

Advent and Christmas Season Events at Mt. Hebron

Dec 2 – Church Wide Christmas Dinner, Hosted by the UMM, Family Life Center, 6:30pm

There will be a delicious dinner featuring a large ribeye steak (or chicken breast, if you specify in advance), baked potato, sautéed mushrooms, salad, and variety of desserts. 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. Purchase tickets for \$15 online (click the UMM Graphic on the homepage at www.mthebronumc.com), from a UMM member, or the church office no later than Tuesday, Nov 29.

Dec 4 – Service of Lessons and Carols, 11:15 Traditional Service

Mt Hebron’s Chancel Choir will present a wonderful service of scripture, carols and music.

Dec 11 – Children’s Choir Christmas Program, 11:15am, Family Life Center

Please note, the 11:15 worship service this Sunday will be held in the Family Life Center

Dec 11 - Live Nativity, 5:00-7:00pm

You are invited to join Friends in Christ Sunday School Class as we share the true meaning of Christmas with our community.

Dec 19 – Adult Fellowship Christmas Celebration, 12:30pm

Bring an hors d’oeuvre or sweet treat and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship!

Dec 21 - Service of the Longest Night at 7:00pm

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Worship Services 12:00 noon, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

Dec 25 – Christmas Day ONE Worship Service, 10:00am, Family Life Center

Advent Study – Join us for the pastor-led Advent Study, *Light of the World: A Beginner’s Guide to Advent*. We will meet at 10am Sunday mornings in the Cornerstone Room (406), beginning today, Nov 27.

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Tuesday, Nov 29, 2:30 – 7:30pm, 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 at 803-730-2698 or the church office if you have questions or need additional information.

Sole Stepping Volunteers Needed – Shoe Distribution Day Volunteers needed! Would you like to help give new shoes to students at local elementary schools? (Dec 1, 7, 8) Forms located in the gathering areas or for more info, contact Connie Cothran at ccothran@sc.rr.com.

GoForth Community Sale – Saturday, Dec 10, 9am-12noon. Volunteers needed! Clothing, home goods, décor, and more! Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

Contributions for 2022 are due in the church office by December 31, or must be postmarked no later than midnight, December 31.

Worship Attendance 11/20/2022 – 287	
8:45 NewLife! – Online 24, In-Person 57; 9am Traditional – In-Person 85	
11:15 Traditional – Online 21, In-Person 100	
Heritage Building Fund: Building Fund Balance to Date: \$215,043.08 Current Loan Balance: \$1,931,932.41	Year-to-Date 11/13/22: Contributions: \$777,917.46 Expenses: \$884,892.28 Surplus/<Deficit>: <\$106,974.82>

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November 27, 2022 ~ 9:00 am
Serving Christ for the Transformation of Lives
Embrace... Engage... Empower

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Savior of the Nations, Come* Bach

* Chimes

* Call to Worship

* Hymn, UMH #211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL
(vs. 1, 2, 6, 7)

* Lighting of Advent Candle The Oberly Family

* 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.*

Opening Prayer

Building of the Crèche

Offertory *Comfort Ye, My People... Every Valley Shall be Exalted* (from MESSIAH) Handel
Dylan Hinson, tenor

* 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 Luke 1:39-56, NRSV
³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,
⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard
Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy
Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the
fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes
to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped
for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was
spoken to her by the Lord." ⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit
rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done
great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from
generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud
in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away
empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the
promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." ⁵⁶And
Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Sermon

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...glory is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer after Receiving

* Hymn, UMH #196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

* Benediction and Congregational Response

*God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

* Postlude *Savior of the Nations, Come* Pachelbel

* Congregation is invited to stand if able.

Minister: Rev. Cynthia Taylor; Director of Music: Tom Brunson; Organist: Dr. Louis Playford
Lay Reader: Doris Layton; Ushers: Ed Harmon, Troy Blalock, Sue Gamble, Gary Lain
Altar Guild: Marty Roland & Eva Lynn Hill; Greeters: Angie Lain & Carolyn Jackson

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Jeffcoat family.