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Message from Pastor Ann

Celebration Time!

Jesus knew the importance of celebrating. He celebrated at weddings, around tables and at festivals. He rejoiced whenever God's kingdom broke into people's lives. Celebration is one of the ways we remember God's faithfulness and give thanks for all that God has done.

For 225 years, God has been at work through the people of Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church. The faithful men and women who first gathered to form this congregation lived in the shadow of the Revolutionary War. They knew both the cost of struggle and the joy of new beginnings. Generation after generation has worshiped here, served here, raised families here, answered God's call here and carried the hope of Christ into our community and around the world.

Now it's our turn to celebrate.

Our anniversary theme, "History. Hope. Hebron.," reminds us that we honor our past best by faithfully living into God's future. That's why our celebration begins with service. On Saturday, August 22, we'll join together for 225 Acts of Service, putting our faith into action through projects that bless our neighbors and demonstrate Christ's love in tangible ways. There is a place for everyone to serve.

Then, on Sunday, August 23, we'll gather as one church family for a single worship service at 10:30 a.m. as we give thanks for God's faithfulness across 225 years. We are honored that Bishop Leonard E. Fairley will bring the morning message, and several former pastors will join us in worship. Our Chancel Choir and New Life Band will lead us together in a special service that celebrates both our rich heritage and our hopeful future.

Following worship, we'll continue the celebration with an anniversary luncheon. If you plan to attend, please purchase your luncheon tickets in advance, as tickets will not be available on the day of the event.

I hope you'll be part of this unforgettable weekend. Sign up for a service project, invite a friend or former member to worship with you, and come celebrate all that God has done—and all that God is still calling Mt. Hebron to do.

I can't wait to celebrate with you!

In Christ ~ Pastor Ann



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Hebron Day School Updates

Hebron Day School is celebrating 60 years! The day school began in 1966, with Ms. Lillie Buff as the first kindergarten teacher. The program had 20 kindergarteners and 2 teachers. It has grown to 130 students and 28 staff members.

Several events are planned to celebrate the 60th Anniversary. Events include an act of kindness chain, a time capsule to be opened in 60 years, a birthday party on Family Fun Night, and a staff/student picture in the shape of the number 60. Items and shirts from past years will be on display throughout the school year in the children's wing.

Teachers return for the 2026- 2027 school year on August 5 for four days of in-service. Open House is scheduled for August 11 where parents can meet the teachers and the first day of school for students is August 12. Psalm 100:5 – "The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations" will be the Hebron Day School theme this year.

We are excited to celebrate 60 years of ministry at Mt. Hebron and teaching our students about Jesus!

Connections

Come laugh. Come cheer. Come connect!

You're invited to Connections—a fun, 10-minute gathering designed to kick off the morning with encouragement, laughter and plenty of spirit!

**Sunday, August 9
Family Life Center**

During the first 10 minutes of Sunday School

Whether you're a longtime member, new to Mt. Hebron or simply looking for a place to connect, Connections is for you! We'll celebrate, laugh together and start the morning with energy and joy.

And yes...pom-poms are provided!

Come see what all the excitement is about; you just might make a new connection!

Because faith grows stronger when we're connected.

Youth Gym Night
Sunday, August 9th
6pm-7:30pm | FLC

Celebrations

Knox Chandler Mappus was born July 7th to Will and Chandler Mappus. Older brothers are Renaldo, Jett and Cruz. Grandparents are Phyllis Terrapin and John Terrapin. Great grandmother is Lillian Butler. Welcome to the family, Knox!



B A B Y

Ella Marie Norton, daughter of Bruce and Kirsten Norton, was baptized on Sunday, July 12th at the traditional service.

Welcome Our New Members

Larry and Judy Kaye joined Mt. Hebron on July 19th from the Global Methodist Church!

