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Message from Pastor Ann



An Abbreviation of the Pastor's Report/State of the Church Given at the 2026 Charge Conference on October 18, 2026:

Mt. Hebron UMC is healthy, resilient and moving forward with renewed hope. Following a difficult season of division and transition, the congregation has continued to heal and has increasingly shifted its attention from what has been lost to what God is doing now and calling us to become. There is growth, an increased spirit of unity, positive momentum and a willingness to participate in ministry.

The defining experience of this year was our 225th Anniversary Celebration "History. Hope. Hebron." Rather than focusing only on a single commemorative event, we used the anniversary to honor God's faithfulness throughout our history while discerning our future together. The clearest sign of our vitality came through the 225 Acts of Service. More than 200 people—including children, youth, adults and homebound members—completed over 270 acts of service. The numerical goal was exceeded, but the deeper accomplishment was the congregation's joyful response to a shared call to ministry. The day revealed a congregation that is engaged, generous and eager to carry the love of Christ beyond our walls.

Mt. Hebron is also becoming increasingly connected with the community. The expanded Fall Festival, held in partnership with Mount Hermon Lutheran Church and the Pineview Ruritans, welcomed more than 1,000 people. We participated in the Lexington Ecumenical Worship Service with a variety of churches. The Friday Night Play Date, Live Nativity, Easter Hop & Stop, Shrimp and Grits Dinner and Big Band Concert, United Methodist Men's BBQ, Snack Sack ministry, Go Forth Ministry, We Love You meals and more, have created opportunities to offer Christian hospitality, meet practical needs and form relationships with people who may not initially enter the church through Sunday worship. The success of the Sign of Hope Legacy Campaign and installation of our new digital sign further demonstrate the congregation's generosity and desire to communicate an open invitation to our neighbors.



Our primary challenge is to sustain the momentum generated by the anniversary and translate participation in special events into deeper discipleship, lasting relationships, and greater engagement in the ongoing life of the church. We successfully launched a new Young Adult Sunday School class that is thriving and energizing the entire congregation. We must continue inviting visitors

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and community participants into clear pathways for worship, small groups, service and membership. We must also cultivate new leaders, strengthen financial stewardship, support our growing ministries and make faithful decisions about property and resources so that our facilities and finances serve our mission rather than define it.

The state of Mt. Hebron is hopeful. We are no longer allowing past pain or present uncertainty to determine our future. God has given this congregation deep roots, committed disciples, growing ministries, generous hearts and an expanding connection with the community. Our task now is to carry the spirit of "History. Hope. Hebron." beyond the anniversary year—honoring what God has done while following Jesus Christ into the future God is preparing.

In Christ,
Pastor Ann



November Mission Project

Midlands Orphan Relief
Fulfilling needs. Creating hope.

Mt. Hebron UMC is partnering with Midlands Orphan Relief throughout the month of November! Join us on November 4th for Midweek Boost as we learn more about this wonderful organization and how it supports children throughout our community.

Throughout November, we will be collecting new underwear, which is one of the organization's most-needed items. Remember, children come in all sizes, and Midlands Orphan Relief serves children from infancy through age 17, so please purchase only the sizes listed below. Bins will be located in the narthex and by the doors closest to the portico in the Family Life Center.

Everyone is invited to participate in this special outreach project. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those in our community.

Sizes Needed:

BOYS	4T, 16/18
GIRLS	8, 12, 16/18
MEN	S-L, 2X-3X
WOMEN	S-M, 2X-3X

2026 Generosity Campaign

On October 18th, we were invited to the altar to offer our Service Commitment Cards, and on October 25th, we offered our 2027 Financial Commitment Cards as part of our Generosity Campaign. If you missed these Sundays, you can access the cards on our website and print and return to the Church Office or a Sunday morning offering plate. Printed cards are also available in the entryways to the FLC and Sanctuary. You can also contact the Church Office, and we will send you Commitment cards. Please call 803.794.8273 for more information.

Hebron Day School Updates

HDS Fall Festival was held on October 15th with our first ever silent auction. We celebrated our 60th Anniversary with cupcakes and fun games for our families. Mt. Hebron Youth provided meals for us, and it was a great night had by all.

The annual Butter Braid Fundraiser was held in October, and delivery will be on November 5th. Thank you to all who supported HDS!

The teachers will participate in Active Shooter Training–conducted by Ben Treaster–on November 12th. This is another way we can prepare to keep our students safe.

We will have our Thanksgiving Feast on November 13th, and we will be closed for Thanksgiving Break November 23-27.

Thank you for all the prayers and support you continue to give Hebron Day School.

Altar Flowers Calendar

Sundays in November and December are available on the Altar Flowers Calendar located in the hall behind the sanctuary. Please sign up with your name and phone number. Any questions, please contact Betty Wise at 803.360.0784.

Welcome Our New Members

Karen Stewart and **Trevor and Sarah McKnight** joined Mt. Hebron on October 11th. Welcome y'all!





UWF Call to Prayer & Self-Denial

UWF Call to Prayer and Self-Denial: “The Future Is Now: Invest in Our Children” will be held on Saturday, November 14th at Mt. Hebron UMC from 10am-12pm.

Registration begins at 9:30am followed by the program at 10am and a soup lunch at 11:30am. The guest speaker, Amber Kelley, Distribution Center Coordinator, with Midlands Orphan Relief, will highlight the importance of supporting children in need.

A love offering will be collected along with donations of new children's underwear in sizes 4T-5T and 8–18. The event emphasizes building stronger children and brighter futures through faith, generosity and community support.



Alternative Christmas Project

Start your Christmas shopping early—Clyde Hendrix Circle’s Alternative Giving Project starts a little earlier this year!

