

**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).

**Church Council Meeting** – Monday, May 18 at 7:00 PM in the FLC.

**Trustees Meeting** – Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room.

**225 Fourth Sunday Music Ministry** – Sunday, May 24. Wear your 225 T-shirts.

**Vacation Bible School** – GLOW – Go light our world. May 26 -29. Registration now open at [www.mthebronumc.com](http://www.mthebronumc.com).

**Go Forth Yard Sale** – The next Go Forth yard sale is planned for June 6 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. There will be wonderful merchandise at bargain prices!

**225 Commemorative T-shirts & 4th Sunday Celebrations** –We'll continue celebrating different areas of the church during Sunday worship services on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. T-shirt sales will end on May 31. This will be the final order and your last chance to purchase a T-shirt. Shirts will be ready for pick up starting on Sunday, June 21. Shirts ordered late in March or early April will be included in this order. Short sleeved T-shirts are \$20 and long sleeved T-shirts are \$25 and can be ordered online or purchased from the church office.

**225 Legacy Gift Opportunity:** Your 225 Legacy Gift will go to refurbish our church sign and install a new, state-of-the-art LED board so we can communicate all our ministry, missions, and fellowship opportunities to our community, extending our church to the world. If you'd like to make a gift, please note your check or giving envelope with "225 Gift." If giving online, please select the "225 Memorial" fund from the list of options. Thank you for your generosity and for making this outreach possible!

**225 Commemorative Cups** – Get your 225 commemorative cups! Several colors are available: green, navy, pink and black. Large cups are \$35 and small cups are \$25. Order form in the Welcome Center.

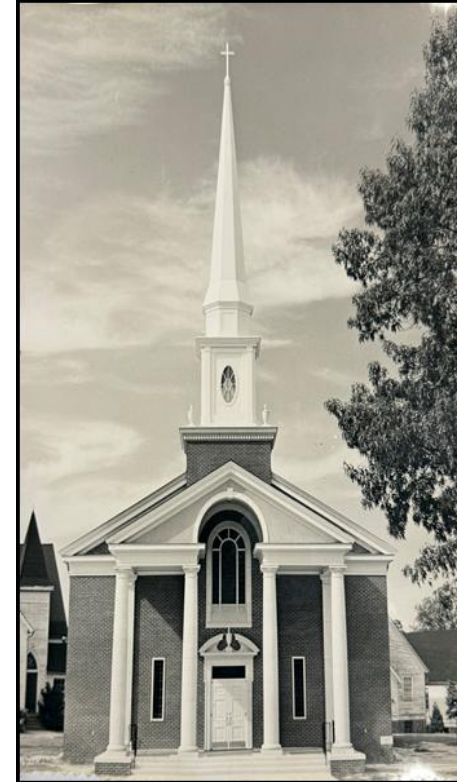
*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of and in honor of the 2026 graduates by Stephanie Jeffcoat.*

*Minister:* Reverend Dr. Ann Kovan; *Director of Music:* Dr. Rebecca Loar; *Organist:* Dr. Louis Playford; *Ushers:* Kellum Allen & Nicholas O'Connor; *Lay Reader:* Avery Connor; *Altar Guild:* Pam Gowan & Nancy Hawkins; *Greeters:* Lois Pugh & Ellen Smith; *Acolyte:* Ward Smith

To Give Online



<p>Sunday School Attendance 5/10/2026          Children &amp; Youth - 36, Adult - 80          Worship Attendance: 5/10/2026 - 249          NewLife Service – Online 15, In-Person 94          Traditional Service – Online 20, In-Person 120</p>	
<p>Year-to-Date: 5/10/2026          Contributions: \$255,870.84          Expenses: \$243,874.06          Surplus/&lt;Deficit&gt;: \$11,996.78          225 Legacy: \$13,565.00</p>	<p>Heritage Building Fund:          Building Fund Balance to Date: \$1,953,457.50          Current Loan Balance:          \$1,640,000.57</p>



DID YOU KNOW? An organ was purchased at a cost of \$42,282.00 and dedicated on November 9, 1975. Morgan Williams was hired in January 1976 as our first paid organist.

***HISTORY. HOPE. HEBRON.***

**May 17, 2026 ~ 11:15 am**

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

***Serving Christ for the Transformation of Lives***

# Ascension Sunday Graduation Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Lamb of God* by Lloyd Larson  
Handbell Choir directed by Matthew Chesnutt  
Gena Turner, accompanist

\* Chiming of the Hour

\* Call to Worship  
Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
**People: Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!**  
Leader: For God reigns over the nations;  
**People: Sing praises with a psalm! Alleluia!**

\* Processional Hymn, UMH #383 *This is a Day of New Beginnings* BEGINNINGS

\* 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*

Recognition of Graduates

Presentation of J. W. Hendrix Scholarships

Anthem *If You Search With All Your Heart* by Craig Courtney

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.**

*Children are dismissed to Wee Worship*

Offertory *Draw Me Close* by K. Carpenter  
Ambree White, Soloist

\* 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.*

Reception of New Members: Andy, Gabby & Claire Kovan UMH #38

Scripture Reading Acts 1:1-11 NRSV  
<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the  
beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the  
Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to  
them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking  
about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem,  
but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from  
me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days  
from now.' <sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you  
will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup>He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods  
that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit  
has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to  
the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a  
cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven,  
suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand  
looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come  
in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Sermon *Closer Still* Reverend Dr. Ann Kovan

\* Cokesbury Hymnal #233 *Love Lifted Me* (See Insert)

\* Benediction

\* Postlude *Grand Chorus* Faulkes

\* *Congregation is invited to stand if able.*

\*\**universal*