WELCOME

Larry & Judy!



girl scouts **Join**
Join
Join
Join



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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR PLATINUM
225TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

10:30AM - WORSHIP SERVICE

SANCTUARY

UMCSC BISHOP LEONARD E. FAIRLEY

GUEST PREACHER

12PM - CATERED LUNCHEON

SHEALY'S BBQ

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

TICKETS ON SALE NOW-AUGUST 3:

ORDER
Here



OR AT THE CHURCH OFFICE:

M-TH 10AM-4PM

(\$15 IN PERSON, \$16 ONLINE,

TIX REQUIRED FOR AGES 4+)



**Wear on
August
22 and
23!**

- **Sorting/Organizing at Local Ministries:**
 - Mission Lexington
 - Family Promise of the Midlands
 - Oliver Gospel Mission
 - Power in Changing
- **Interior Cleaning at Mt. Hebron**
- **Church Yard Work/Exterior Repairs:**
 - Outdoor Beautification at Mt. Hebron
 - Mt. Hebron Mission House
- **Home Construction/Repairs:**
 - Habitat for Humanity
- **Preparing/Packing/Delivering Food:**
 - We Love You Lunch
- **Crafting:**
 - Crafting with Yarn
 - Card Making
- **Pray from Home:**
 - Prayer Group
- **Donation Drop-Off at Mt. Hebron:**
 - Comforting Kids with Bedding
 - Donations for Various Groups
- **Donating Off-Site:**
 - Blessing Boxes
- **Donating Blood:**
 - American Red Cross
- **Visiting:**
 - Singing at NHC
 - Visiting Homebound Members
 - Serving Home Communion
- **Children/Youth Activities**



REGISTER NOW



Sign up using the QR code above or visiting our website.
You will need to sign up in advance for a project.

225 Celebration Luncheon

On Sunday, August 23rd, we will have our final celebration for our 225th Anniversary! There will be ONE worship service that morning at 10:30am featuring UMCSC Bishop Leonard E. Fairley as our guest preacher followed by a catered lunch from Shealy's BBQ in the FLC at 12pm.

You'll get to enjoy a photo booth, door prizes, history vignettes and Shealy's BBQ, so don't miss it!



Lunch tickets are required for ages 4+ and are \$15 in person and \$16 online (higher due to transaction fees). **Tickets are on sale now through August 3rd and must be purchased in advance. No walk up tickets will be available.** Purchase by scanning the QR code at left or in person at the Church Office M-Th 10am-4pm.

menu

Pulled Pork
Fried Chicken
White Rice
Hash
Green Beans

Coleslaw
Rolls
UMM BBQ Sauces
Iced Tea and Water
Cake



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Upcoming Meetings & Events

August 1 - AMATA-SC Meeting (private event)
August 2 - Salkehatchie Lecture by Rev. Dr. John Culp
August 5 - HDS Teachers & Staff Return
August 5 - Nar-Anon Family Group Meeting
August 5 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
August 6 - HDS Teacher Inservice
August 7 - HDS Teacher Inservice
August 9 - Promotion Sunday & Connections
August 9 - Youth Gym Night
August 10 - HDS Teacher Inservice
August 10 - Minnie Shull-Pat Morrow Circle Meeting
August 10 - Cub Scouts Popcorn Kickoff
August 10 - Weekly Boy Scout Meetings Resume
August 10 - Finance Committee Meeting
August 11 - FLC Closed for Special Primary Election Poll
August 11 - HDS Open House
August 11 - HOPE Circle Meeting
August 11 - Clyde Hendrix Circle Meeting
August 11 - S.O.N. Circle Meeting
August 12 - HDS First Day of School
August 17 - New Life Committee Meeting
August 17 - SPRC Meeting

August 17 - Weekly Cub Scout Meetings Resume
August 19 - Nar-Anon Family Group Meeting
August 21 - FLC Closed for 225 Decorating
August 21 - UMM Dinner for BCHS Football
August 22 - FLC Closed for 225 Decorating
August 22 - 225 Acts of Service
August 23 - 225 Final Celebration:

- One Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 10:30am
- Catered Luncheon in the FLC from 12pm-2pm

August 25 - FLC Closed for Run-Off Election Poll (tent)
August 28 - HDS Chapel
August 31 - Weekly Girl Scout Meetings Resume
September 13 - Weekly Youth Group Meetings Resume
September 16 - Midweek Boost Resumes



225TH ANNIV FINAL CELEBRATIONS!

8/22 - 225 ACTS OF SERVICE
8/23 - 225 CELEBRATION SUNDAY
SEE PAGE 3 FOR FULL DETAILS!

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@mthebrnumc.com or call the church office at 803.794.8273. Deadline is the 20th of each month.

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