

Welcome to Mt. Hebron

Youth Events – No youth today. Pray for our youth at Revolution this weekend!

HDS Registration – Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is here! Church member registration began on Jan 26. We will register current students and siblings of currently enrolled on Jan 29. We will open to the community on Jan 31. Registration is online (www.mthebronumc.com/hds). Please call the HDS office at 803-794-8275 for more info.

Acolyte Training – Calling all 8+ year olds. Yes, this *includes adults!* We will be having acolyte training on **TODAY** at 3 pm in the sanctuary. Anyone who is interested in serving in this ministry, please email Erica Peake at mancala543@hotmail.com. Thank you for your help!

UMM Financial Assistance - UMM is now accepting applications (through Feb 5) for financial assistance from the proceeds raised in 2023. Applications are in the UMM box located in the workroom behind the church office. Applications can be submitted to the church office, the UMM box or emailed to Troy Blalock at gtengr92@msn.com. For additional info or questions, please call Troy at 803-206-8984.

Adult Fellowship Lunch – Join us on Thursday, Feb 8 at 12:30pm in the Family Life Center for an Italian meal and familiar love songs performed by our own Song Circle! Sign up in the gathering areas, cost \$8.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tuesday, Feb 13 at 6pm in the Family Life Center

Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday, Feb 14 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Communion Helpers – Looking for a meaningful way to help serve the church? Communion helpers are needed for the 9am & 11:15am services. For more information, contact Cathy Neeley, 803-760-2283 or cathyneeley71@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests and Prayer Chain – Please email any prayer requests to prayer@mthebronumc.com or call the church office at 803-794-8273. We invite you to join us in the power or prayer and join the Mt Hebron UMC Prayer Chain! If you would like to *receive* the Prayer Chain emails/communication, you may email prayer@mthebronumc.com, call the church office, sign up in the gathering areas, or in your Sunday school class!

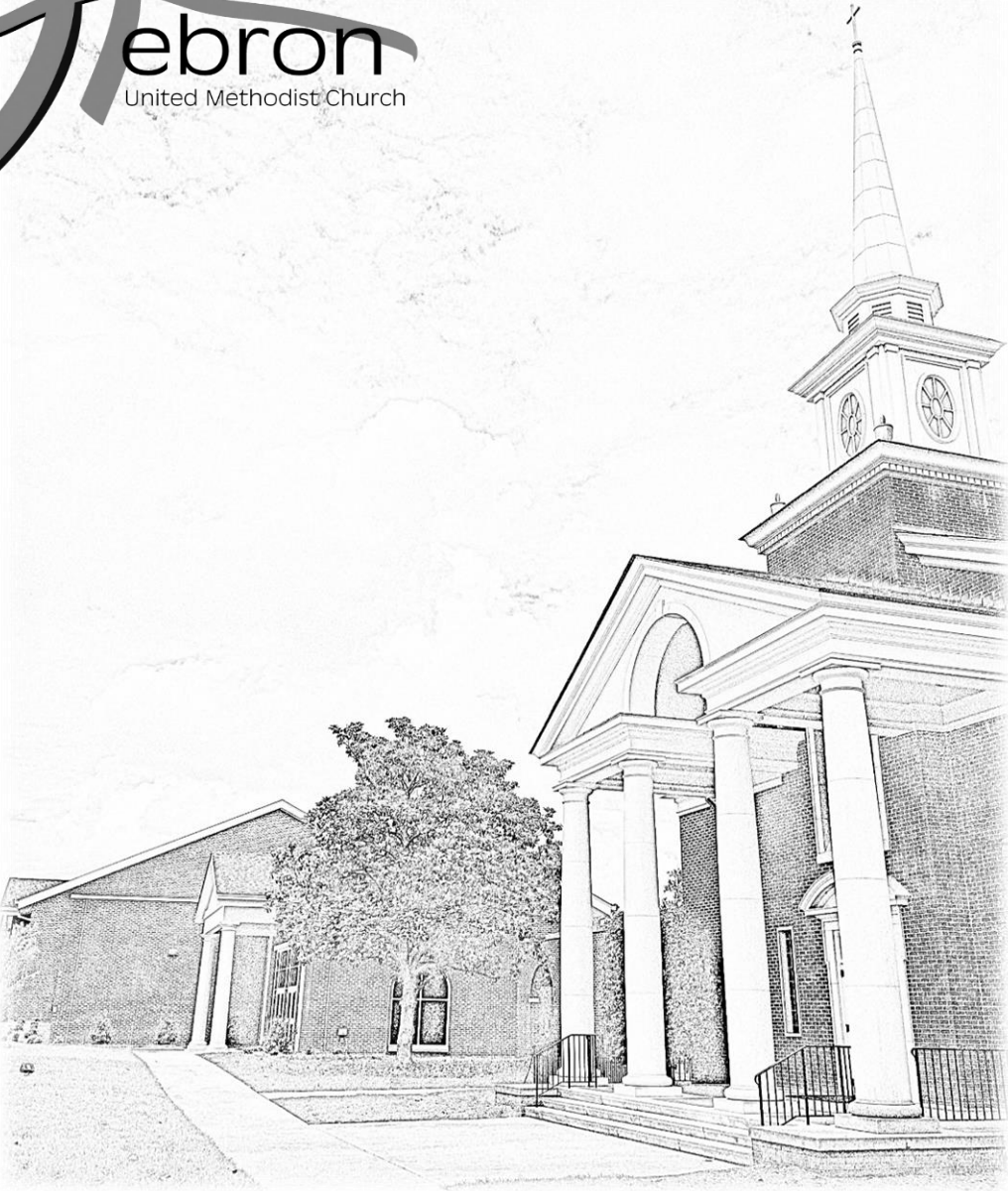
Flower Ministry – There are MANY spaces still available on the 2024 Flower Calendar! The Flower Ministry makes smaller arrangements from Sunday’s altar flowers to be delivered to members and loved ones that may be in need of a ‘pick me up’, have been sick, are celebrating a monumental birthday, and more! The flower ministry is looking for volunteers to help make small arrangements from the altar flowers as well as help deliver them. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the church office.

