

# AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

July 2019



## *Pastor's Cause to Pause*

We state our faith each week with the Apostles Creed: **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.** The third article is about us being made

holy. What does this mean?

*I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers enlightens, and made holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins – mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead will give to me all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true. (Luther's Small Catechism)*

What does it mean to be forgiven, I mean, really be forgiven? This included both hearing that you are forgiven and then forgiving yourself? This is indeed how we should be living our lives: Forgiven and free! We live in a world that often tells us that we are not enough. Well, we are! Forgiveness makes us more than enough.

This year's VBS theme is Who is my neighbor? I invite you to invite your neighbors to VBS. It will be a time for "our neighbors" to see how Forgiven and Free Children live our lives. VBS is a fun and relaxed time and a great time to invite others to come and learn with you. Meals are provided, lessons are planned, crafts are being made, so come on, invite your neighbors to come and be a neighbor with you at the table and around the word!

Come and be Forgiven and Free and have Fun!

Sister in Christ,

*Pastor Gina*

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## *Cantor's Corner*

Parents of younger youth/children: We are planning to have a tone chime/handbell group for this age that will rehearse on Sunday mornings. We also have a Christmas program in the planning stages which will take place during a worship service on one of the Sundays in December. Please involve your children in the music ministry of Mt. Hermon. It helps to develop a sense of serving from a young age.

The choir cantata music has arrived! We are looking for more voices this year and hope that you will come forward and join the choir family! We will announce a few summer rehearsals just to get an early start and to keep voices in shape over our 'off' time.

Have a wonderful summer and watch the newsletter and bulletins for more info!

*Ruthie*

A graphic with a blue textured background. The title 'Bach and Blue Jeans' is written in a large, white, cursive font, slanted upwards. To the right is a portrait of Johann Sebastian Bach. Below the title, the text 'Sunday, July 28th' and '9:00 Worship' is written in a white serif font. At the bottom, a paragraph in a smaller white serif font reads: 'Wear your blue jeans as we remember the birthdate of Johann Sebastian Bach, Lutheran Church musician. Worship will be filled with Bach's original work.'

*Bach and Blue Jeans*



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9:00 Worship

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## Congregational Council Mini Minutes for June 2019

**ATTENDANCE:** All were present with the exception of Diane Boulware and Bryce Addy, who were excused.

**Member Care:** Some of the Care groups have changed. Council asked to please review their list in the yearbook.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda for June was adopted with the following addition under New

Business: Use of church bus

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

### REPORTS:

Pastor Gina- Vacation will be July 1-8. June 9-15 is Campfirmation. Wedding and rehearsal June 14 and 15.

Treasurer- Report received for April and May. Report of budget items versus expenses was also presented. On-line giving has increased slightly. A recommendation was made that we pay the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter synodical payment of \$3,000. **Passed** Discussion held about giving financial update to congregation. We will do this mid-June.

Financial Secretary- report received for May.

Executive- Pastor and Terry reported on an app called "Tythely" they learned about at convention for on-line giving. We will look into this.

### Team Report/Recommendations:

1. Team for Ministry- meeting next week
2. Teach Team- Plans being finalized for VBS July 21-25
3. Support Team: Recommendation: The Property Board recommends we contract with Forest and Wildlife Innovations, Inc. for installation of 300' of infiltrator drain field with all necessary appurtenances to connect to existing pump stations for a cost of \$5,800. **Passed** This money will come from Building Improvement fund.
4. Outreach Team- Report received

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Farming Church: Listening groups went well with around 80 participants. Jamie Addison is compiling information from these groups. Council and Team for Ministry will meet July 14 after Sunday school to review/discuss this information. Council meeting will follow this meeting. Emily and Devona agreed to coordinate lunch for this.
2. Cemetery: Finance committee is meeting with a company this week to look at quote and compare this to current contract.
3. Safety Committee: Herb Bucknam attended the meeting and gave an update.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Parsonage meeting/results: Recommendation made that we pursue the request from Mt. Tabor and gather more information. **Passed.** Discussion held that there needs to be something in writing as far as responsibilities for Mt. Tabor and Mt. Hermon. Executive will begin gathering this information. Once the responsibilities are more defined, it will be brought back to council. Discussion also held that during this year, we need to gather more detailed information on all options so that we can all make a more educated vote at this time next year. Parsonage will remain on the agenda under Old Business so that discussion can continue with it.
2. Ruthie Brannen: Due to illness, Ruthie was not able to join us as she requested. It was reported that she was planning to ask that she be allowed to attend some council meetings so that she is kept up to date.
3. July Council meeting: As reported in Farming Church, July council meeting will be held after Farming Church meeting on July 14.
4. Church bus request: The Mills family has requested use of the church bus to transport the wedding party to reception and back. They will cover the cost of gas, and Joel Price, Sr. will be the driver. All in agreement of this.

