

Welcome to Mt. Hebron

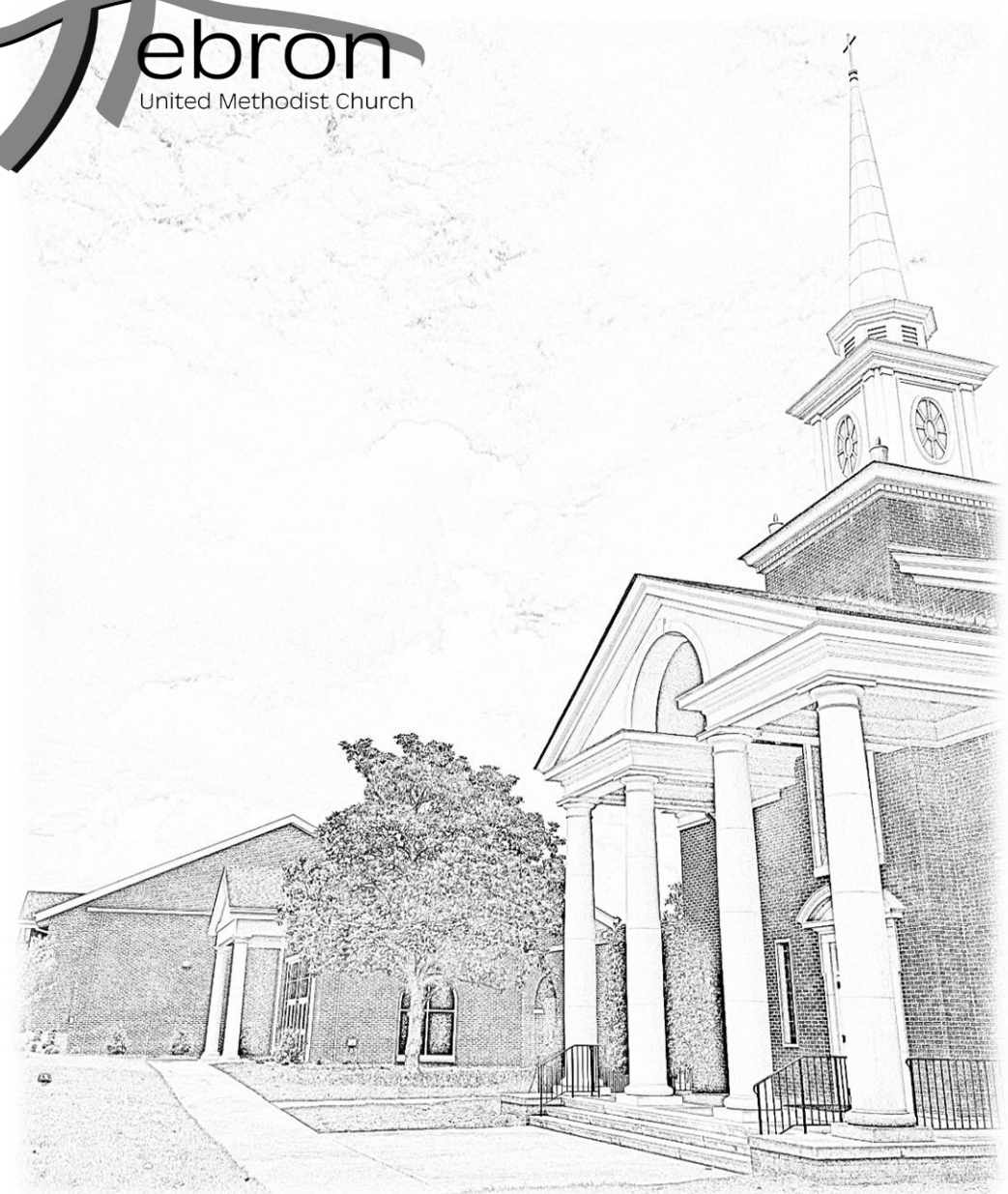
Sunday School Study - The New Covenant Sunday School class will be offering a 5 week study (Apr 7 - May 5) on John Wesley based on the study guide "The Character of a Methodist." "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can." All are welcome!

Upcoming Youth Events: 4/28 Family Movie Night in the Fellowship Hall; 5/5 - Confirmation Sunday/Cinco De Mayo Party; 5/19 - Graduation Sunday

Hebron Day School is Hiring! Hebron Day School will be hiring teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. You will need to be of good Christian character and patient and loving with children. Staff members receive 50% off children's tuition. For more information, please email jsmith@mthebronumc.com

Salkehatchie Time! - Salkehatchie registration is open with 37 camps around the state. Info about all these camps is available at umcsc.org/Salkehatchie. Members of Mt. Hebron lead three of the camps. The names of these camps, their dates and contact information are: Union Camp, June 15-22, contact Les Marchant 803-629-5615; Edisto Camp, July 6-13, contact Judy Whitesell 803-960-5369; Santee Camp, July 6-13, contact Ward Smith 803-960-7736 (or for info regarding any of the 37 camps).

Children's Programming on Wednesdays - All kids are welcome to join us every Wednesday, 5:30-6:30pm for Children's choirs, handbells, and preschool activities!



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Worship Attendance 4/21/2024 - 182 8:45 NewLife! - Online 10, In-Person 29; 9am Traditional - In-Person 51 11:15 Traditional - Online 10, In-Person 82	
Heritage Building Fund: Building Fund Balance to Date: \$2,040,688.30 Current Loan Balance: \$1,812,068.25	Year-to-Date 4/21/2024: Contributions: \$202,561.25 Expenses: \$274,521.13 Surplus/<Deficit>: <\$71,959.88>

In case of an after-hour/weekend pastoral emergency, please call the church 803-794-8273, press 9 as prompted. You will be directed to the pastor on call.

April 28, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

*Serving Christ for the Transformation of Lives
Embrace... Engage... Empower*

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

* Chimes

* Call to Worship

* Hymn, UMH #160 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

* 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.*

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

**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's Time

Offertory

* 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.*

* Hymn, UMH #549 *Where Charity and Love Prevail* ST. PETER

Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-40, NRSV

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Sermon

* Hymn, UMH #427 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* GERMANY

* 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

* *Congregation is invited to stand if able.*

*Minister: Rev. Morgan Byars; Director of Music: Tom Brunson; Organist: Dr. Louis Playford
Altar Guild: Pam Gowan & Nancy Hawkins; Ushers: Ed Harmon, Tyler Jackson, Jim New
Greeters: Debra Barnes & Jean Besco; Lay Reader: Joyce Wingate; Acolyte: Sadie Way*