

Embrace God * Engage All People * Empower Disciples for Jesus Christ



Thanks to all who participated in the Back to School Bash , Blessing of Backpacks, and Bingo. Wow! What a great time! A big thanks to Children's Council for all of their hard work.



On Aug 18th, Go Forth had a Drive-Thru event! The Go Forth Ministries Team gave out \$25 Walmart gift cards, a basket of fresh produce, and school supplies to 56 Families! In June, Go Forth gave clients a \$50 Walmart gift card and a hygiene kit. Thank you, Mt Hebron for your generosity to this Mission!



GET INVOLVED WITH SCOUTS!

Girl Scouts will be resuming weekly meetings in person Sundays after Labor Day. We will be meeting outside in the Quall Hollow neighborhood park until Mt. Hebron and the Girl Scout organization approve indoor activities. We have an active Brownie and Junior troop that serves girls from grades 2 through 6. We would like to start a Daisy Troop for Grades K and 1st, but need one more leader like you to volunteer! Contact Marci Eddy at marci_eddy@hotmail.com if your girls are interested or if you would like to volunteer.

Troop 331 will begin scout meetings September 14th, 6:30 PM at the Rock and Mission house. Meetings are held outside and the troop is following Mt Hebron's policy of mask and social distancing. Over the summer, Scouts have been collecting can goods for the mission house and several scouts have worked with the mission house for their community service hours.

If anyone is interested in our scouting program or knowing more information they can contact Scoutmaster Jimmy Bristow at jarbristow@gmail.com.



Henderson Settlement

Serving in the time of Covid

Your gifts sent to Henderson Settlement in June were much needed and very much appreciated. The needs there continue and are increasing as the Covid 19 pandemic affects everything, even in this remote area, including jobs, food insecurity and a return to school.

Please be thinking about how you can share your gifts to help others during this challenging time. Ward Smith plans to return in October to continue working on needed repairs around the campus and in the community.

The manager of the Community Center tells us that the requests for food have increased and that they will need to provide more Christmas food boxes than ever before. Requests for the Christmas Shop have also increased. The greatest need (since most donors buy gifts for small children) will be for 10-17 year olds. Families have requested gifts for over 135 youth in this age range. Parents are able to select three gifts for each child. Requested items include scrunchies, barrettes, makeup brushes, goofy socks, fishing gear, baseball caps, hot wheels, tents, sleeping bags, shaving sets and body pillows. A more complete and specific list of needs will follow in the coming weeks.

Please be in prayer for this ministry and be alert to the opportunities we all have to serve.

Church Clean-up Day

Saturday September 12, 8am – 12pm

We're looking for volunteers for pressure washing, shrubbery trimming, and other general clean-up outside, and some touch-up painting and other small jobs inside. Families welcome and there are enough small jobs to allow for social distancing as needed. Email Gary Lain at gary.lain@magaero.com to sign-up or for more information. Thank you!



Worship Team Update

At the beginning of the pandemic, the Worship Team became inactive as there were no in-person services being held in the Sanctuary except for Amy Cooley, Creative Design, who assumed total responsibilities for preparing and maintaining the altar for the online streaming of the 11:15 service.

On Sunday, June 14, when the doors of Mt. Hebron opened for traditional in-person worship services other team members went back to work.

- Greeters were on the front porch with smiles, kind words, hand sanitizer and face masks welcoming everyone back.
- Ushers and greeters were in the Narthex and Sanctuary escorting people to pews as all the pews had been marked in compliance with social distancing. Ushers were also in place at the conclusion of the service complying with social distancing as the congregation exited.
- Lay readers began reading scripture in July.
- When a funeral was scheduled for the Sanctuary, the Funeral Chair, Pam Gowan, along with ushers ensures the procedures followed for the in-person worship service are also in place for the funeral.
- In August the Altar Guild Team, lead by Sue Brounson and Eva Lynn Hill, resumed the responsibilities of maintaining the Altar.
- The Flower Chair, Kathy Hornsby, advises that signups for placing flowers on the altar have been sporadic throughout the summer. If you would like to place flowers on the altar, give Kathy Hornsby or the Church Office a call.

Due to the pandemic and requirements for in-person service, the following functions of the Worship Team remain inactive until further notice: acolytes, pew maintenance, and children's worship bags.

Your worship team will continue working with the pastor and staff to create an environment that is safe and enhances the worship experience for all. We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Nancy Hawkins,
Worship Co-Chair

Please contact one of the Worship Co-Chairs if you would like to share the gift God has so graciously given to you by serving on the Worship Team at Mt. Hebron--Nancy Hawkins, nhawkin4@sc.rr.com, (803) 791-0494 (h), (803) 767-7732 (m) or Cathy Neeley, cathyneeley71@gmail.com, (803) 760- 2283.

A Message from your Counseling Service

When working with someone who has been through a trying experience I often ask someone what their "silver lining" is in that experience. One of the silver linings from COVID19 is that it has allowed us to be more appreciative of our blessings. We have been blessed in so many ways-- by the church community, UMW circles, Sunday School classes and various donations.

The Counseling Service would like to recognize Alecia Diamond for seven years volunteering her time in our front office. We are grateful for her labor, enthusiasm and efforts helping us become a more efficient office. Alecia has been a devoted servant helping us meet the needs of our clients and customers. We will never forget your hard work.

-Staff and Counseling Committee
members of Mt. Hebron Counseling Service

Hebron Happenings

Hebron Day School is back! We are so excited to be back at school teaching about Jesus! Our theme this year is **IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES**. Our bible verse is from Ephesians 3:20.

