

AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

April 2019



Pastor's Cause to Pause

We are well into the Lenten Season and we continue to hear from those who knew Jesus as a close friend. We have heard from Peter's mother-in-law, the paralytic, and Martha. We will be visited by Thomas and Mary Magdalene. Just as important as these stories are to our faith life, so is your very story! Our understanding and of Holy Scripture is in the ELCA constitution:

2.02 c. The canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God. Inspired by God's Spirit speaking through their authors, they record and announce God's revelation centering in Jesus Christ. Through them God's Spirit speaks to us to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship for service in the world.

2.03. This church accepts the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of its proclamation, faith, and life.

Therefore, God inspired Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Paul to tell the stories of Jesus. The stories are recorded and for almost 2,000 years we have read these stories. The stories never get old. They continue to tell of Jesus and his love and of Jesus and his loving actions to save us. As we continue remembering Jesus' journey to the cross, we position ourselves to be better disciples of Christ. We strive to live a life pleasing to him. We aim to live a life that would give glory to God. We live so that we are a living story of Jesus' love.

You certainly know there is a segment of the world who only comes to a sanctuary and worship on Christmas, Easter, and some other occasion like a wedding or a funeral. Here is our opportunity to invite others to worship at Mt. Hermon on Easter 2019.

There is room for everyone to worship. There is enough water to cleanse. There is enough forgiveness for all. There is enough bread and wine for each of us. There is actually way more than enough! Invite someone to come with you and journey from the Hallelujahs of Palm Sunday all the way to the cross and then to the empty tomb and experience God's abundant love.

Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gina

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Cantor's Corner

First, I want to thank all of the dedicated musicians at Mt. Hermon! It has been a busy year for us all, with many programs and services outside of the normal Sunday worship.

To those who have yet to commit to the music ministry, you are missing out on an extremely fulfilling commitment and the joy of working with a true choir family! I hope we will see you in rehearsals next year. We will continue to have monthly rehearsals during the summer to keep the voices in good shape and ready for the fall. I will get that schedule out as soon as our planning permits.

We have worked very hard to prepare music for Holy Week and Easter Festival that is fitting for these very special worship services. We consider our music a vessel for the Word, and the events leading up to and including the resurrection of our Lord. On Good Friday, we are doing something just a bit different. The choir will present the cantata "Come, Touch the Robe", followed by a traditional service of Tenebrae. Please come and share these worship experiences that bring us to the joy of Easter!

For anyone who might have problems with the volume of the organ, please sit toward the front of the Nave on Easter Sunday. There are many stops (individual sounds) on our organ that are never used due to the volume coming from the rear of the church. This is really a shame, as the volume of each of these sounds cannot be controlled and therefore are seldom used. On Easter, the festival trumpet (located in the Chancel area) and many other stops will be used. Even though the sounds will be a bit louder than normal, I hope everyone will enjoy the music of our worship services and realize the work and love that goes into preparing every music experience at Mt. Hermon!

From all of us to you - may God be ever present in your life and may our music enhance your worship experiences during Holy Week and Easter.

Have a blessed season!

Ruthie

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Congregational Council Mini Minutes for March 2019

ATTENDANCE: All were present with the exception of Joe Koon

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The agenda for March was adopted.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The minutes for the February council meeting were accepted.

REPORTS:

1. Pastor Gina- report received for February and March.
2. Treasurer- report received for January and February. A line item was added in the report for Building Loan Balance (currently \$266,365.34).
3. Financial Secretary- report received for February.
4. Executive Committee-the following recommendation was made:
5. Funds from undesignated memorials be placed in the Building on Holy Ground fund. **Passed**

Team Report/Recommendations:

1. Worship: Report received for February and March.
Recommendations: 1. Mt. Hermon use Sightler's Florist effective immediately for our altar flowers. Cost to the church will be \$50 per Sunday and cost to the member will be \$55. **Passed**
2. Mt. Hermon utilize the Lexington County Choral Society for our community Memorial Day service at a fee of \$700 to come from the Mt. Hermon Fund for the Arts. **Passed**
2. Support:
 - a. Finance: Had general meeting with Security Federal anticipating future cost of HVAC replacement. We are in good standing, so several options are available to finance this.
3. Care: 62 Time and Talent sheets have been returned so far. A list by care team of those received was given out. Council members are encouraged to contact those on their care team that haven't returned one yet and encourage them to do so.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Farming Church: Congregation currently participating in 40 days of Prayer.
2. Cemetery: Finance committee contacting several companies to see if price given is still current.
3. Safety Team: Proposal for safety plan was handed out and discussed. Recommendation that council approve the plan. **Passed** This will be communicated to congregation through a letter.
4. Parsonage Task Force: Very close to having all information gathered. Currently researching age of systems (roof, HVAC, etc.), expenses, rental and sale value, and insurance.
5. HVAC/Capitol Campaign: See notes above under Finance
6. Love One Another Campaign: Temple talks are scheduled for 5 Sundays. The last one is April
7. Lutheran Service Carolinas request that pledge cards be available to the congregation at that time. **Approved distribution of pledge cards.**
7. 2020 Retreat: Council members were surveyed, and majority voted for Coastal retreat center. Retreat will be January 31-February 2.
8. Secretary: Position was advertised only on church sign. So far 6 applications have been received. These were given to Personnel committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Synod Delegates: Assembly will be May 30-June 1. Council asked to be thinking of delegates.
2. LM chicken Stew Funds: Profit of \$3,523. \$350 will go towards Outreach, and \$3173 will go towards Capitol Campaign.
3. Fellowship Hall request received from Connie Bucknam. **Approved**

After Feedback, the meeting was adjourned with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Alyson Price, Council Secretary

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**April 04**

Jake Dugan
Georgianna Gray
Tom Stahl

April 06

Virginia Ellisor
Kathy Tidwell

April 07

Easton Kaylor

April 09

Becky Wise

April 10

Jamie Addison
Jane Sexton
Amanda Smith

April 11

Samantha Bucknam

April 17

Alyson Price

April 19

Becky Ellisor
Marvin Mathias

April 22

Linda Waters-Hamilton

April 24

Amanda Drenning

April 25

Laura Stevens

April 29

Jennifer Miller

**April 03**

Dan & Shirley Cooper

April 06

Al & Laura Stevens

April 22

Jamie & Nancy Addison

April 04

Bryan & Missy Addy

April 14

Blake & Brittany Allen

April 25

Jerry & Becky Ellisor

*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!*

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Help decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday by purchasing an Easter Lily. The cost is \$8.50. You may remember a loved one, honor a loved one, or give to the glory of God. If you have a box of offering envelopes, you may use the Easter Lily envelope. You may also place a check and note in the offering plate. If you have any questions, call the church office at 803.794.6430. Please place your order by Sunday, April 7th.

Come and learn of the importance of Palm Sunday and then enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt, games, and lunch. The Teach Team would appreciate your donations of items to fill the eggs. If you have any questions, please contact Daryl Leigh Anthony.



Lenten Worship Continues April 3rd as we meet Thomas and on April 10th we meet Mary Magdalene. Come and learn and worship!

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Come and begin Holy Week as we celebrate Palm Sunday and the Entrance into Jerusalem.

Hear the
MANDATE for us to
love one another. We
will share a meal and
strip the altar.



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This worship service will be a combination of choral music and Tenebrae service. Come and hear about the life of Jesus. Be reminded of the One who healed, the One who washed the feet, the One whom we crucified. Continue the journey to the Good Friday cross and the sealed tomb.

This is our Passover
from Christ from
darkness to light, from
the bondage to
freedom, from death to
life.

