

AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

March 2020

LENT: A TIME FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

*⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Philippians 22:5-11*



As we begin the season of Lent, we hear on Ash Wednesday, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust, you shall return.” What an awakening thought for Christians to wear a visible sign of mortality. During Lent we will highlight the phrases underlined in the text above. We will continue to study the life of Christ and strive to live like Jesus. What does it mean to be empty, be humble, and be obedient. What does it mean to have the same mind in Christ? What would the world be like if all of the world confessed to, not just know, but know and strive to live like Jesus.

Here are the words to the confession which we will hear during Lent:
God says to us in love: “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live.” May we live our Lenten lives knowing of God’s love for his children. Come and journey to the cross with the disciples of Christ who call Mt. Hermon “home.”

Sister in Christ,
Pastor Gina

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Cantor's Corner

Our handbell rehearsals will remain on Wednesdays at 6:00pm during Lent. Choir rehearsals will move to Thursdays at 6:00pm.



FELLOWSHIP HALL

Saturday, March 21, 2020
6:00 pm

He has performed in festivals around the southeast and is well known among our local artists. You don't want to miss this event!

The choir will be presenting the cantata "**Come, Touch the Robe**" on **Tuesday, April 7th @ 6:30pm**. This is a meaningful worship experience that helps set the tone for Holy Week worship.

As last year, we will have a 30 minute Easter music presentation before the worship service on Easter morning complete with trumpets, choir and handbells. As always, we look forward to this wonderful celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and hope you will join us!

Many Blessings!

Ruthie Brannen



Wednesday Evening Lenten Services

6:30 pm

Meal following in the Fellowship Hall

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Minutes of Congregational Meeting January 19, 2020

Option 1: Sell Parsonage building to be moved off site and keep land

- Possible income of selling parsonage \$10,000 to \$15,000
- Require buyer to move parsonage and clean up lot after move
- Could save \$300 annually on insurance premiums
- Literally giving away \$180,000 house

Option 2: Use Parsonage for Ministry/Outreach

- Must upgrade building to meet American Disabilities Act
- Permit would be required from Fire Marshall to make it a business with required number of parking spaces, remove stovetop, install exit light/signs, build wheelchair ramp, expand one bathroom using licensed plumbers and electricians to make handicap accessible, possibly would need to use space from a bedroom to expand bathroom, install smoke detectors in every room, upgrades could run possibly \$10,000 if no additional problems detected during inspection process
- Need to install new air conditioner at cost of \$6000-\$7000
- Is there such a need for additional space to justify cost of improvements?
- Would there be a zoning issue for county?
- Additional costs to furnish parsonage and for utility bills
- Estimate additional \$300 for insurance premiums

Option 3: Rent Parsonage

- What if we had to evict resident—what image would that project for Mt Hermon?
- Why should a church have a profit?
- Did we consult other churches who rent their parsonage such as St Pauls in Columbia or Whaley Street United Methodist Church to see how it works and if there are any tax implications?
- Longer the parsonage sits unused it deteriorates—already has been 2.5 years
- Suggest placing a cap on repairs a rental agency is able to do without consulting us
- Renting now would maintain building and we could change the usage of building in the future—this would keep it in good shape and possibly decrease the number of repairs needed in the future
- Joel Price Sr said his previous house of similar square footage is currently being rented for \$1500 monthly
- Would we construct a fence to separate parsonage from rest of church?
- Where would money come from to make improvements—could use extra \$50,000 from loan
- How to control noise/parties from interfering with church events?
- Repairs can always open a can of worms
- How long would it take to rent?

