

**Welcome to Mt. Hebron**

To see what is happening at Mt. Hebron UMC, check out our website at [www.mthebronumc.com](http://www.mthebronumc.com).



**UMM BBQ Appreciation & Celebration Dinner** – Today at 6:30 PM in the FLC

**Midweek Boost** - Wednesday, November 19 at 5:30pm in the FLC. Soups and sandwiches. Cost of dinner is \$5 per person. Children activities start at 6 PM. Youth and adult Bible study at 6:15 PM.

**Adult Fellowship Annual Thanksgiving Feast** – Thursday, November 20 at 12:30 PM. The cost is \$8 per person. Sign-up sheets will be in the gathering areas, NewLife and in each Sunday School class. Please sign up early so that we will have enough food. Deadline to sign up is Monday, November 17.

**Sunday-Schoolapalooza** – November 30 in the Family Life Center at the conclusion of the New Life Service. Everyone is invited to join us and learn more about the adult Sunday School class offerings.

**Advent Bible Study** – Sunday, November 30 at 3:30 PM with Pastor Ann in the Cornerstone Room. Register in Gathering Areas. Books \$13.

**Mt Hebron Day of Service, Sat. 12/6, 9am-noon.** Join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community through a variety of service opportunities for all ages and abilities. Check the website or flyers to register or email [jwhitesell309@att.net](mailto:jwhitesell309@att.net) for more information.

**UWF Christmas Banquet** – Monday, December 2 at 6:00 PM in FLC.

**GoForth Yard Sale** – Saturday, December 6 from 9AM – 12 PM. Unbelievable bargains on everything! Volunteers are always appreciated to set up (7:30 AM) and/or take down (12 PM). Text Cathy Neeley (803-760-2283) for more information or any questions.

**Acolyte Training** – Sunday, January 11 at 4:30 PM in the Sanctuary for anyone (8 years old and up). If interested, email Erica Peake at [mancala543@hotmail.com](mailto:mancala543@hotmail.com).

**WE ARE HIRING** for the position of Financial Secretary. This is a part-time position that works with the Finance Committee to manage the finances of the church. For more information contact Pat Lawter @ [Plawter@mthebronumc.com](mailto:Plawter@mthebronumc.com) or 803.413.6723.

**During the month of November**, we will be collecting non-perishable food items to help restock local food pantries and provide meals for those in need. Please consider “pop-top” canned goods as not all have access to can openers. Drop-off locations are the gathering area behind the sanctuary or in the gathering area near the office. If you prefer to make a donation to purchase needed items, please designate that on your donation to Mt. Hebron UMC.

**Altar Flower Calendar** – Altar flowers are still need for Dec. 14, Dec. 21, and December 28. The 2026 altar flower calendar has been posted. Please sign up on the day you would like to put flowers in the church and leave a phone number. Any questions, please contact Betty Wise at 803-360-0784.

**Prayer Ministry:** If you feel led to be part of a new prayer team (you can pray from anywhere), contact Pastor Ann at [akovan@mthebronumc.com](mailto:akovan@mthebronumc.com)



**Mt. Hebron celebrates 225 years of faithful ministry.**

**November 16, 2025 ~ 11:15 am**

**Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church**  
3050 Leaphart Road  
West Columbia, SC 29169

*Serving Christ for the Transformation of Lives*

To Give Online



Worship Attendance 11/9/2025 Total – 249 NewLife Online 15, In-person 95/Traditional Online 15, In person 124	
Year-to-Date 11/9/2025 Contributions: \$598,987.18 Expenses: \$736,054.74 Surplus/<Deficit>: (\$137,067.56)	Heritage Building Fund: Building Fund Balance to Date: \$2,040,204.87 Current Loan Balance: \$1,678,556.32

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Sacred Song Dubois

\* Chimes

\* Call to Worship  
Leader: The stone which the builders rejected  
People: Has become the chief cornerstone.  
Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made.  
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

\* Hymn, UMH #154 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name CORONATION

\* 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  
Glorify 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 I Will Sing with the Spirit Rutter  
I will sing with the Spirit: alleluia!  
And I will sing with the understanding also, alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer  
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.

Special Recognition of Service Michael Matthews

Children are invited to Wee Worship

Offertory Prayer Dubois

\* Doxology UMH #94  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
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!

Reception of New Members, UMH 38 Dale & Andrea Sizemore

\* Scripture Reading Luke 21:5-19 NRSV  
5When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts  
dedicated to God, he said, 6“ As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one  
stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” 7They asked him, “Teacher, when will  
this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” 8And he said, “Beware that you  
are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do  
not go after them. 9“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things  
must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” 10Then he said to them, “Nation  
will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; 11there will be great earthquakes, and in  
various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from  
heaven. 12“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you  
over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of  
my name. 13This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14So make up your minds not to prepare  
your defense in advance; 15for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents  
will be able to withstand or contradict. 16You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by  
relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. 17You will be hated by all because  
of my name. 18But not a hair of your head will perish. 19By your endurance you will gain your  
souls.

Sermon Followers of Jesus Face Persecution Rev. Dr. Ann Kovan

\* Hymn, UMH #133 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms SHOWALTER

\* Benediction

\* Postlude March-Postlude Dubois

\* Congregation is invited to stand if able.

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Minister: Reverend Dr. Ann Kovan; Director of Music: Dr. Becky Loar; Organist: Dr. Louis  
Playford; Ushers: Kyle Smith & Kellum Allen; Lay Reader: Taylor Gilliam; Altar Guild: Len Hill &  
Eva Lynn Hill; Greeters: Bonnie Cherry & Lois Pugh; Acolyte: McCarley Leviner