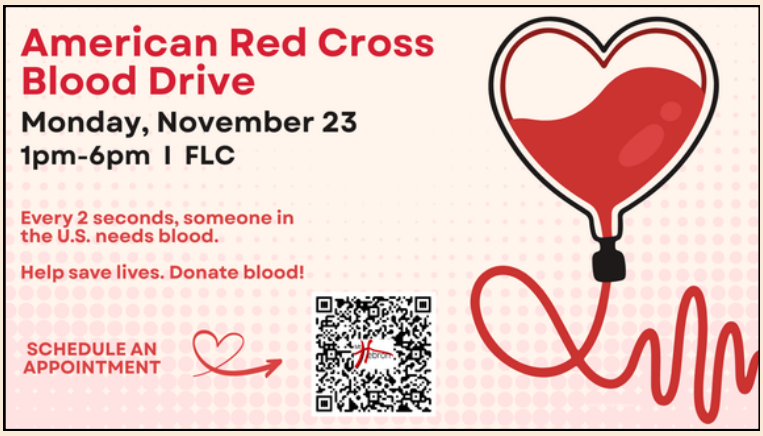
After the 8:45am service and before the 11:15am service on Sundays, November 8, 15 and 22 in the Family Life Center Gathering Area, you can select a nonprofit mission to make a donation in honor or memory of someone you love. 100 percent of your donation goes to the organizations.



2026 Missions:

- Snack Sacks Ministry
- Nancy K. Perry Children’s Shelter
- Good Samaritan Medical Clinic
- Alston Wilkes Society
- Toby’s Place
- Killingsworth

Get those difficult to buy for folks taken care of in seconds–no wrapping required!



Mt. Hebron UMM BBQ Recap

The UMM would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who helped with the BBQ–and what an incredible weekend it was! We have so much to celebrate and so many people to thank. Whether you supported this year's BBQ financially, through your prayers, time, talents or just through attending, THANK YOU. This event would not be possible without you. God blessed us abundantly this year with increased volunteer participation, wonderful community support, generous donations, beautiful weather and outstanding sales.

The BBQ Family Fun Night, featuring The Blue Iguanas, was a wonderful evening of music, food and fellowship. The UWF Bake Sale was incredible, and we are grateful for the participation of our Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Youth and all who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. It is this spirit of teamwork and service that makes the BBQ such a special tradition year-after-year.

Together, we prepared and sold nearly 4,000 pounds of BBQ, 800 pounds of hash, 700 chicken halves, 250 baby back ribs, 100 beef ribs, 24 Boston butts, 80 half pans of mac and cheese, 234 pounds of green beans, lots of slaw and Mt. Hebron BBQ Sauce; however, the true measure of success goes far beyond the food and the numbers. It's found in the friendships strengthened, the community brought together, and the missions that will be supported because of your generosity. To everyone who had a hand in making this year's BBQ a success, thank you. We are truly blessed by our church family, friends and community.

We look forward to celebrating our wonderful volunteers with a special appreciation dinner–including a small token of our gratitude–on November 22nd at 5:30pm in the FLC.

To God be the glory for another wonderful year!

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Important Dates:

November 3
FLC Closed
November 6
FLC Closed
November 26
Church Office Closed

November Meetings & Events

November 1 - All Saints Sunday
November 2 - Boy Scout Meetings
November 2 - Cub Scouts Meeting
November 2 - Girl Scout Meetings
November 3 - Election Day
November 3 - FLC Closed for Election Day Poll
November 3 - UWF Unit Meeting
November 4 - Nar-Anon Family Group Meeting
November 4 - Midweek Boost
November 5 - HDS Butter Braid Delivery
November 6 - FLC Closed for Maintenance
November 8 - Youth Sunday
November 8 - Alternative Giving Project
November 9 - HDS Storytime
November 9 - Minnie Shull-Pat Morrow Circle Meeting
November 9 - Worship Committee Meeting
November 9 - Finance Committee Meeting
November 9 - Boy Scout Meetings
November 9 - Cub Scouts Meeting
November 9 - Girl Scout Meetings
November 10 - HOPE Circle Meeting
November 10 - Clyde Hendrix Circle Meeting
November 10 - S.O.N. Circle Meeting
November 11 - Veterans Day
November 11 - Midweek Boost
November 12 - HDS Active Shooter Training
November 13 - HDS Thanksgiving Feast







November 14 - Wrapped in Prayer Meeting
November 14 - UWF Call to Prayer & Self Denial
November 15 - Alternative Giving Project
November 15 - Beyond Labels: Youth Community Event
November 16 - New Life Committee Meeting
November 16 - SPRC Meeting
November 16 - Boy Scout Meetings
November 16 - Cub Scouts Meeting
November 16 - Girl Scout Meetings
November 18 - Nar-Anon Family Group Meeting
November 18 - Midweek Boost
November 19 - Adult Fellowship Thanksgiving Feast
November 20 - HDS Chapel
November 22 - Christ the King Sunday
November 22 - Alternative Giving Project
November 22 - BBQ Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
November 23 - Girl Scouts Fundraiser Delivery
November 23 - Red Cross Blood Drive
November 26 - Thanksgiving
November 26 - Church Office Closed
November 29 - Advent Week 1: Hope
November 30 - Boy Scout Meetings
November 30 - Cub Scouts Meeting
November 30 - Girl Scout Meetings
November 30 - Girl Scouts Fundraiser Delivery
November 30 - Church Council Meeting





If you have news you would like to share in *The Herald*, please contact the Church Office at 803.794.8273 or office@mthebronumc.com. The deadline is the 20th each month.