

THE HERALD

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MT. HEBRON UMC
YEARS

July
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HISTORY. HOPE. HEBRON.

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Message from Pastor Ann

Be Part of Our Story of Hope!

One of the most exciting moments in our 225th Anniversary Celebration is just around the corner!

On Saturday, August 22, Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church will gather for our 225 Acts of Service—a church-wide day dedicated to putting our faith into action. As we celebrate our theme, “History. Hope. Hebron.,” we will honor our heritage by doing what generations of Mt. Hebron members have always done: serving Christ by serving others.

For 225 years, God has used the people of Mt. Hebron to make a difference in our community and beyond. From caring for neighbors in need to supporting missions around the world, service has always been part of our identity. Now, as we look toward the future, we have an opportunity to continue that legacy together.

Our goal is simple: 225 acts of service completed by the people of Mt. Hebron. And there truly will be something for everyone.

We are creating service opportunities for every age, skill level, interest and ability. Some projects will take place throughout our community, while others will happen right here on our campus. Opportunities will include:

- Warehouse sorting and organizing for local nonprofit partners
- Home building, repair and rehabilitation projects
- Yard work and outdoor assistance
- Making cards and notes of encouragement for children in need, prisoners and homebound members
- Collecting donations for local ministries
- Hospitality and kindness projects
- Church cleaning and beautification projects
- Prayer ministries
- Creating crafts and comfort items for children experiencing trauma

We want every member of our church family to be able to participate. Homebound members will have meaningful opportunities to serve from home, and childcare will be provided at the church. We will also offer



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age-appropriate projects for children and youth, allowing parents who wish to serve off-campus to do so with confidence. This is not simply a volunteer event. It is an opportunity to live out our mission to follow Jesus for the transformation of lives. Every note written, every prayer offered, every donation collected, every yard mowed, every act of kindness shared becomes a witness to the love of Christ.

Whether you are 9 or 99, whether you can give an entire day or just an hour, whether your gifts involve construction, creativity, hospitality, prayer or encouragement, there is a place for you.

As sign-ups become available, I encourage you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to participate. Imagine the impact if every member of Mt. Hebron joined together in service on this one day. Imagine the hope we can share with our community. Imagine the story we will tell future generations about how we celebrated 225 years of ministry, not by looking only at where we have been, but by investing in where God is leading us next.

Let's make August 22 a day that reflects the very best of Mt. Hebron's past, present and future.

In Christ,
Pastor Ann

Harvest Hope Volunteers

Several circle sisters volunteer at Harvest Hope Food Bank every third Thursday of the month and unpack and sort food to be distributed to needy families in the Columbia area.



Welcome Our New Members

Dan and Becky Guseman joined Mt. Hebron from Shiloh UMC, Gaston on June 21st!



WELCOME

Dan & Becky!

Hebron Day School Updates

Hebron Day School is looking for an Infant and Toddler Assistant for the 2026-2027 School Year. Please contact Jodie Smith at jsmith@mthebronumc.com for more information.

They also still have a few spots left in the 3's Class and kindergarten.

Happy 101st Birthday, Ms. Pat!

