



THE SPIRIT BLOWS

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:1-4

As we think of vacations, and maybe a trip to the coast of South Carolina, we anticipate a beach breeze. This wind is anticipated. We have no idea if the wind will be coming from the South-East or North-West, we just know the wind will be blowing. We don't always experience wind gusts of 35 mph and see the pine trees swaying and bending over, though that sometimes happens. Most of the time we just see the grass slightly blowing. We hear the windchimes gently dinging. We see light-weight objects blowing around. Perhaps, we will even see someone flying a kite.

Maybe the beach is not your "happy place" but rather you enjoy the mountains. Regardless, you found yourself in a place where the weather is ideal? The temperature is perfect and there is a slight breeze blowing? The real question is: Have you been in a place where the Spirit was blowing so strong on your body that you got chills? This is the time when you realize chills happen sometimes when it has nothing to do with the temperature and intensity of the wind – it is a undeniable blowing of The Spirit!

Luke writes in Acts, *And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.* The wind filled the space. The curtains would not just be flapping, but rather, the curtains would end up on the floor. This is the type of wind that would knock windchimes off the hooks. There was no doubt something amazing was happening in "this place." There was no question, this was not just a little breeze.

On June 5th we will celebrate Pentecost. It's the sending of the Advocate. It's the promise of the Holy Spirit. It is also the birth of the Jesus' church (not our church, but His church). May we come and worship and grow as we feel the Spirit blowing and moving us in the direction of deepening our discipleship. Come. Encounter The Spirit!

Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gina
#3011LeaphartRoad
#WeAreMtHermon

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WELCOME
to the family of Mt Hermon!



Cameron Blakely, Parish Administrator



Svetlana Royal, Director of Music



Baptism of Caroline Ann Mills



Chris and Marie Carroll



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HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING NEEDED

Spring Cleaning?? Clearing Closets??

The Outreach Team is collecting donations for a Back to School Bash

NEEDED: Gently used or new CHILDREN'S clothing
SIZES: All children's sizes (4T & up, Youth, Juniors)

- T shirts
- Jeans
- Leggings
- Shorts
- Sneakers
- Coats/Jackets



Donation boxes will be located at the Church Office during May & June!

***The Back to School Bash will benefit students in our community who lack basic needs as they return to school this August. More details to come!**

A Day of Service and Celebration

Saturday, September 10



& FOOD TRUCK FEST



More details coming soon

2nd Annual Food Truck Fest and Celebration of Operation Inasmuch: Volunteers Needed

We are well underway with plans for our 2nd Annual Food Truck Fest on September 10. This event, which is open to the public, will be a church-wide event and is part of a Day of Service and Celebration with Operation Inasmuch, which is earlier that day.

The Outreach Team is working on the service projects and the Worship Team is coordinating the evening of Celebration.

With that in mind, we will need many volunteers to help with the Food Truck Celebration. Following are tasks that Team Leaders have agreed to coordinate, and we will need many volunteers to help out. Choose a task and contact the Team Leader to volunteer!

- Music & Worship: Band and Food Trucks (all scheduled)
- Support & Care: Parking, Ground Maintenance, Trash Ronnie Fulmer & Terry Swygert)
- Outreach: Greeters, directing people and lighting (Diane Boulware)
- Teach: Children's "take out" boxes (Darryl Leigh Anthony)

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CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Congregational Council Minutes April 10, 2022

ATTENDANCE: Absent – Frankie Jackson and Mike Rawl

CARES AND CONCERNS: Jim Mullins (friend of Cindy Price) – throat cancer, those in the congregation who are unwell but don't want people to know.

