

A Season of Generosity

We are truly blessed. Each morning, Andy and I can get in our cars, turn the key, and know they'll start without worry. If I'm hungry, I can get food. And yes, every once in a while, I even indulge in something I don't need but love—like my new favorite—a Starbucks Pecan Oatmilk Cortado. With two daughters in college and two mortgages while we wait and pray for our Florence house to sell, such indulgences are rare, but the point is clear: we are blessed. I could fill pages listing the things for which I'm grateful. At the very top of that list is God's generosity. Christ gave up everything so that we might have life—life abundant. And this abundance is far greater than material possessions.



This October, we will reflect together on Christ's generosity and how our own giving—of time, talents and treasure—flows from His example. Mt. Hebron has been serving Christ faithfully for 225 years. As we celebrate that history and look with hope to the future, we are reminded that our ability to continue impacting our community depends on each of us committing to generosity. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Currently, our carefully stewarded expenses are outpacing our giving.

Here's what that looks like in the weeks ahead:

- Sunday, October 12 – We will prayerfully commit our time and talents in service to Christ and the ministries of this church.
- Sunday, October 19 – We will prayerfully commit our financial pledges for the coming year so we can create a financial plan for 2026.

For the life and mission of our church, we are asking each person to consider a next step in generosity:

- If you already give, consider giving a little more.
- If you don't give yet, begin with something—even as small as the cost of a weekly coffee.

Together, our gifts—large or small—become part of God's Kingdom work through Mt. Hebron. May our generosity be a reflection, however small, of Christ's generosity to us. Thank you, again, for the many ways you give to Mt. Hebron.

In Christ,
Ann

UWF News



The United Women of Faith are still seeking those special homemade cakes, cookies, brownies and other scrumptious desserts or breads for the annual bake sale! The bake sale is Friday, October 17 from 4-8pm and Saturday, October 18 from 7am-12pm. The bakes sale is in conjunction with the annual UMM BBQ on October 18. Sign up sheets are in the gathering areas of the church. If you would like to help with the sale on Friday or Saturday, please text Georgia Heise at 803.318.8936.



The United Women of Faith would like to remember our college students during the year. If you are the parent of a college student, please contact Ms. Jones in the church office and give her the name of the student, address, name of school and year, email address and birthday.

Henderson Settlement Christmas Drive

Through our gifts to this ministry that serves the people in a remote area of Appalachia, we again can be God's hands and feet in the world and show our love for His children in need. Henderson Settlement has grown from a school for children of this area to a mission that now helps provide for the needs of the people of this remote community from babies to senior adults.

Please help meet these needs through your prayers, donations and gifts to fill the following requests:

- Monetary gifts to provide **Christmas Food Boxes** that are given out to the members of this community in December.
- The **Food Pantry** to purchase food for the increasing need for monthly food boxes.
- **Christmas Wish Lists** this year focuses on youth ages 10-17. Girls are requesting nail polish, nail kits, pajamas, scrunchies, makeup brushes, crossbody purses, shampoo sets, shaving sets and jewelry, such as bracelets. Boys are requesting fishing poles and accessories, pocket knives, sleeping bags, camping chairs, tents and pajamas.
- The **Baby Pantry** needs layette items such as bottles, blankets, onesies, diapers sizes 5-6 and clothes for children ranging from infants-5 years of age.

There are boxes at the doors of the Sanctuary and Family Life Center where you can leave your donated items. You can also drop items off on Wednesday, October 15th from 4pm-6:30pm at the FLC Portico.

Monetary donations may be turned in to the office or brought to the drop-off. Checks should be made payable to "Henderson Settlement" with the name of the specific program (bold above) you would like to support in the memo line.

Adult Fellowship Trip

The Adult Fellowship enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Lexington County Sheriff's Department and lunch at Shealy's BBQ in Batesburg-Leesville on September 5. A fun time was enjoyed by all!



Hebron Day School

Things have been busy at HDS! Everyone has adjusted to their new routines. Chapel is held every other week and we had a guest, Ben Treaster, who presented a special lesson on September 24.

The 3, 4, and 5-year-olds had a wonderful time listening to the stories with the Lexington County Public Library on September 8. The bookmobile has come a few times and the children have been able to check out their own books and keep them in the classroom. Fall pictures were taken on September 16 and 17. Katie English Photography, once again, did an amazing job.