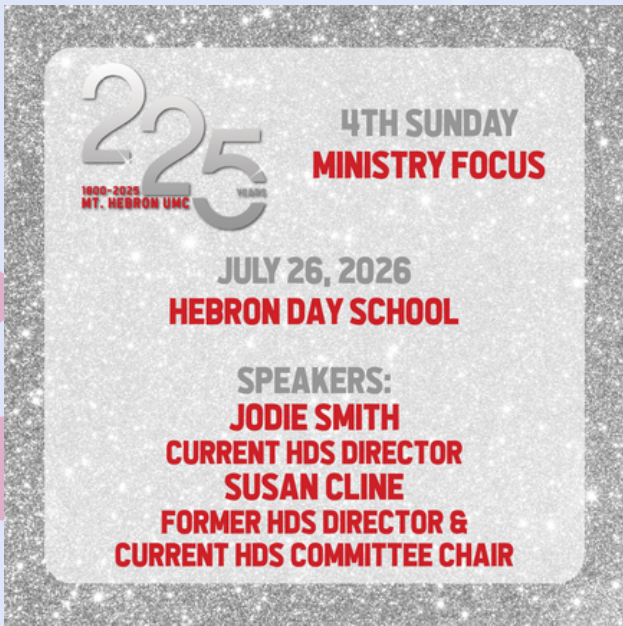


Pat's birthday is July 16th. If you'd like to brighten her day with a card or call, her information is:
110 Summit Hills Drive
Room 402
Spartanburg, SC 29307
864.208.8022
(leave message)

To My Church Family,

As I approach the celebration of my 101st birthday, July 16, I am reminded of God's blessings and your faithfulness in continuing to remember me with cards, notes and phone messages. These truly bless my heart and brighten my day. Thank you so much. I continue to pray for you and for my beloved Mt. Hebron.

— Pat Morrow



SEND US YOUR MEMORIES!

We are looking for your pictures, documents, artifacts, videos, etc. to feature each month!

Please share your memories of Mt. Hebron with us via either communications@mthebronumc.com or leave in the Communications Box in the Workroom (behind the Church Office) for us to scan and return to you.



• Sorting/Organizing at Local Ministries:

- Mission Lexington
- Keeping it Real
- Midlands Orphan Relief
- Family Promise of the Midlands
- Oliver Gospel Mission
- Harvest Hope Food Bank

• Cleaning/Interior On-Campus

• Yard Work/Exterior Repairs:

- On-campus
- Go Forth Mission House

• Construction/Repairs:

- Habitat for Humanity

• Preparing/Packing/Delivering Food

• Crafts:

- Making cards
- Wrapped in Prayer Ministry

• Prayer

• Donations/Drop-Off at Church:

- Children's twin-size comforter sets for Mount Herman's bed ministry
- Diapers
- Feminine hygiene products

• Donations/Off-Campus

- Non-perishable foods to local Blessing Boxes

• Red Cross Blood Drive/Off Campus

• Visiting:

- Singing at NHC
- Visiting homebound members
- Taking homebound communion

• Children/Youth Activities:

- Packing dog food for Mission Lexington
- Making activity bags for Ronald McDonald House



Sign ups will be available later this month on 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.



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.

Pulled Pork
Fried Chicken
White Rice
Hash
Green Beans

Coleslaw
Rolls
UMM BBQ Sauces
Iced Tea and Water
Cake

menu



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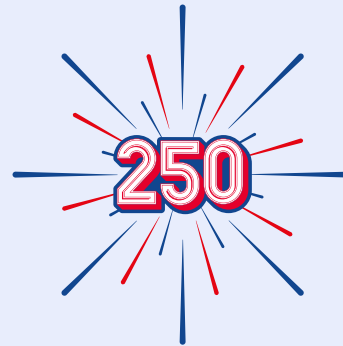
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Upcoming Meetings & Events

- July 1 – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- July 4 – America’s 250th & Independence Day**
- July 4 – Church Wide 4th of July Covered Dish Lunch
- July 6 – 225 Committee Meeting
- July 12 – UMM Breakfast Meeting
- July 13 – Minnie Shull-Pat Morrow Circle Meeting
- July 13 – Worship Committee Meeting
- July 13 – New Life Committee Meeting
- July 14 – HDS Wing Closed for Carpet Cleaning**
- July 14 – HOPE Circle Meeting
- July 14 – Clyde Hendrix Circle Meeting
- July 14 – S.O.N. Circle Meeting
- July 19 – Safety Briefing During Worship**
- July 20 – SPRC Meeting
- July 26 – 225 4th Sunday: Hebron Day School**
- July 27 – Finance Committee Meeting
- July 27 – Church Council Meeting
- July 28 – CPR Class
- July 31 – Back to School Bingo Bash



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

To sign up for church emails, message communications@mthebronumc.com.
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