MEMBER CARE: No report.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Move Eagle Scout recommendation from Support Team to Executive Committee – **APPROVED** with change

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Corrected to change Item #2 under New Business – This should have said Sunday, April 10 at 4:00 pm and Blake Allen will have devotions. **APPROVED** unanimously

REPORTS:

- Pastor Gina: Written report received for March 2022.
- Treasurer: Written report received for March 2022.
- Financial Secretary: Written report received for March 2022.
- Executive Committee: Joshua Koon recommends the following Eagle Scout project for Council approval: To repurpose the central courtyard outside of the breezeway into a Prayer and Reflection garden. It can also serve as a meeting place for small groups. This project will reduce required maintenance by using all hardscaping materials. **APPROVED** unanimously

Team Reports/Recommendations:

- Team for Ministry: No report
- Care: Written report submitted.
- Outreach: Written report submitted with correction – The Fentanyl Poisoning workshop will be rescheduled for another date.
- Support: Written report submitted.
- Finance: Written report submitted. The Finance Committee recommends the “Mount Hermon Lutheran Church Young at Heart Checking Account” be closed and the funds transferred to Mt. Hermon designated fund “One Body in Christ” to be included under Worship and Music Team. The balance in the account is \$2,273.25. Request for the use of these funds must come through the Worship and Music Team and requires the use of the attached request form. Two signatures are required. **APPROVED**. Earl Sease made a motion that we continue the previously approved practice of transferring the interest from the Dreher account to the One Body in Christ line item.
 - TABLED to gather more information.
 - Adam Carnell, Pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, is currently using the parsonage at \$800 per month. He closed on a house on March 28, 2022, and requested to continue to rent on a week-to-week basis for approximately two weeks at a rate of \$200 per week.
- Teach: Written report submitted.

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- **Worship:** Written report submitted. The Worship Team recommends that in the absence of a Director of Music, the musician who is planning, rehearsing, reporting, and leading worship will be compensated at the approved fee schedule rate of \$150 per Sunday. **APPROVED** unanimously. The Worship Team recommends that we add live streaming to the fee schedule at a minimum rate of \$75 per person for funerals, weddings, or other services as requested. **APPROVED** unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Next month's meeting will move from May 8 to May 15 to avoid meeting on Mother's Day.
2. Next Meeting: Sunday, May 15 @4:00 pm. Sheila Starkey will have devotions and lock-up duty.

Sheila Eargle, Council Secretary

Called Church Council Meeting

05.01.2022 11:30am

1. The Worship & Music Director of Music Search Team has made a recommendation to Personnel and Finance Teams brings the recommendation to hire Svetlana Royal for the Director of Music position. **Approved**
2. The second recommendation comes from the Personnel Team regarding the Office Administrator. The recommendation is to offer \$15 per hour. **Approved**

ATTENDANCE REPORT			
	In-person	Live Stream	Total
May 01	101	59	160
May 08	94	68	162
May 15	106	52	158
May 22	88	64	152

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CARE TEAM HAPPENINGS

The care team meets on the first Monday at 5:30 in the Conference Room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Terry Swygert and attend the next meeting!

Hebrews 10:25 reads

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”



This is a great reminder that God calls us to gather in order to share our faith and strengthen and encourage one another in Christ. We do this through our He-Brews supper clubs. The remaining 2022 dates for He-Brews will be July 30th (sign up by July 24) and October 15th (sign up Oct 9). How do I participate? Sign-up on the sign-up sheet located in the breezeway or on-line. All participants will be divided randomly into small groups. A contact person will coordinate with their group to set a time and destination to meet for dinner. The groups will change for each date so that each time you meet you are with a different group of people.



**A third group forgot to take a photo. ☺
Sign up not online or in the breezeway!**

The Care Team is beginning to gather history from the older disciples at Mt. Hermon. If you would like to share your memories, data, history, etc. with us, WE WANT to hear it! Please contact Terry Swygert.

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OUTREACH TEAM HAPPENINGS

The outreach team meets on the third Monday at 6:00 in the Conference Room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Diane Boulware and attend the next meeting!

Community Meal

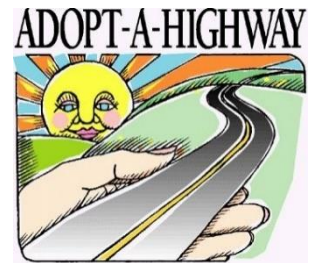


Mt. Hermon hosted another community meal on Saturday, May 21st. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch and getting to know some members of the community. All are invited to join us for our next **Community Meal** of hotdogs, chili, coleslaw and baked beans on **July 23, 2022**. Come, enjoy fellowship and a meal with our

Fellowship Meal
neighbors and friends!

