

Welcome to Mt. Hebron

Red Cross Blood Drive - Tuesday, Nov 28, 2-7pm, Family Life Center. For an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: MtHebron or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Please contact Jamie Muldrow at 803-730-2698 or the church office for additional information or questions.

Alternative Christmas Gift Project - Nov 27 - Dec 11 every Sunday in the Family Life Center gathering area. Please consider using this way to honor and/or remember special persons on your list this Christmas. Ministries available for donations include Killingsworth Home, Alston Wilkes Society, Free Medical Clinic, Snack Sacks, Toby's Place, and Nancy Perry Children's Shelter.

Church Wide Christmas Steak Dinner hosted by the UMM - Friday, Dec 1, at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center. The cost is \$15.00/person, purchase your tickets (by Nov 29) from a UMM member, online at www.mthebronumc.com (click the UMM Dinner graphic), or from the church office. Children are welcomed. Each couple or individual is asked to bring a non-gag wrapped gift to be auctioned following the meal for the benefit of Oliver Gospel Mission. The UMM will match monies raised by the auction.

It's time to order poinsettias! You may purchase your poinsettias in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Order forms can be found in the attendance pads and gathering areas beginning today and continuing through Dec 3. Cost per plant is \$20. Please place completed order forms in the offering plate or turn them in to the church office.

Service of Lessons and Carols - Dec 3, 11:15am Traditional Service. Mt Hebron's Chancel Choir will present a wonderful service of scripture, carols and music. Come join us for this special event!

Adult Fellowship Christmas Gathering - Join Adult Fellowship on Thursday, Dec 7, at 12pm for a time of fellowship and finger foods. Please sign up in the gathering areas if you plan to attend!

Stewardship Sunday - Dec 10. Members have received their completed 2023 Pledge Cards from the Joash Chest as well as a giving statement reflective of contributions for this year. Next week, you will receive 2024 Pledge Cards to complete and return on Stewardship Sunday, Dec 10.

Live Nativity - Sunday, Dec 10, 5-7pm. Volunteers Needed! We need volunteers to help dress as characters, as well as bring and/or help with refreshments. If you would like to dress as a character, contact Diana Harmon 803-381-4140; if you would like to bring a refreshment or help at the refreshment area, please contact Sue Herndon 803-796-8576.

Trip to the Billy Graham Library - Adult Fellowship will be visiting the Billy Graham Library on Wednesday, Dec 13. They plan to leave the church at 8:30am and stop for lunch on the way back. Sign up in the Family Life Center Gathering Area if you would like to go, bus space is limited to 30 people.

Contributions for 2023 are due in the church office by December 31, or must be postmarked no later than midnight, December 31.

UMM BBQ - There are approximately 45 containers of frozen, un-sauced BBQ (\$5 each). Please let a UMM member or the church know if you would like to purchase any.

