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Message from Pastor Ann

Dear Church Family,

Among nature's springtime display, I most cherish the newly-birthed green of budding deciduous tree leaves and the scattered cloud-like white bloom of dogwood trees. Bright white splattered across a canvas of dark pine, blazing azaleas, wispy red bud and rioting yellow forsythia, they are an odd marriage of deep peace and frolicking hilarity. Every year I catch the beauty of the full portrait of spring in others' yards, and I envy their yards for their balance of green and color and the white shock of dogwood. I find myself feeling discontent, as though my own yard's spring palette is inferior.



And isn't that just how we are? Not seeing our own strengths because we get so caught up in what others have? When we have the very thing we covet but are blind to? Easter beauty doesn't reside in our neighbor's yard, across the fence or down the street. The full glory of Easter isn't some shiny lure fishing for perfection, a chance to outdo another or decorating the outside of a shell to hide the emptiness within. No, the full glory of Easter resides within us: a stone rolled away to reveal the heart of resurrection. Inside followers of Jesus Christ, the cross is in full bloom, sprouting petals proof of nail piercings and the white of purity. Our worth and beauty are based on what grows from the inside out—not external things.

I pray you will nurture and water that internal cross through prayer, worship, curbing bad habits, talking to others about what God is up to in your life and sacrificing for others. Blooming from the inside, behold love overflowing more beautiful than a springtime firework-like burst of blossoms painting an array of love and peace across your community, state, nation and world.

In Christ,
Pastor Ann

**Youth Group Sunday Nights
will return on April 19th!**

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Facility Request Note

When scheduling events, consider your A/V needs and give Matt Fink plenty of lead time and check his availability.

Hebron Day School Happenings

HDS has been busy! “Muffins, Moms and Missions Day” was held on February 23. Items such as paper towels, toilet paper and cleaning supplies were collected for the Dickerson Children’s Advocacy Center.

Dr. Seuss was celebrated during the week of March 2-6 with a “Silly Sock Day,” “Wacky Wednesday” and “Green Day.” It’s always a good time for our students. “Bring your Parent to PE Day” was March 18. Kindergarten parents went to PE classes with their children and learned all about what a day in PE looks like. Our “He is Risen Party” was held on March 31. “Donuts with Dad” will be held on April 21.

HDS will be closed for Spring Break April 3-12.

Members of the church are volunteering at these events, and we are thankful for your support!



A Note from Pat Morrow

To My Church Family –

Even though I have been away for eight years, I continue to receive cards and notes from many of you. For this, I am so grateful. These gestures make my day! I am so glad that I found Mt. Hebron in 1957. This church continues to be a meaningful part of my life. I pray for all of you and for my beloved church.

God Bless Each One of You,
Pat Morrow

STARTS APRIL 8TH!

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
9:30AM-11AM | CORNERSTONE ROOM
LED BY SUSAN CLINE

BOOKS ARE \$8 - CONTACT SUSAN TO PURCHASE AT 803.917.2014.

SAVE THE DATE

VBS

MAY 26-29
6-8PM

5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:5-6 (NIV)

**4TH SUNDAY
MINISTRY FOCUS**

APRIL 26, 2026
UWF/UMM

VIDEO PRESENTATION FEATURING:
**PAT MORROW &
MARY NELL TRUSSELL, UWF**
BLANE CATLEDGE, UMM

COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS



Wear on the 4th Sunday Each Month!

Adult S-3X \$20
Long-Sleeved \$25
Youth XS-XL \$16



T-shirts can also be purchased in the church office M-Th 10am-4pm.



SEND US YOUR MEMORIES!

We are looking for your pictures, documents, artifacts, videos, etc. to feature each month!

Please share your memories of Mt. Hebron with us via either communications@mthebronumc.com or leave in the Communications Box in the Workroom (behind the Church Office) for us to scan and return to you.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT 4/26

Don't miss the 4th Sunday this month for a special initiative announcement!

Easter Sunday



7am | Sunrise Service | Prayer Garden
 8:45am | New Life Service | FLC
 10am | Family Breakfast | FLC
 11:15am | Traditional Service | Sanctuary

4TH SUNDAY SCHEDULE

We'll be celebrating the following areas of the church during Sunday worship services on the 4th Sunday:

- **April** - UMM and UWF
- **May** - Music Ministry
- **June** - Counseling Service
- **July** - Hebron Day School



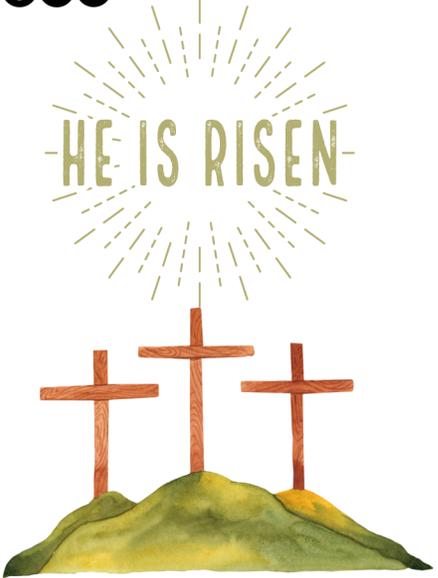
August 22 - 225 Acts of Service
August 23 - Bishop Fairley Preaching & Shealy's Lunch (One Worship Service)



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Upcoming Meetings & Events

- April 2 - Maundy Thursday**
- April 2 - HDS 3's Easter Hat Parade
- April 3 - Good Friday**
- April 3 - HDS Spring Break
- April 4 - Holy Saturday**
- April 5 - Easter Sunday**
- April 6 - Church Office Closed
- April 6-12 - HDS Spring Break
- April 8 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study Starts
- April 13 - New Life Committee Meeting
- April 13 - Cub Scouts Arrow of Light Ceremony
- April 15 - Midweek Boost Returns
- April 17 - UMM Wood Splitting
- April 17 - Girl Scouts Sleepover
- April 18 - UMM Wood Splitting

- April 19 - Confirmand Meeting
- April 19 - Youth Group Sunday Nights Returns
- April 20 - SPRC Meeting
- April 21 - HDS Donuts with Dad
- April 24 - HDS Fun Day
- April 25 - Girl Scouts Int'l Tasting Fair
- April 26 - 225 4th Sunday: UWF/UMM
- April 29 - HDS 2's End of Year Program
- April 30 - HDS 3's & 4's End of Year Program
- May 1 - HDS Kindergarten Graduation
- May 1 - HDS Reception
- May 2 - Girl Scouts Mother/Daughter Tea

Happy Easter

He is Risen



If you have news you would like to share in *The Herald*, please contact Ms. Jones in the church office. You can email her at qjones@mthebronumc.com or call the church office at 803.794.8273. Deadline is the 20th of each month.

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