Adopt-A-Highway

Our Adopt-A-Highway pick-up crew was out on Saturday, May 21st. The other pick-up dates this year are **August 20** and November 12, 2022. We meet in the church parking lot by 9:00 am and would love to have you join us. Many hands make light work!



FOOD PANTRY

OPEN TODAY

9AM-11AM



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry continues to be busy serving the needs of our neighbors.

As always, donations of any food items or monetary amount are welcome. The detailed list of food and toiletries that we normally distribute is on the church website at: <http://www.mthlc.com/food-pantry.html>

Back to School Bash

We are beginning to collect children's clothing and shoes, as well as school supplies for a Back to School Bash being planned for **July 23, 2022**. The event will include food, fun, and games. Be on the lookout for more information on what, when, and where you can donate and be sure to mark your calendars and plan to participate in this great day of community outreach.



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TEACH TEAM HAPPENINGS

The teach team meets on the first Sunday at 4:00 in the education building in a classroom near the church nursery. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Daryl Leigh Anthony and attend the next meeting!



Adult Sunday School Two new adult Sunday school classes are being added! Terry and Allison Swygert are leading a new 20-30 Something's class. It meets in the education building. Jennifer Miller is starting another new adult class beginning the first week of June. Plans are for this class to meet in the education building. If you aren't in Sunday school, you are missing out! Please plan to visit the various classes and find one you'd like to join each Sunday!

VBS Dinner will be available from 5:30-6:00 and classes will begin at 6:00 pm. Follow Mt. Hermon's Facebook event for registration and updates. You may also register by following the link on our website or by going to mthermonlutheran.mycokesburyvbs.com. Please consider volunteering to help on July 12, 13 & 14 with our Food Truck Party VBS and then on July 15 for the Food Truck Party in the parking lot closing out our VBS. Contact Elyse Kinard or Katie Donaldson to volunteer.

VBS
July 12-14

Give us this day our daily bread
Matthew 6:11

3011 Leaphart Rd
West Columbia

ON A ROLL WITH GOD!

VBS Finale: July 15
Food Truck Party Celebration
with Movies on the Mount
in the Parking Lot



Movies on the Mount

Mt. Hermon is hosting a movie night each Friday from May 27-July 15. A food truck will be ready for beverage and food purchase beginning at 5:00 pm in the parking lot. Our movie will begin about 7:00 pm with free popcorn. Bring your comfy lawn chair for dinner and a movie.

Follow Mt. Hermon's Facebook event for updates.

Children's Ministries



POP ON OVER TO CELEBRATE THE START OF SUMMER WITH POPSICLES AND BICYCLES!

BRING YOUR BIKE AND HAVE SOME FUN ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH
FROM 10 - 12 IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT

CONTACT ELYSE KINARD (903-212-9709) OR KATIE DONALDSON (903-221-5996) WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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SUPPORT TEAM HAPPENINGS

The support team meets on the fourth Tuesday 6:30 in the conference room. If you would like to serve on the Support Team, contact Ronnie Fulmer and attend the next team meeting!

SUPPORT TEAM PROJECTS

Church Council approved the creation of a Long-Term Visioning team to discuss both ministries and facilities for the continuation of God's work at #3011 Leaphart Road

The restroom in the Scout Hut (building next parking lot) has been repaired, cleaned, and ready for use when we are using that section of the church property. Thank you to those who made that possible.

Personnel Team:

The staff is again complete with the hiring of Svetlana Royal as the Director of Music and Cameron Blakely as Parish Administrator.

Parsonage:

The parsonage is ready for the next ministry opportunity. If you know of clergy (pastors) who are in need of housing, please contact Joel Price, Sr. We are actively seeking a new person/family to use that space.

Window replacements:

Thanks to a generous donation, the basement windows along Methodist Park are being replaced. Those windows are on order. The broken/cracked glass in the windows in the Fellowship Hall are also being replaced.

