

Welcome to Mt. Hebron

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

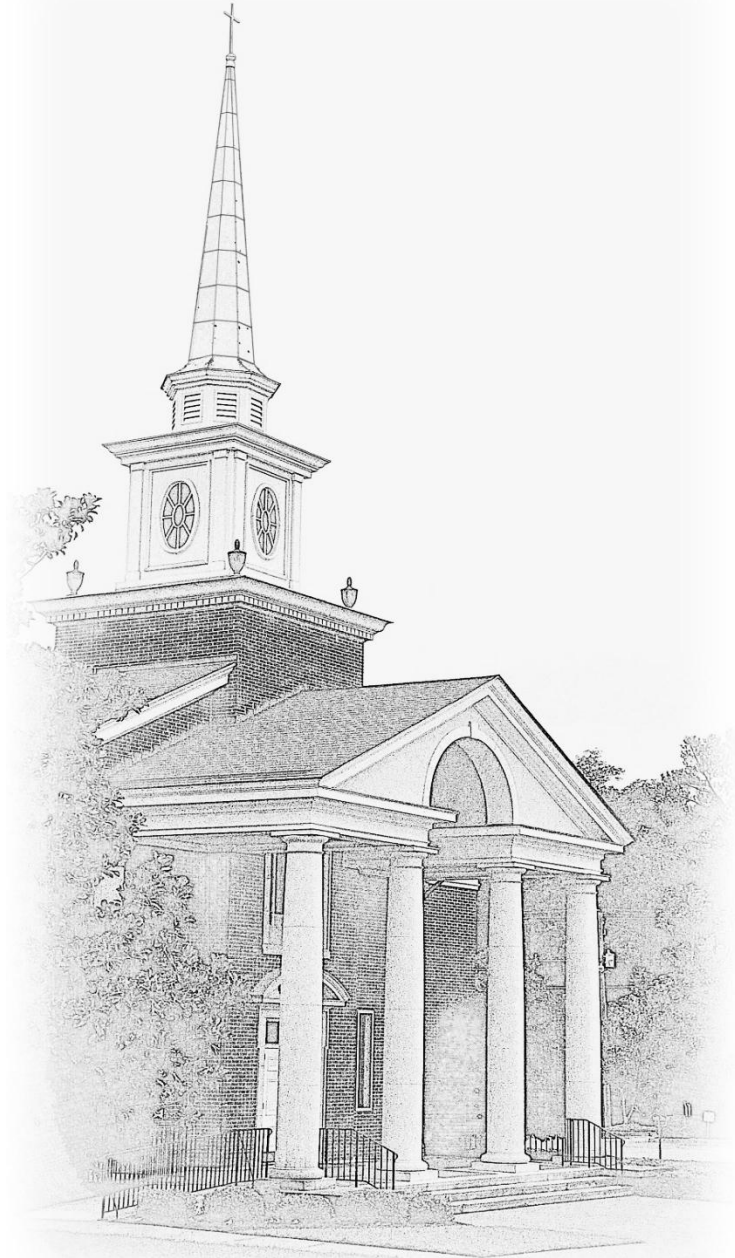
- 225 Committee Meeting** – Monday, May 4 at 5:00 PM in Conference Room.
- UWF General Unit Meeting** – Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 in Cornerstone Room.
- American Red Cross Blood Drive** – Tuesday, May 5 from 1:00 – 6:00 PM in the FLC. Schedule your appointment online.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study** – Wednesday, May 6 at 9:30 AM in the Cornerstone Room.
- Midweek Boost** - Wednesday, May 6 at 5:30 PM in the FLC. Meal will be southern BBQ chicken, green beans, corn on the cob, rolls and dessert. Cost of meal is \$5. **Think you know the story of our church?** Let’s find out! Join us for a fun night of trivia as we celebrate **225 years** of ministry, memories, and moments that shaped who we are today. From surprising facts to meaningful milestones, you’ll test your knowledge and maybe even learn something new along the way. Bring a team or join one when you arrive – either way, it’s going to be a night full of laughter, connection, and a little friendly competition.
- UMM Fishing Tournament** – Saturday, May 9. Fishing starts at 6:00 AM and ends at 2:30 PM with a weigh in at the FLC at 3 PM. Hotdogs and drinks will be served at 3 PM.
- Confirmation Sunday** – Sunday May 10
- Memory Café** – Wednesday, May 13 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Family Life Center. Join us for a light meal, fellowship and a short program with Tori Anderson, Dementia Care Specialist, SC Commission on Aging. This is a ministry for people living with cognitive impairment and those who care for them.
- Adult Fellowship** – Join us on May 15 for a glorious God-filled morning trip to Mission Lake, a modern-day tabernacle in the wilderness. Meet at the church no later than 9:45 AM. We will have lunch after.
- Graduation Sunday May 17** – Will you be graduating from high school or college during the 2025 – 2026 school year? If you are, please notify the church office by May 11 and indicate your name and school to be recognized on Graduation Sunday.
- Vacation Bible School** – *GLOW – Go light our world.* May 26 -29. Registration now open at www.mthebronumc.com.
- 225 Commemorative T-shirts & 4th Sunday Celebrations** –We’ll continue celebrating different areas of the church during Sunday worship services on the 4th 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 "255 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. Sign up to order in the Welcome Center.
- Thank You from Cal Atwood** – Dear church friends, thank you so much for everything you’ve done for me over the last 18 years. The recognition during worship, the reception, the gifts, and the love was overwhelming. Thank you for everything. Mt. Hebron is special and I was blessed to work here.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Roland & Frances Cornish by Robin McCants.