Our teachers returned for in service on Aug 12. They were trained on our new procedures and then spent a few days getting their classrooms ready and calling their parents. Our students started returning on Aug 18. All classes are back now and we are off to a great start!

This year has brought a few changes, in the day school. The main one being no one is allowed in our building except for staff and children. We are not allowing things to come into the building this year and our teachers clean all toys and equipment daily. Our staff must wear a mask anytime they are outside of their classrooms, as well.

We're enjoying being back with our students and loving on them while we teach them all about Jesus!

Please continue to pray for HDS as we are navigating our new normal.

Thirty Questions

Fall Small Group, Starting September 16th at 6:30pm

"When pressed by an increasingly skeptical, even hostile generation, Christians are often unable to articulate their faith." (xi) Those words by Timothy Tennent usher us into the reason and rationale behind our fall small group study at Mt. Hebron. As our surrounding cultural context shifts and as our own questions arise, it makes sense to respond with an examination of our spiritual foundation. I Peter 3:15 says, *"In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."* Seeking to be obedient to that text and to be further equipped for participating in making disciples to the glory of God, we will gather in a question and answer format, reflective of conversations around the family table. Over a nine - week period we will deal with thirty questions which uncover the essence of the Christian faith. We invite you to sign up and join us for this fall study, either in person or via Zoom. We will meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm, from September 16 through November 11, 2020. The class will be co-led by Rev. Kevin and Rev. Gerald. For books, please contact the church office or Rev. Gerald at gwatford@mthebrnumc.com. You may also purchase a digital copy via [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [BarnesandNoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com).

Watch Post Ministry

Welcome to the Watch Post Ministry, a daily prayer opportunity. We have designated hosts - Watch Post Ministers - who will be leading us in a spiritual fellowship each day.

Listed below are the hosts for each day through September. We are asking you to simply join in prayer with these hosts from your home. This time of prayer will not be broadcast in any way, with the exception of Rev. Kevin and Rev. Gerald's prayer time.

Should you have prayer requests to include, please contact the office 803.794.8273 or office@mthebrnumc.com. We will forward the requests to the hosts. Thank you for your continued prayers for our church, our community, and our world.

September 1 – Gerald and Debbie Watford
 September 2 – Bill and Diane Youngblood
 September 3 – Ed and Connie Staub
 September 4 – Tom and Mary Brunson
 September 5 – Kathy Hornsby
 September 6 – Kevin and Amy Cooley
 September 7 – Lincy Moorner
 September 8 – Gerald and Debbie Watford
 September 9 – Chuck and Sharon Sovick
 September 10 – ID and Mary Hook
 September 11 – Robbie and Melissa Hafer
 September 12 – Kathy McDonald
 September 13 – Kevin and Amy Cooley
 September 14 – Herb and Nancy Brazell
 September 15 – Gerald and Debbie Watford

September 16 – Michael and Mary Anne Dewitt
 September 17 – Thomas and Letha Edmonds
 September 18 – Leigh Curry
 September 19 – Mike and Shirley Neal
 September 20 – Kevin and Amy Cooley
 September 21 – Davis and Brenda Hook
 September 22 – Gerald and Debbie Watford
 September 23 – Charles and Kathy Gee
 September 24 – Sharon Owens
 September 25 – Bill and Diane Youngblood
 September 26 – Ed and Connie Staub
 September 27 – Kevin and Amy Cooley
 September 28 – Tom and Mary Brunson
 September 29 – Gerald and Debbie Watford
 September 30 – Kathy Hornsby

Join Rev. Kevin and Amy as well as Rev. Gerald and Debbie on Facebook Live for their Prayer Time every Tuesday and Sunday at 6pm. You can access the Prayer Time on our Facebook Page, www.Facebook.com/MtHebronUMC

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Marks

OF FAITH

The apostle Paul demonstrates for us in his letter to the church at Rome the necessary connection between theology and lived faith. What we believe about God, and about His saving work in Jesus Christ, will only be evident by its impact upon our daily living and our relationship to others. Beginning in chapter 12 of Romans, Paul begins to lay out the "marks" by which his readers can recognize God's transformational grace at work for them and live as people shaped by it.

Over the month of September, we are going to focus intently on these marks of faith and evaluate our personal and communal lives in their light. We'll be looking at the ways the faith we proclaim can and should make an indelible mark on our lives. And we'll be exploring anew the necessity of those marks being visible to the world around us.

September 6 - Romans 12:9-21 - Blessing those who persecute you

September 13 - Romans 13:8-14 - Loving one another by starving hate

September 20 - Romans 14:1-12 - Thanking God instead of judging

September 27 - Romans 15:1-6 - Glorifying God by living in harmony

MISSION: POSSIBLE+

Mission Possible wrote personal note cards of Encouragement to our clients during the pandemic and Mission Possible bought 48 Book Bags And School Supplies for the clients children/grandchildren.

We also bought 6 Collapsible wagons for Epworth Children's Home. They will use these to carry supplies to all the cottages. They were very appreciative because their wagons were destroyed in a fire. Go Forth has recently donated \$1,000 to Harvest Hope, so that we can help them feed those in our community who need help.

We also donated Children's clothing to Riverbank Elementary so that they could prepare for school. We have also donated clothes from GoForth to several Families that were burned out of their homes. In the near future, Mission Possible will provide a meal for the local policeman to show that Mount Hebron is in support of our policeman and we appreciate the job that they are doing. It is a joy to serve through the Ministries of our church. If you would like to give toward either GoForth or Mission Possible, please make checks to Mount Hebron and earmark it GoForth or Mission Possible. Thank you so much!



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