

Welcome to Mt. Hebron

Red Cross Blood Drive - Tuesday, Nov 28, 2-7pm, Family Life Center. For an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: MtHebron or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Please contact Jamie Muldrow at 803-730-2698 or the church office for additional information or questions.

Alternative Christmas Gift Project - Nov 27 - Dec 11 every Sunday in the Family Life Center gathering area. Please consider using this way to honor and/or remember special persons on your list this Christmas. Ministries available for donations include Killingsworth Home, Alston Wilkes Society, Free Medical Clinic, Snack Sacks, Toby's Place, and Nancy Perry Children's Shelter.

Church Wide Christmas Steak Dinner hosted by the UMM - Friday, Dec 1, at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center. The cost is \$15.00/person, purchase your tickets (by Nov 29) from a UMM member, online at www.mthebronumc.com (click the UMM Dinner graphic), or from the church office. Children are welcomed. Each couple or individual is asked to bring a non-gag wrapped gift to be auctioned following the meal for the benefit of Oliver Gospel Mission. The UMM will match monies raised by the auction.

It's time to order poinsettias! You may purchase your poinsettias in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Order forms can be found in the attendance pads and gathering areas beginning today and continuing through Dec 3. Cost per plant is \$20. Please place completed order forms in the offering plate or turn them in to the church office.

Service of Lessons and Carols - Dec 3, 11:15am Traditional Service. Mt Hebron's Chancel Choir will present a wonderful service of scripture, carols and music. Come join us for this special event!

Adult Fellowship Christmas Gathering - Join Adult Fellowship on Thursday, Dec 7, at 12pm for a time of fellowship and finger foods. Please sign up in the gathering areas if you plan to attend!

Stewardship Sunday - Dec 10. Members have received their completed 2023 Pledge Cards from the Joash Chest as well as a giving statement reflective of contributions for this year. Next week, you will receive 2024 Pledge Cards to complete and return on Stewardship Sunday, Dec 10.

Live Nativity - Sunday, Dec 10, 5-7pm. Volunteers Needed! We need volunteers to help dress as characters, as well as bring and/or help with refreshments. If you would like to dress as a character, contact Diana Harmon 803-381-4140; if you would like to bring a refreshment or help at the refreshment area, please contact Sue Herndon 803-796-8576.

Trip to the Billy Graham Library - Adult Fellowship will be visiting the Billy Graham Library on Wednesday, Dec 13. They plan to leave the church at 8:30am and stop for lunch on the way back. Sign up in the Family Life Center Gathering Area if you would like to go, bus space is limited to 30 people.

Contributions for 2023 are due in the church office by December 31, or must be postmarked no later than midnight, December 31.