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

Alyson Price, Council Secretary

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...God can be seen in sunsets...  
*photo sent in by Marie Gardner*



Confirmation Camp  
Lutheridge  
Arden, NC

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>



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...Clouds at Sunset Beach and a double rainbow...  
*photo sent in by Mary Price*



...Mama and baby...  
*photo sent in by Sheila Starkey*

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...Young Adults in Sunday School!...  
*photo sent in by Terry Swygert*



...Lexington Medical Center...  
*photo sent in by Wynne Price*



...Received this donation of  
252 cans  
for the Mt. Hermon Food Pantry!  
*photo sent in by Pastor Gina*



...New Air Conditioning Unit for the Sanctuary...  
*photo sent in by Pastor Gina*





## WHO IS my neighbor?

Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> –

Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

Meal 5:15 - 6:00

Fellowship Hall

VBS 6:00 – 8:00

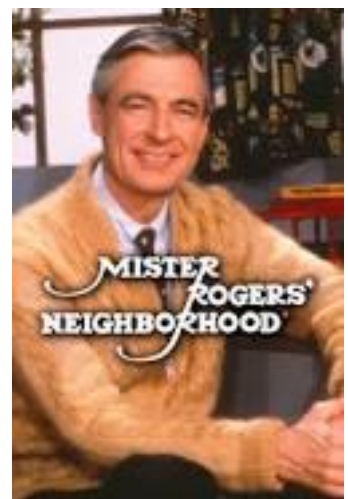
**ALL AGES ARE  
WELCOME!**

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus makes it clear that “neighbor” is a relationship made possible by God’s reconciling grace. In VBS, we will explore what it means to be a neighbor, that is, what it means to be in a relationship with the people God places in our midst, to both serve and be served by them. We have many needs for VBS so please consider how you can be a good neighbor and help! Contact Daryl Leigh Anthony @ 803-331-6178

### **Adult Class during VBC.**

Pastor Gina will be presenting a bible study and discussion around the movie, Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood.

Do you like to bake or make special dishes / appetizers? Please contact Pastor Gina. We would like to have a “refreshment neighborhood” during the adult class.



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## **Youth & Adult Service Opportunity July 14–19, 2019**

Join with church youth from around the Midlands in a week-long local service camp to go out and serve in the name of Christ!



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## **Serving Schedule: July 2019**

**COUNCIL REP:** Ann Addy

**ALTAR GUILD:** Ann Addy, Diane Boulware, Annette Price

**TABULATORS:** Parker Boulware, Barbara Corley, Marie Kleckley, (Buddy Hydrick)

**USHERS:** Earl Sease, Tom Stahl, Jeff Price, Terry Swygert

### **Altar Flowers:**

7 Danny and Jenny Scott  
14 Stevens  
21 **OPEN**  
28 Kim Jolly

### **Greeter:**

7 Mary Frances Sease  
14 Jo Leach  
21 Laura Stevens  
28 Spencer Price

### **Lector:**

7 Trudy Bouknight  
14 Joey Koon  
21 Alyson Price  
28 Robin Ellisor

### **Acolytes:**

7 Mackenzie Burns  
  
14 Joshua Koon  
  
21 Connor Eargle  
  
28 Tanner Addy

### **Nursery:**

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

### **Food Pantry:**

3 Annette Price  
10 Becky Koon  
17 Diane Boulware  
24 Renee Greenbaum  
31 Angie Hydrick

### **Crucifer:**

7 Perry Bouknight  
14 Skyler Miller  
21 Mitch Stevens  
28 Jackson Price

### **Children's Sermon:**

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

### **Communion Assistants:**

7 Perry Bouknight, Trudy Bouknight,  
Angie Hydrick  
14 Skyler Miller, Wynne Price, Lynn  
Bouknight  
21 Mitch Stevens, Danny Scott, Marion  
Leaphart  
28 Breanna Metze, Dion Metze, Sheila  
Starkey

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**July 02**

Carl Kinard

**July 08**

Kim Addy

**July 14**

Haley Addy

Moises Arroyo

Marie Gardner

**July 15**

Parker Boulware

**July 16**

Dion Metze

**July 18**

Dylan Whitaker

**July 21**

Annette Price

**July 27**

Diane Boulware

**July 29**

Raymond Wise

**July 30**

Joe Koon

**July 31**

Thomas Martin

Mary Frances Sease



**July 2**

Terry & Allison Swygert

**July 15**

Tom & Jamie Allen

**July 24**

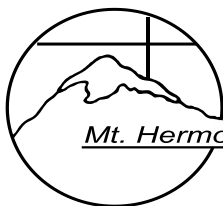
Gene & Jane Sexton

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**July 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 6:00 pm Worship Team	<b>2</b> 1:00 pm Staff meeting	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	Pastor Gina will be on vacation: July 1 <sup>st</sup> – July 8 <sup>th</sup> .					
<b>7</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1:00 pm Staff meeting	<b>10</b> 5:30 pm Exec. Committee 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School Noon: Council Meets & Farming Church 3:00 pm GraceWorks Kickoff	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 1:00 pm Staff meeting 6:30 pm Outreach Team	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
	GraceWorks, Ebenezer Lutheran Church					
<b>21</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 1:00 pm Staff meeting	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
	VBS: Who is my Neighbor? For ALL AGES Meal 5:15 – 6:00 VBS 6:00 – 8:00					
<b>28</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	<b>29</b> 7:00 pm Lutheran Men Saxe Gotha District Meeting	<b>30</b> 1:00 pm Staff meeting	<b>31</b> 6:30 pm Chancel Choir			





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