Thank you for your generous donations!

To my Mt. Hermon Family,

In three weeks, you have helped me surpass my goal of \$1,000 for my project. Your generous donations have more than doubled the funding for my project. I have begun incorporating additional elements into my project with the generosity of your hearts! I am excited to get started on my project in the next few weeks. Thank you for the donations!

Outdoor Sanctuary

**Sincerely,
Tanner Addy**



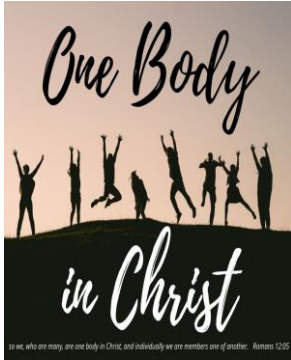
Tanner's Eagle Scout Project
\$ 3,084.70 Received to date



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WORSHIP & MUSIC TEAM HAPPENINGS

The worship and music team meets on the fourth Mondays at 6:00 in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Wynne Price and come to the next meeting!



Second and Fourth Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall

Many thanks to Ryan and everyone agreed that he did a great job in preparing and leading our worship services in the absence of a Director of Music.

Audio/Video Teams and Worship

The TV's in the office area and in the church nursery are fully operational. The TV's are the same as if you were worshipping from home. The words for the songs are streamed on the screen.



Will you serve on this team?
You will be trained to be audio & video servers for the LiveStreaming Teams

New Director of Music

A reception will be held on June 12th after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall for the congregation to meet and welcome Svetlana.

Summer

WORSHIP
come as you are
but expect to be changed

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SERVING IN THE COMMUNITY

June 2022

COUNCIL REP: Earl Sease

ALTAR GUILD: Earl & Mary Frances Sease

TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Dion Metzke, Terry Swygert (Susan Busby)

<u>Altar Flowers</u>		<u>Greeter</u>	
5	Wayne Sheila Eargle	5	Jenny Scott
12	Clifton & Ann Addy	12	Jenny Scott
19	Joel & Cindy / Angie Hydrick	19	Elyse & Arron Kinard
26	Danny Scott	26	Elyse & Arron Kinard
<u>Crucifer</u>		<u>Acolyte</u>	
5	Connor Eargle	5	Brayden Morris
12	Sydney Bucknam	12	Mackenzie Burns
19	Quentin Kinard	19	Sam Koon
26	Brayden Rutherford	26	Gable Jolly
<u>Lector</u>		<u>Communion Assistants</u>	
5	Frank Bouknight	5	Charlene Corley, Ronnie Fulmer, Melanie Jackson
12	Sheila Eargle	12	Hayden Eargle, Danny Scott, Frankie Jackson,
19	Alyson Price	19	Emily Morris, Bonnie Bouknight, Jennifer Miller,
26	Wynne Price	26	Marion Leaphart, Elyse Kinard, Arron Kinard

** If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to serve in your absence.*

Please also notify the church office of the change.

*If you are serving during worship,
please arrive no later than 8:30am for sound check
or updates to responsibilities during worship.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Are you, or do you know someone in a local VFW organization. The Worship & Music Team would like to honor a local VFW group at the Memorial Day Service. Please contact Wynne Price or Pastor Gina if you have connections with a local group.

Search FB for the group:
Disciples of Mt. Hermon

We will soon make this a closed group and no one will be able to search and find the group.



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BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY



- Jun 02** Debra Butts
Jun 03 Brannon Miller
♥ **Jun 03** Parker & Diane Boulware
♥ **Jun 05** Randy & Becky Wise
Jun 10 Brittany Allen
Jun 11 Frankie Jackson
Jun 12 Perry Bouknight
Jun 14 Debbie Fulmer, David Marsh
♥ **Jun 14** Wayne & Sheila Eargle
Jun 15 Mike Rawl
♥ **Jun 15** Ricky & Fran Bouknight
♥ **Jun 15** Dylan & Amanda Mills
♥ **Jun 16** Clifton & Ann Addy
♥ **Jun 20** Teddy & Becky Koon
♥ **Jun 20** Joel, Jr. & Devona Price
Jun 22 Jeannine Taylor
Jun 23 Gene Schofield
♥ **Jun 23** David & Scottie Marsh
♥ **Jun 24** Joel, Sr. & Cindy Price
♥ **Jun 25** Danny & Jenny Scott
♥ **Jun 25** Dennis & Cyndi Thurman



