

Welcome to Mt. Hebron

Wednesday Night Connections Dinner Sign-Up - We begin each evening with a meal available from 5-6:15pm in the Family Life Center. Please sign up for the meal using the slips in the pew attendance pads or at www.mthebronumc.com. Cost: \$4/child and \$8/adult; \$20 maximum for a family. Menu for this Wednesday: Breakfast casserole, pancakes, sausage, fruit, dessert.

Candy Grams for Sale - Order a Candy Gram for someone special (*today is the final day to order*). Candy Grams will be delivered by Hebron kids during Sunday School or will be ready to be picked up in the Gathering Area before/after worship services on Feb 12. Proceeds benefit Hebron Kids Missions.

Welcome Back Youth! - Join us on **TODAY**, 5:30-7pm, in the Family Life Center for games and food!

UWF Mission Project - The United Women in Faith will be collecting monetary donations **TODAY**, for a District Mission Project to help provide clean water for children in Jackson, Mississippi.

Boy Scout Food Drive - Scouts are collecting canned goods through Sunday, Feb 12. All donations will be given to the GoForth Food Pantry. Donation boxes are located in the Gathering Areas. Thank you in advance for your support!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Delicious pancakes, toppings, fresh fruit, sausage, bacon and best of all Fellowship on Feb 21 at 6pm in the Family Life Center. Cost: Adult \$6, Kids (4-7) \$4, Under 3, free.

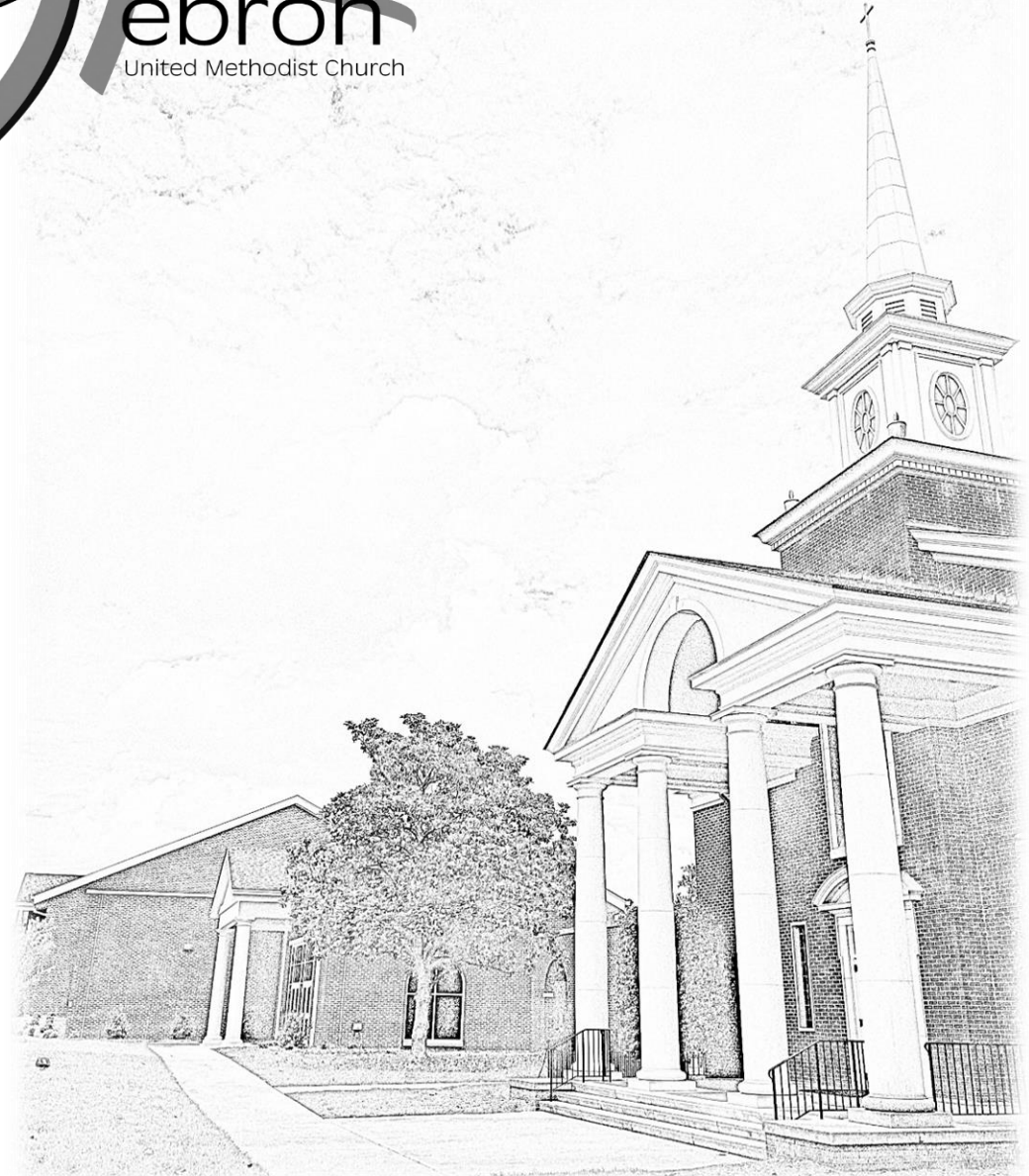
Ash Wednesday Service - Join us at 7pm in the Sanctuary on Feb 22 for our Ash Wednesday Service.