Minister: Rev. Morgan Byars; Liturgist: Rev. Cynthia Taylor; Director of Music: Tom Brunson
Organist: Dr. Louis Playford; Lay Reader: Pam Gowan; Ushers: Steven Burritt & Marla Downey
Altar Guild: Sue Harman & Sue Bruorton; Greeter: Lois Pugh

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God as we bless the new life that has been born into this church. We eagerly look forward to the new life into which God will lead us together.

Worship Attendance 1/21/2024 - 359 8:45 NewLife! – Online 55, In-Person 72; 9am Traditional – In-Person 79 11:15 Traditional – Online 31, In-Person 122	
Heritage Building Fund: Building Fund Balance to Date: \$2,087,049.68 Current Loan Balance: \$1,833,697.37	Year-to-Date 1/14/2024: Contributions: \$22,221.00 Expenses: \$33,292.04 Surplus/<Deficit>: <11,071.04>

In case of an after-hour/weekend pastoral emergency, please call the church 803-794-8273, press 9 as prompted. You will be directed to the pastor on call.



January 28, 2024 ~ 11:15 am
Serving Christ for the Transformation of Lives
Embrace... Engage... Empower

January 28, 2024 at 11:15 am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Children of the Heavenly Father* Forrest

* Chimes

* Call to Worship

* Hymn, UMH #157 *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

Anthem *Yes, My Jesus Loves Me* McDonald
Chancel Choir

Baby Blessing Service

2023 Cherished Additions to the Mt Hebron UMC Family

Scarlett Rose Hamby
Born January 24, 2023 to Bobby Sisk
Vincent Cary Colgrove, III
Born March 26, 2023 to Ashley and Vincent Colgrove
Cruz William Mappus
Born June 27, 2023 to Chandler and Will Mappus
Julia Grace Trussell
Born September 17, 2023 to Ed and Kelly Trussell
Stella James Bilton
Born November 20, 2023 to Susan Chaffin and Jared Bilton
Bennett Harrison Shoemaker
Born November 27, 2023 to Haley and Braden Shoemaker
Lawson Rowen Mack
Born December 10, 2023 to Sydney and Dalton Mack

Director of Children's Ministries: Mom and Dad, you have been given one of the most precious gifts you will ever receive. In accepting your gift, you also acknowledge your faith in Jesus Christ and the responsibility which God places on you.

Parents of Babies: We come before God and our church family on this day to bless our child and thank the Creator for our precious gift. In the coming years, we know that our child will bring deeper meaning and a deeper calling to our lives. With humility and hope, we will do our best to love, nurture, and lead our child to Christian faith by our teaching and example. We ask for the power of the Holy Spirit and the support of the church that we may be good stewards of this precious gift.

Congregation: We seek God's grace to be a community of faith in which the Gospel is truly proclaimed to all. We pledge to support you and minister with you as workers together in Jesus Christ and as heirs of His promise. As members with you in the body of Christ, we recommit ourselves faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers,

our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

* Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed) UMH #881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* Gloria Patri UMH #70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Offertory *If You Search With All Your Heart* Courtney
Matthew Chesnutt, tenor

* Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;* UMH #94
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Reading Isaiah 42:1-9, NRSV

42Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 5Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, 7to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. 9See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Sermon

* Hymn, UMH #593 *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM, LORD

* Benediction

* Postlude *Postludium in C* Schroeder