Minister: Reverend Dr. Ann Kovan; *Director of Music:* Dr. Becky Loar; *Organist:* Dr. Louis Playford; *Ushers:* Robert Cline & Keith Mathias; *Lay Reader:* Elizabeth Burritt; *Altar Guild:* Nancy Penney & Lisa Garrett; *Greeters:* Bonnie Cherry & Georgia Heise; *Crucifer:* Gena Turner; *Communion Servers:* Rev. Paul Harmon, Jan Harmon & Ellen Smith; *Acolytes:* Drew White & Rivers Alley



Sunday School Attendance 4/26/2026 Children & Youth - 22, Adult - 78 Worship Attendance: 4/26/2026 - 227 NewLife Service - Online 20, In-Person 72 Traditional Service – Online 23, In-Person 112	
Year-to-Date: 4/26/2026 Contributions: \$228,186.84 Expenses: \$223,106.57 Surplus/<Deficit>: \$5,080.27 225 Legacy: \$5,710.00	Heritage Building Fund: Building Fund Balance to Date: \$1,953,457.50 Current Loan Balance: \$1,640,000.57



DID YOU KNOW? In the early days at Hebron, there was no choir, but anyone who wanted to sing sat facing the organ. The old hymnals had no notes – just words – so someone would “heist” a tune and everyone would join in. Mt. Hebron’s first choir began in 1949 when Doris Marchant recruited volunteers to sing at services. She was selected as organist.

HISTORY. HOPE. HEBRON.

May 3, 2026 ~ 11:15 am
Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church
 3050 Leaphart Road
 West Columbia, SC 29169

Serving Christ for the Transformation of Lives

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness* Brahms

* Chiming of the Hour

* Call to Worship:

Leader: In the Lord we will seek refuge.

People: God will never let us be put to shame.

Leader: The Lord is our rock of refuge;

People: God is a strong fortress to save!

* Processional Hymn, UMH #559 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

* 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 #90

*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.*

Anthem *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You* by Jay Althouse

Pastoral Prayer

Children are dismissed to Wee Worship

Offertory

* Doxology UMH #94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10 NRSV

¹Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Homily

Living Stones

Reverend Dr. Ann Kovan

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

The 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.

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.

* Giving the Bread and Cup (notify an usher if you are unable to walk and the elements will be brought to you)

Prayer after Receiving

* Hymn, UMH #175

Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee

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* Benediction

* Postlude

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

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* *Congregation is invited to stand if able.*

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