A vote was taken of the 63 members present after discussion of the above three options

Option 1 received 33 votes

Option 2 received 3 votes

Option 3 received 27 votes

Option 1 passed on the first vote (passed 51% threshold required)

Robin Ellisor, Secretary

Council approved 02/09/2020



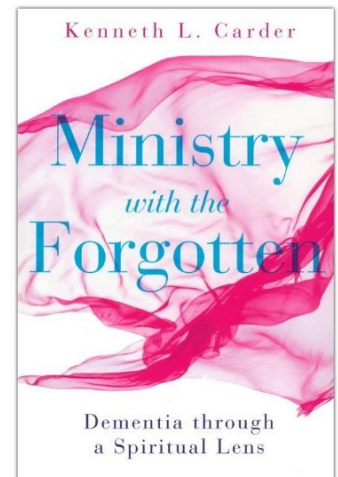
*If you are interested in joining our team
or helping with our projects, please let us know!
Our email address is MTHOutreach@gmail.com*

Happenings . . .

Dementia through the Lens of Grace: Opportunities for the Church to be in Ministry

Please plan to join us on Sunday afternoon, **March 22 at 4:00** in the church **fellowship hall** for ***“Dementia through the Lens of Grace: Opportunities for the Church to be in Ministry.”*** We are very honored to have **Bishop Kenneth L. Carder**, author of “Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia through a Spiritual Lens” to join us for discussions on Dementia and the Church.

The session will conclude around 5:30 p.m. with time available afterward for some personal conversations.



Bishop Carder is the Ruth W. & A. Morris Williams, Jr., Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Duke Divinity School and Senior Visiting Professor of Wesley Studies at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC. He is a retired Bishop of The United Methodist Church.

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Food Pantry

Check out our new Food Pantry signs that we place by the road each Wednesday to let the community know that we have a Food Pantry. We hope that the signs will help those in need know of the ministry we offer.

To help keep our Food Pantry well stocked we are asking members to donate **small** jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly during the month of March.

Blood Drive

Mt. Hermon is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Sunday, April 26th** from **11:30 am–4:00 pm**. Please make plans to donate blood to save a life. Watch for the sign-up, it will start soon.



Christo Rey Lutheran Church Building Project



Be sure to go down Oak Drive and take a look at all the progress that has been made on Cristo Rey Lutheran Church's worship building.

Mt. Hermon provided lunch for their workers on Wednesday, February 19 and were amazed at how far along they had come with their building.

If you are interested in helping Cristo Rey, please complete the form in our church narthex and return to Diane Boulware or the church office.

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Ministry Teams

Outreach ~ Diane Boulware
Support ~ Joel Price
Teach ~ Daryl Leigh Anthony
Worship & Music ~ Wynne Price
Care ~ Fran Bouknight

President ~ Ronnie Fulmer
Vice President ~ Marion Leaphart
Secretary ~ Robin Ellisor
Treasurer ~ Parker Boulware
Pastor ~ Rev. Gina Metze

Care Team

Visitation Committee

Would you like to join?
Do you need a visit?

Sign-up sheet located in the breezeway!

March Sunday School Teacher Schedule

3K-1st Grade

March 1 Parker Boulware
Diane Boulware
March 8 Daryl Leigh Anthony
Denise Thurman
March 15 Parker Boulware
Diane Boulware
March 22 Daryl Leigh Anthony
Denise Thurman
March 29 Daryl Leigh Anthony



2nd-5th Grade

March 1 Sheila Eargle
Emily Morris
March 8 Larry Amick
Kay Bryant
March 15 Laura Stevens
Nancy Addison
March 22 Emily Arroyo
Wayne Eargle
March 29 Sheila Eargle
Emily Morris



Middle & High

March 1 Jennifer Miller
March 8 Mary Koon
March 15 Mary Koon
March 22 Mary Koon
March 29 Brittany Allen

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Save the date . . .

Wed., March 18th

Look for more info to follow!



Youth/Mate Luncheon

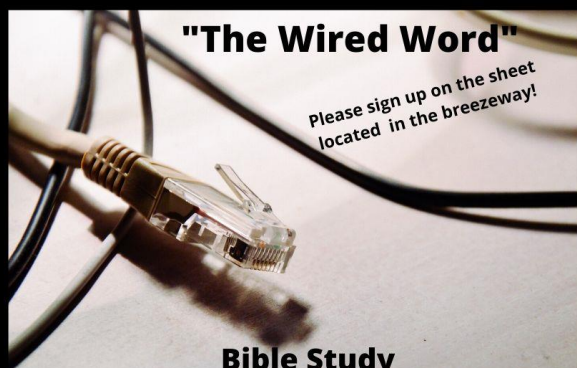


Sunday, March 15th @ 11:15 am
Fellowship Hall

THIRD THURSDAY THEOLOGY

"The Wired Word"

Please sign up on the sheet
located in the breezeway!



