

Welcome to Mt. Hebron

To see what is happening at Mt. Hebron UMC, check out our website at www.mthebrnumc.com.

Worship Committee Meeting – Monday, March 9 at 1:30 PM in the Conference Room.

New Life Committee Meeting Monday, March 9 at 6:00 PM in the Cornerstone Room.

Midweek Boost - Wednesday, March 11 at 5:30 PM in the FLC. Fried steak-style chicken, mac & cheese, peas & snaps, rice, cabbage, biscuits, desserts, tea and coffee. Cost of meals is \$5 per person. Children activities start at 6 PM. Bible study from 6:15 to 7:15 PM.

Memory Café – Thursday, March 12 at 11:00 AM in the Family Life Center.

United Methodist Men Shrimp & Grits Dinner featuring the Capital City Big Band - Tuesday, March 17 in the FLC at 6:30 PM. Shrimp & Grits (self-service) hush puppies, Cole slaw, desserts, tea, lemonade & coffee. Tickets \$14 for adults and \$8 for children (10 and under). Tickets may be purchased online or in the church office.

GoForth Mission House Spring Sale! – Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Great bargains on everything. Volunteers needed to help set up (7:15 AM) and take down (12:00 PM). Will cancel if raining.

Adult Fellowship Trip to the Real McCoy Museum of History in Edgefield, SC – Friday, March 27. Over 40 years of collected memorabilia should be fascinating. No cost, but a donation will be appreciated. We will stop for lunch on the way home. Sign up in Gathering Area. Deadline is March 22.

225 Commemorative T-shirts & 4th Sunday Celebrations – We'll be celebrating different areas of the church during Sunday worship services on the 4th Sunday of each month. Short sleeved t-shirts are \$20/long sleeved t-shirts are \$25 and can be ordered online or purchased from the church office. You are asked to wear them on the 4th Sunday of each month.

The Mt. Hebron Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the J. W. Hendrix Educational Scholarship and the J. W. Hendrix Continuing Education Scholarship for the 2026-2027 school year. Applications are online or in the church office.

Altar Flower Calendar – Sundays are still available on the altar flower calendar. Please sign up on the day you would like to put flowers in the church and leave a phone number. Any questions, please contact Betty Wise (803-360-0784).

The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after the service today and again on Saturday, March 14 from 11:00 to 1:00 PM in the parking lot.

Minister: Reverend Dr. Ann Kovan; **Director of Music:** Dr. Becky Loar; **Organist:** Dr. Louis Playford; **Ushers:** Nicholas O'Connor & Brenda Middleton; **Lay Reader:** Christine Miller; **Altar Guild:** Marci Eaddy & Lynn James; **Greeters:** Bonnie Cherry & Julie Dunn; **Acolyte:** Sadie Way

The flowers placed on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mt. Hebron's support of Girl Scout Troop 3395.

To Give Online



Sunday School Attendance 3/1/2026
Children & Youth – 31, Adult – 90
Worship Attendance: 3/1/2026 - 290
New Life Service 8:45 AM – Online 15, In-Person 127
Traditional Service 11:15 AM – Online 21, In-Person 127



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Girl Scout Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent • March 8, 2026 • 11:15am

DID YOU KNOW? A Girl Scout Troop, including a Brownie Troop for younger girls, was started at Mt. Hebron in the late 1950's. The current troop was started in 2019 and has about 50 girls from Daisies to Cadettes with 9 leaders.

Serving Christ for the Transformation of Lives

Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Prelude on an English Melody* Livingston

* Chimes

* Call to Worship:

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to our God!

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

People: And make a joyful noise with songs.

* Hymn, UMH #128 *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* HE LEADETH ME

Presentation of Colors & Flag Ceremony

Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law

Girl Scout Mission Statement

* Affirmation of Faith (Nicene Creed) UMH#880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

Children's Time: *Children Invited to Go to Wee Worship*

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.

Offertory *Come Fill My Heart, Lord* by Timothy G. Bushong

Come fill my heart, Lord. Come light my way.

Come ease my troubled mind that I might serve you well this day.

Come ease my pain, Lord. Come make me whole.

Come quench my thirst and feed the hunger in my soul, come fill my heart.

Lord hear my cry, Lord hear this prayer. My every sorrow heal, my broken spirit, my despair.

When I lose my way, Lord, and I call your name, come save me once again and wipe away my shame, come fill my heart.

Come fill this broken vessel with your love and grace. Fill me to overflowing this I pray.

* Doxology

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Scripture Reading Matthew 8:5-13 NRSV

⁵When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him ⁶and saying, 'Lord, my servant is lying at home paralysed, in terrible distress.' ⁷And he said to him, 'I will come and cure him.' ⁸The centurion answered, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' ¹⁰When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, 'Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, 'Go; let it be done for you according to your faith.' And the servant was healed in that hour.

Sermon Safe Keeping Reverend Dr. Ann Kovan

Special Music *This Little Light of Mine* Girl Scouts

Lenten Prayer of Confession:

God of All, you created us for each other. You set in us a yearning for companionship and an empathy that binds us together, protecting each other and delighting in one another.

Yet too often we have broken down our relationships instead of building them up.

We have been set against one another with the lie of scarcity. We have built systems and economies that widen the gap of resources rather than safeguarding equitable practices.

Too many, and growing numbers, are suffering hardship, food insecurity, joblessness.

We cannot fathom the proportions of loss and so we look away, sometimes even from the need in our own

community. Help us, Healer. Show us our empathy. Forgive our complacency. Move us to move

one step at a time toward greater care for one another. In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness. (Silence)

Musical Refrain (sung three times)

**Vessels, holy and whole
Broken, needing the One
Open, body and soul
Healer, come.**

Assurance and Pardon

The peace of Christ is with you.

And also with you. Amen.

* Hymn, UMH #265 *O Christ, the Healer* ERHALT UNS HERR

* Benediction

* Postlude *Our Refuge and Strength* Broughton

* *Congregation is invited to stand if able.*

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