Vigil of Easter



April 20th 6:35 pm
*beginning at the fire pit
next to the cemetery*

Easter Morning Celebration



**7:00 – 8:00 Join the Congregation
in the Fellowship Hall for Breakfast**

**Bring flowers to decorate the
cross. We will gather at 8:00.**



Bring your
flowers and
join the
congregation
at the cross at
8:00



8:30 Festival Music begins



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Mt Hermon has chosen Sightler's Florist, effective immediately, to be our new florist. Sightler's is located at 716 Meeting Street, West Columbia, SC 29169. Normal weekly arrangements are \$55.00. Please write "flowers" on your check and place it in the offering plate. Should you have special instructions for your Sunday, please call Sightler's Florist 803-794-2859. If your request results in an increased cost, you will be given the new amount so that you can adjust your check amount. If you have made special arrangement with Pineview Florist for any upcoming Sunday, we request that you cancel and secure your needs with Sightler's Florist.



I want to thank all of my friends at Mt Hermon for the prayers, cards, food and phone calls I have received the past month. I have had a successful surgery and as I continue my recovery and rehab I ask that you will continue to keep me in your prayers. I am lucky to have Mt Hermon for my Church family. Thanks for everything, *Parker*

Disciples of Christ at Mt. Hermon,
Your kindness and love shown
towards our family is something we will
never forget. The cards, prayers, food and
many hugs have sustained us. We love you!
Pastor Gina, D and Breanna



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The family of Pearl Dennis is grateful for your outpouring of love during her last months and following her death. She loved Mount Hermon Lutheran Church! Your cards, visits, and prayers during her illness were a comfort to her and to us. Pastor Gina ministered to Mama during her last days and supported her family with prayers, advice, planning and compassion. Beautiful music, flowers, reception, bulletins and every detail was attended to and we thank you. The Celebration of Life Service was one of worship and one that Martha Pearl Frye Dennis, child of God and lifelong member of Mt. Hermon would have loved.

*Thank
You*

You are invited to a Spiritual Retreat at Camp Kinard
May 25th 10 am – 6 pm \$75 Scholarships are available
for more information Pastor Christi Pursey
803.297.5879



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Serving Schedule: April 2019

COUNCIL REP: Al Stevens

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Frances Sease, Marie Kleckley, Kim Jolly

TABULATORS: Larry Amick, Ann Addy, Angie Hydrick, Ronnie Fulmer

USHERS: April 7: Ricky Bouknight, Fran Bouknight, Joel Price Jr, Cindy Price
April 14-28: Terry Swygert, Allison Swygert, Tom Stahl, Jeff Price

Altar Flowers:

7 Al & Laura Stevens
14 Lynn Bouknight
21 Marsh Family
28 **OPEN**

Greeters:

7 Fran Bouknight
14 Laura Stevens
21 David Marsh
28 Bobby Carver

Lectors:

7 Allison Swygert
14 Alyson Price
21 Everett Price
28 Devona Price

Acolytes:

7 Karly Addy
Brayden Rutherford
14 Connor Eargle
Tanner Addy
21 Josh Koon
Lawson Morris
28 Karly Addy
Mackenzie Burns

Nursery:

7 Grace Roof, Larry Amick, Kay Bryant
14 Grace Roof, Jamie Allen, Alyson Price
21 Grace Roof, Emily & Moises Arroyo
28 Grace Roof, Haley Addy, Karen Nicholson

Food Pantry:

3 Renee Greenbaum
10 Diane Boulware
17 Doris Maddox
24 Annette Price

Crucifers:

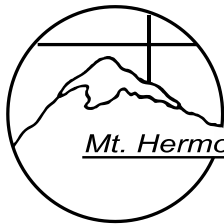
7 Bryce Addy
14 Mitch Stevens
21 Skyler Miller
28 Joel Price Sr.

Children's Sermon:

7 Ruthie Brannen
14 Sheila Eargle
21 Mary Koon
28 Daryl Leigh Anthony

Communion Assistants:

7 Bryce Addy
Karly Addy
14 Mitch Stevens, Ronnie Fulmer
Angie Hydrick
21 Emily Morris, Trudy Bouknight
Perry Bouknight
28 Jackson Price, Marion Leaphart
Ronnie Fulmer



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