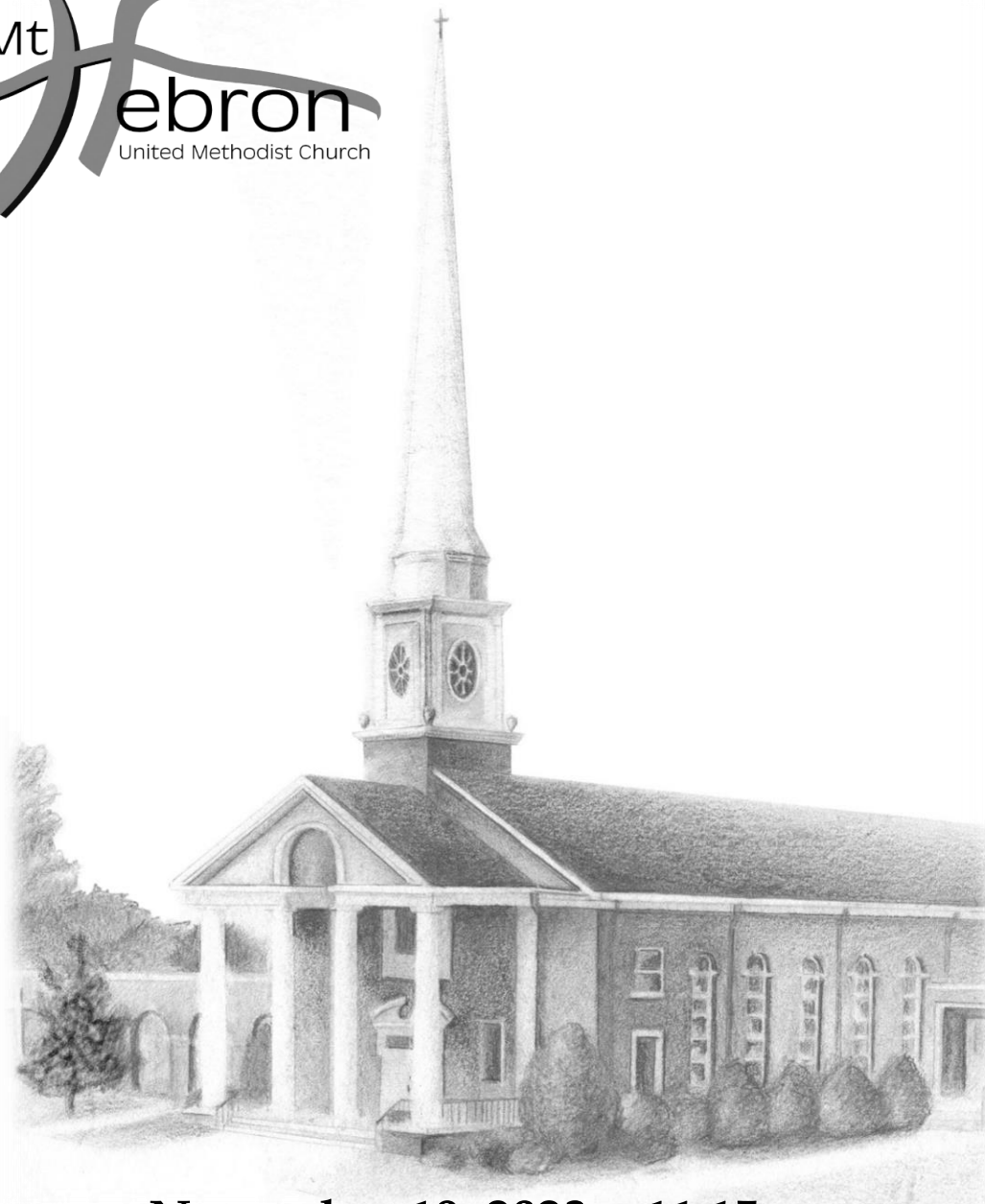
UMM BBQ - There are approximately 45 containers of frozen, un-sauced BBQ (\$5 each). Please let a UMM member or the church know if you would like to purchase any.

The church office will be closed November 22 - 24

Worship Attendance 11/12/2023 - 293	
8:45 NewLife! - Online 24, In-Person 68; 9am Traditional - In-Person 78	
11:15 Traditional - Online 22, In-Person 101	
Heritage Building Fund: Building Fund Balance to Date: \$2,099,238.72 Current Loan Balance: \$1,847,952.49	Year-to-Date 11/12/2023: Contributions: \$744,151.26 Expenses: \$886,871.36 Surplus/<Deficit>: <\$142,720.10>



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.



November 19, 2023 ~ 11:15 am
Serving Christ for the Transformation of Lives
Embrace... Engage... Empower

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Prelude on Kremser* Goode

* Chimes

* Call to Worship

* Hymn, UMH #92 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

* 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.*

Anthem *Prayer of Thanksgiving* arr. Kremser
Chancel Choir

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Stewardship Moment with Children

Offertory *Now Thank We All Our God* Oley

* Doxology UMH #95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Scripture Reading Acts 16:16-26, NRSV

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

Sermon

* Hymn, UMH #694 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

* Benediction

* Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* Manz

* *Congregation is invited to stand if able.*

*Minister: Rev. Cynthia Taylor; Liturgist: Rev. Morgan Byars; Director of Music: Tom Brunson
Organist: Dr. Louis Playford; Ushers: Howard Victry & Marla Downey; Lay Reader: Paula McDonald
Altar Guild: Marty Roland & Eva Lynn Hill; Greeters: Cathy Neeley & Nancy Senn*

*Gene and Bernice Morgan give the altar flowers to the glory of God in
loving memory of their son, David, and Bernice's mother, Vera Jeffcoat.*