The school will be selling Butter Braid Bread during the month of October. You can order online beginning Oct 6-20. Delivery is November 6. Please let us know if you would like to order.

Family Fun Night for day school families is October 7. There will be food and fun for everyone! We are excited to have Mt. Hebron Youth helping with this event.

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



Welcome Our New Member

Jackson Devore was received into membership by Profession of Faith on September 14.



Youth Ministries



The Pumpkin Patch is returning to Mt. Hebron this year starting with the pumpkin drop on Sunday, October 12 at 4pm! Volunteers are needed to help sell pumpkins. The biggest need for help is from 11:30am-4pm October 13-31 since our youth are in school during this time. The Pumpkin Patch is a great way to meet community members and encourage them to come and be a part of the Mt. Hebron family.

Sunday night youth group has resumed! We are studying Jesus' ministry and finding practical ways to apply his teachings to our lives. The group attendance is averaging 29 youth and adults on Sunday nights.

The youth will be going to Lake Junaluska for a weekend of fellowship, faith and fun in January. Lake Junaluska has turned their entire camp into a youth retreat for the weekends in January.

53rd Annual Mt. Hebron UMM BBQ

In 1971, the men of Mt. Hebron UMC decided to hold a barbecue as a fundraiser for the church building fund. It was held at the Pineview Ruritan Hut and boasted the cooking of 10 pigs (about 1,300 pounds), and the meat was packaged at the church for sale.

The annual BBQ has evolved into a community event on the Mt. Hebron UMC campus where the proceeds are used for local and state mission projects. Since that first year, over \$580,000 has been raised. The nearly \$40K allocations from the 2024 BBQ were awarded to:

- United Methodist Volunteers in Mission
- Salkehatchie
- Henderson Settlement
- Boy Scouts
- Cub Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Mt. Hebron Counseling Service
- Children's Ministries
- Pineview Ruritan Club
- Mt. Hebron's Cognitive Care Ministry
- Snack Sacks Ministry
- Other mission projects



During the past 53 years, 191,000+ pounds of pork and 16,500+ chicken halves been barbecued and 6,000+ gallons of barbecue hash have been made.

For the first time ever, the UMM is excited to offer beef ribs and two new sides – macaroni and cheese and green beans. We have brought back pre-sales for convenience and created two football tailgate packages to enjoy during tailgate festivities.

The men are genuinely excited about this year's BBQ! Help them make it a tremendous success by volunteering your time on October 17 and October 18 and by helping get the word out to your family and friends. Help them sell out! Doors open at 7am on October 18.

A special thank you to all the wonderful men, women and youth that make this event a momentous success.

Go Forth Ministries



If you are a hunter, and have extra deer meat, Go Forth Ministries can use it! Go Forth will pay for the processing if you are willing to harvest an extra deer. Contact Cathy Neeley at 803.760.2283.



GoForth Ministry held a yard sale on Saturday, September 20th and raised \$1,243.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Important Dates

October 3-4

UMM Wood Splitting & Pit Building

October 6-20

HDS Butter Braid Fundraiser

October 6

UMM Load Pits

October 7

HDS Family Night

October 12-31

Youth Pumpkin Patch

October 16

UMM BBQ Pit Lighting

October 17

BBQ Family Fun Night

October 18

UMM BBQ & UWF Bake Sale

October 26

Community Fall Festival

October 28

HDS Harvest Party

Pastoral After Hours Number - 803.422.8136

Special Gifts

- Gift given in memory of Ronald Hallman to Mt. Hebron's Music Fund by M.J. Phipps, Donny & Judith Phipps, Ray and Margie Adkins, Bonnie Cherry, Dorothy Finley, Texa Fortner and Calmwater Advisors
- Gift given in memory of T.A. Harman by Ann Addy, Bryan and Missy Addy and Family and Jason and Kim Addy and Family
- Gift given by David Stallard and the Chaffin and Bilton Families to Mt. Hebron's Music Program in honor of Tom Brunson
- Gift given in memory of Viola Hall by Donna Griffin, Thomas and Letha Edmonds, Henhouse Ministry, Andrew Woodham Jr., Peggy Sox and Family and Earl and Cindy Grothman
- Gift given in memory of Romell Jones by Ray and Margie Adkins
- Gift given in memory of Anne Senn by Texa Fortner
- Gift given in memory of Ken Stueber by Bonnie Cherry
- Gift given in memory of Beth Warren by Judy Riser, Bonnie Cherry and Brenda Middleton

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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