Bible Study

to stories ripped from the headlines
Grecian Gardens **March 19th 6:00 pm**

Everyone Invited!

LMIM Annual Chicken Stew

Saturday, March 28th

11am - 2pm

Plate of Chicken Stew

Cole Slaw With Pickles
Bread

\$7.00 per plate or \$9.00 per quart

Eat in or take out

Advance ticket purchase desired!

Contact Joel Price, Sr., Ronnie Fulmer or
Wynne Price for more details



LMIM – February Wheelchair Ramp Ministry

MT HERMON PRAYS ...

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, *Home*

Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens*

Hazel Bockus, *Carolina Gardens*

Lynwood Crout, *Home*

Tom & June Roof, *Home*

Margie Hook, *Home*

Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*

Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*

Rev. Everette Price, *Home*

Ernie Swygert, *Home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry

Connie Bucknam

Lila Catt

Jim Whitaker

Jeff Bucknam, *deployed*

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*

Gary & Linda Hodgin, *friends of Herb & Connie Bucknam*

Lois Moore & family, *family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*

Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Don Morris, *father of Keith Morris*

Cheryl Coureville, *friend of Herb & Connie Bucknam*

Mary Frances Hamilton, *friend of congregation*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

Jimmy Mills, *father of Tommy Mills*

Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*

Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*

John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*

Jenifer Gooding, *co-worker of Joel Price Jr. & Mary Price*

Todd Hewitt, *friend of Missy Addy*

Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*

Jane Park, *friend of Pastor Gina & Dion*

Jean Wooten, *friend of Linda Waters-Hamilton*

Tommy Roof, *son of Tom & June Roof*

Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*

Eric Powell, *friend of Kim Fulmer*

Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*

Harold & Mary Prater, *parents of Ray Prater*

Sonny Williams, *friend of Kenny Bouknight*

Roy Lindler, *father of Nancy Addison & Becky Wise*

Myrtle Jenkins, *sister of Nell Buff*

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Serving Schedule: March 2020

COUNCIL REP: Joe Koon

ALTAR GUILD: Angie Hydrick, Jennifer Price

TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Angie Hydrick, Linda Waters-Hamilton
(Larry Amick)

USHERS: Danny Scott, Parker Boulware, Kay Bryant, Larry Amick

Altar Flowers:

- 1 Eargle
- 8 Lynn Bouknight
- 15 Stevens
- 22 **OPEN**
- 29 **OPEN**

Greeter:

- 1 Susan Busby
- 8 Jenny Scott
- 15 Mary Frances Sease
- 22 Fran Bouknight
- 29 Cindy Price

Lector:

- 1 Allison Swygert
- 8 Emily Morris
- 15 Larry Amick
- 22 Alyson Price
- 29 Danny Scott

Acolytes:

- 1 Connor Eargle
Hayden Eargle
- 8 Mitch Stevens
Mackenzie Burns
- 15 Josh Koon, Sam Koon
- 22 Brayden Rutherford
Spencer Price
- 29 Lawson Morris
Spencer Price

Nursery:

- 1 Brittany Allen, Alyson Price
- 8 Emily Arroyo, Jennifer Miller
- 15 Brittany Allen, Alyson Price
- 22 Haley Addy, Karen Nicholson
- 29 Emily Arroyo, Jennifer Miller

Food Pantry:

- 4 Diane Boulware
- 11 Renee Greenbaum
- 18 Jo Leach
- 25 Doris Maddox

Crucifer:

- 1 Lawson Morris
- 8 Jackson Price
- 15 Connor Eargle
- 22 Robin Ellisor
- 29 Jackson Price

Children's Sermon:

- 1 Pastor Gina
- 8 Mary Koon
- 15 Sheila Eargle
- 22 Pastor Gina
- 29 Daryl Leigh Anthony

Communion Assistants:

- 1 Fran Bouknight, Ricky Bouknight
Ronnie Fulmer, Marion Leaphart
- 8 Jackson Price, Emily Morris,
Angie Hydrick
- 15 Connor Eargle, Ronnie Fulmer,
Marion Leaphart
- 22 Marion Leaphart, Breanna Metze,
Sheila Starkey
- 29 Jackson Price, Joel Price, Sr.,
Danny Scott

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Mar 08

Ann Bouknight
Dot Mathias

Mar 18

Scarlett Bryant

Mar 20

Larry Amick

Mar 22

Dan Cooper

Mar 27

Baxley Rawl

Mar 28

Joshua Ellisor

Kim Fulmer

Kasey Lewis

Mar 30

Daryl Leigh Anthony



Mar 27

Joe & Mary
Koon

Mar 29

Herb & Connie
Bucknam

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the church office at 803.794.6430 or send an email to office@mthlc.org.

We are sorry we did not have the information in time of printing!



DATE	LOCATION	TIME
29 MAR 2020	ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH	3:00-5:00

ELEMENTARY LUTHERAN FRIENDS
FOR 1ST - 5TH GRADERS

**JOIN US FOR A FREE AFTERNOON OF LEARNING HOW TO
GROW IN FAITH, LOVE, AND HOPE IN GOD.**

SMORES - GAMES - CRAFTS - MUSIC - DEVOTION - FOOD



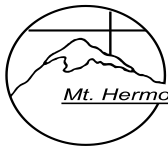
**PLEASE RSVP YOUR CHILD BY MARCH 23RD
TO YOUR YOUTH LEADER**

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This Month Around the Mountain

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am 10:15 am 3:30 pm 5:00 pm Worship Sunday School Confirmation LCY Meets	2 6:00 pm Worship Team	3 1:00 pm 5:30 pm Super Tuesday (regional holiday) Staff meeting Teach Team Meets	4 9:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm Food Pantry Handbells Executive committee Lenten Worship w/ Meal Following	5 6:00 pm PG Vacation Chancel Choir	6 4:00 pm PG Vacation FH-Brittany Allen(Bridal Shower)	7 PG Vacation FH-Brittany Allen(Bridal Shower)
8 PG Vacation Daylight Saving Time starts 9:00 am 10:15 am 6:00 pm Worship Sunday School Council Meets	9 2:00 pm 6:30 pm PG Vacation Women's Club - W Cola - Conf Rm Luth. Men	10 1:00 pm PG Vacation Staff meeting	11 9:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm Food Pantry Handbells Lenten Worship with meal following	12 6:00 pm Chancel Choir	13	14
15 9:00 am 10:15 am 11:15 am 3:30 pm Worship Sunday School Youth/Mates Lunch Confirmation	16 6:00 pm 6:00 pm AR: Outreach Team CR: Care Team	17 1:00 pm St. Patrick's Day Staff meeting	18 9:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm Food Pantry FH: Young at Heart Young @ Heart Handbells Lenten Worship with meal following	19 6:00 pm 6:00 pm Bible Study-Grecian Gardens Chancel Choir	20	21 6:00 pm FH: Matthew Dickerson
22 9:00 am 10:15 am 4:00 pm Worship Sunday School FH: Dementia through grace	23 6:00 pm FH-MJS(Sage Pt)-Susie	24 1:00 pm Staff meeting	25 9:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm Food Pantry Handbells Lenten Worship with meal following	26 6:00 pm FH: Lutheran Men Chancel Choir	27 FH: Lutheran Men	28 11:00 am FH: Lutheran Men LMIM Chicken Stew
29 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 3:00 pm Worship CFF-Scottie & David Marsh Sunday School Club 345	30	31 1:00 pm 6:30 pm Staff meeting MJS: oak wood commons.				

Please see "calendar of events" at mthlc.com for updates.



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