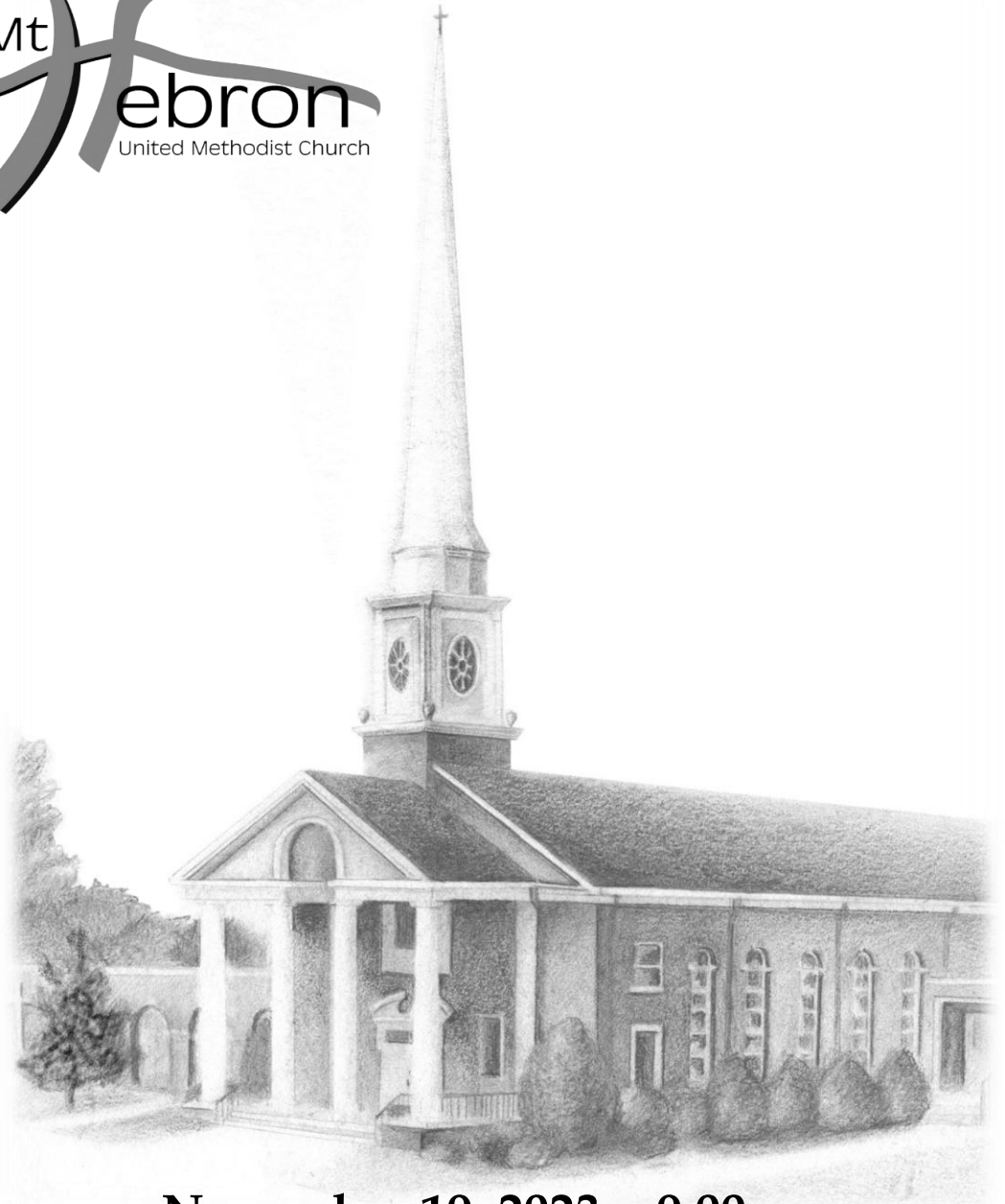
The church office will be closed November 22 - 24

Worship Attendance 11/12/2023 - 293	
8:45 NewLife! - Online 24, In-Person 68; 9am Traditional - In-Person 78	
11:15 Traditional - Online 22, In-Person 101	
Heritage Building Fund: Building Fund Balance to Date: \$2,099,238.72 Current Loan Balance: \$1,847,952.49	Year-to-Date 11/12/2023: Contributions: \$744,151.26 Expenses: \$886,871.36 Surplus/<Deficit>: <\$142,720.10>

Scan the Code to Give Online!



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.



November 19, 2023 ~ 9:00 am

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

November 19, 2023 at 9:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Prelude on Kremser* Goode

* Chimes

* Call to Worship

* Hymn, UMH #92 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

* 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.**

Stewardship Moment with Children

Offertory *Now Thank We All Our God* Oley

* 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 Samuel 15:34-16:13, NRSV

³⁴Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

¹⁶The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Sermon

* Hymn, UMH #694 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

* 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 *Now Thank We All Our God* Manz

* *Congregation is invited to stand if able.*

*Minister: Rev. Morgan Byars; Director of Music: Tom Brunson; Organist: Dr. Louis Playford
Ushers: Scott Houston, Jim Harpe, Tyler Jackson, Barry Wilson; Lay Reader: Doris Layton
Altar Guild: Marty Roland & Eva Lynn Hill; Greeters: Barbara Harpe & Debbie Houston*

*Gene and Bernice Morgan give the altar flowers to the glory of God in
loving memory of their son, David, and Bernice's mother, Vera Jeffcoat.*