir	31 No handbells		

Your Service

We appreciate all who serve.

Greeters and Ushers-Bobby and Alice Satterfield. **Prayer Team**-6 Melissa Robertson, 13 Zandria Gwin, 20 Kathy Lindsey, 27 Leah Satterfield. **Acolytes & Readers**- 6 Turner & Nate Dillahey, Turner Reader, 13 Turner & Nate Dillahey, Nate Reader, 20 Hadley Boswell, **Children's Message**-6: Beth Crabtree, 13 Martha Dawson, 20 John Oliver, 27 Kathy Atwood

Advent Candle Lighting: Nov. 29th-Dana and Kassie Hassler, Dec. 6-Rob and Doris Rickman, Abby Jackson, Dec. 13-Colin and Maryanna Linville, Dec. 20-Dustin Dillehay family
Christmas Eve-lighting the Christ Candle-The Jared Robertson Family
Christmas Eve Communion Servers-Colin and Maryanna Linville, Beth and Ellie Crabtree

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

12/07/1941: "A date that will live in infamy." ~FDR

"Remember Pearl Harbor."
~Commander Lewis Preston Harris

BIRTHDAYS:

Anthony Beasley	December 8th
Tom Shackelford	December 24th
Jesus (observed)	December 25th
Mack Draper	December 29th

NEVER FORGOTTEN HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Steve & Linda Hensley	December 31st

IN HAPPY, BEAUTIFUL MEMORY:

Wilma Draper	December 12th

DECEMBER DATES AND HAPPENINGS:

Hanukkah begins	December 4th
Pearl Harbor Day	December 7th
Winter begins (Shortest day/longest night)	December 21st
Full Moon, 7:28 p.m. (Cold Moon)	December 23rd
Christmas Day	December 25th
New Year's Eve	December 31st

TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES IN HEAVEN.

REMINDER: Bring non-perishable food items to CHUMC on Sunday, December 7th for the Smith County Help Center.

Words of thanks to everyone who cooked and helped with our Annual Chili/Soup Supper in November, and to all of our consistent, generous, loving patrons. Words cannot describe our thankfulness for your help and kindness. Special thanks and love to **Barb 😊. OXOXO**

IN WONDERFUL MEMORY OF GEORGE M. DRAPER, SR. This his favorite Christmas hymn that was a poem first:

IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER,
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter,
Long ago.

What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,
Yet what can give him –
Give my heart. **~Christina Rossetti**

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"It came without ribbons, it came without tags, it came without packages, boxes or bags.

Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more." **~Dr. Suess**

"Prince of Peace, on this holy night, we lift our prayers for peace in our hearts, in our homes, and in the world. Let your peace reign in our lives as we seek to live in the light of your love." Amen

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Church Fellowship Meal at Farmers Harvest December 17

We will have our bi-monthly **Church Fellowship Meal** at **Farmers Harvest Restaurant** on **Thursday night, December 17 at 6 p.m.** This "Dutch Treat" event is a time for us to visit together and enjoy a good meal.

Invite your friends and family and join us on December 17!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services



Another tradition for both the Hartsville and the Chapel Hill churches is the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. The service is a community event with several local churches represented among the worshipers.

Chapel Hill: The Chapel Hill service will be at Chapel Hill UMC at 4:30 p.m.

Hartsville: This year the Hartsville UMC service will be at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to be a part of either (or both) of these special service. Make sure you invite your family & friends, too, as we take time to focus our hearts and minds on the true reason for our holiday celebrations.

Children's Christmas Program December 20



The Children and Youth of the church are currently practicing for the annual Nativity Pageant. The Pageant tells the traditional Christmas story and gives our young people a chance to shine. It will be on Sunday night, December 20, at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to come and support them as they share the story, and stay afterwards for a special Reception for the performers.

Help Center: December-Oats Ministry of the Month- Move to Stand