UMM Boston Butt Fundraiser - The UMM is selling Boston Butts for pick up Saturday, Mar 18, from 11am - 1pm. BBQ sauce will also be available for purchase. Get your tickets from a UMM member, the church office, or www.mthebronumc.com. The Boston Butts (7-8 lbs.) cost \$40 each and \$5 per bottle of sauce. Thank you for your support!

We're Hiring! We are currently in search of a Director of Youth Ministry. Please contact the church office, office@mthebronumc.com, or Pam Gowan, SPRC Chair, pgowan28@gmail.com, for more details.

HDS Registration - Registration has started for the 2023-2024 school year! Church member registration started on Feb 2. We will register current students and siblings of currently enrolled on Feb 6. We will open to the community on Feb 8. Registration is online again this year (www.mthebronumc.com/hds). Please call the day school office at 803-794-8275 for more info.

New Magnetic Locking System for Exterior Church Doors - The Family Life Center exterior doors have been put on a new magnetic locking system, with additional exterior doors to be added in the future. A key card will be needed when entering the Family Life Center during non-meeting/non-event times. The doors will be open and accessible without a key card at the beginning of meeting/event times and during worship on Sundays. It is the trustee's intent to confirm the exterior doors are locked before and after functions to ensure the safety of all parishioners, not to prohibit members from entering the church. If you are a church member that will need access to the church using a key card, during non-event/meeting times, please contact the church office at office@mthebronumc.com. We ask that all committee and group leaders confirm their meetings and events are scheduled through the church office and on the church's calendar to ensure the appropriate doors are accessible accordingly.



February 5, 2023 ~ 9:00 am

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

Worship Attendance 1/29/2023 - 382 8:45 NewLife! - Online 26, In-Person 82; 9am Traditional - In-Person 125 11:15 Traditional - Online 25, In-Person 124	
Heritage Building Fund: Building Fund Balance to Date: \$229,976.45 Current Loan Balance: \$1,918,172.93	Year-to-Date 1/29/2023: Contributions: \$53,750.41 Expenses: \$73,555.58 Surplus/<Deficit>: <\$19,805.17>

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word* Walker

* Chimes

* Call to Worship

* Hymn, UMH #438 *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* DUKE STREET

* 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.*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Ministry Update

Offertory *Reverie* Still

* 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 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, NRSV

2When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. 2For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. 6Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. 7But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — 10these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches

everything, even the depths of God. 11For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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.

Communion Interlude *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Hogan
Tay Harriett, bass

Prayer after Receiving

* Hymn, UMH #628 *Eat This Bread* BERTHIER
(sing twice)

* 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 *Come, Thou Spirit of Wisdom* Karg-Elert

*Minister: Rev. Cynthia Byars; Director of Music: Tom Brunson; Organist: Dr. Louis Playford
Lay Reader: Tyler Greenlee; Ushers: Ed Harmon, Butch Salters, Sid Staudt, Barry Wilson
Altar Guild: Teresa Calcina and Eva Lynn Hill; Greeters: Rita Vinson & Sharon Cromer*

*The flowers on the altar today are placed to the glory of God and in
honor of Art and Sandy Chatten on their 60th Wedding Anniversary by their family.*