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MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayers

Clifton Addy, *home*

Patricia Bachman, *Generations*

Alberta Berry, *home*

Nell Buff, *NHC*

Becky Koon, *Colonial Gardens*

Tom Roof, *home*

Cyndi Thurman, *Encompas Health*

Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Ann Addy

Kay Bryant

James Hallman

Jerry Ellisor

Angie Hydrick

Marie Kleckley

Jean Shealy

Jerry Price III

Gene Schofield

Jane Sexton

Suzie Wattenbarger

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*

David Hydrick, *family of Angie Hydrick*

Charlotte & Paul Nelson, *friends of Herb Bucknam*

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

Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*

Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*

Gary & Linda Hodgins, *friends of Herb Bucknam*

Don Freeman, *friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*

Jessica Drigger's mother, *friend of Denise Thurman*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*

Dr. Kay Moore, *friend and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart*

Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*

Lewis Turner, *friend of Jo Leach*

Emma Hunt, *grandmother of Laura Carroll*

Beth Ellsworth, *friend of Kenny Bouknight*

David Gosnell, *friend of Allison Swygert*

Michelle Gross & Bryan Gross, *friends of Regan Anthony*

Shirley Duenka, *friend of Sheila Starkey*

Grayson Crout, *friend of Sheila Starkey*

Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*

Arthava Tripathi, *child friend of Robert & Joye Haygood*

Jackson Kolker, *friend of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight*

Steve Kinard, *father of Arron Kinard*

Mary Duffie, *mother of Alyson Price*

Curtis Plummer, *husband of DJ, son-in-law Wayne & Charlene Corley, serving our country*

Stan Weber, *husband of Debi Weber*

Keith Saxton, *friend of Cyndi Leaphart, serving our country*

*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Mt Hermon Lutheran Church

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Pentecost 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday school 1:00 pm History Recording 4:00 pm Teach Team	6 9:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm CR: Care team	7 1:00 pm Exercise class 6:30 pm Executive Team	8 9:00 am Food Pantry (Frank & Bonnie Bouknight, Angie Hydrick) 10:00 am Meals on Wheels 12:05 pm OneBody in Christ 6:00 pm Video training 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 1:00 pm Exercise class	10 5:00 pm Food Truck Fridays 7:00 pm Movie on the Mount	11 9:00 am Food Pantry (Mike Rawl & Laura Stevens)
12 Synod assembly Trinity Sunday 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am CFF: Svetlana 10:30 am Sunday school 11:30 am Council Meets	13 Synod assembly 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Lutheran Men & Women	14 Synod assembly 1:00 pm Exercise class	15 9:00 am Food Pantry (Annette Price, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe) 10:00 am Meals on Wheels 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 1:00 pm Exercise class	17 5:00 pm Food Truck Fridays 7:00 pm Movie on the Mount	18 9:00 am Food Pantry (Arron & Elyse Kinard) 10:00 am Little Lutherans
19 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday school	20 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm CR: Outreach Team	21 1:00 pm Exercise class	22 9:00 am Food Pantry (Frank & Bonnie Bouknight, Andrea Bowers)) 10:00 am Meals on Wheels 12:05 pm OneBody in Christ 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	23 1:00 pm Exercise class	24 5:00 pm Food Truck Fridays 7:00 pm Movie on the Mount	25 9:00 am Food Pantry (Koon Family)
26 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday school	27 PG: Vacation 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm (CR: Worship Team)	28 PG: Vacation 1:00 pm Exercise class 6:00 pm CR: Support Team	29 PG: Vacation 9:00 am Food Pantry (Frank Bouknight, Angie Hydrick) 10:00 am Meals on Wheels 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	30 PG: Vacation 1:00 pm Exercise class		

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

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West Columbia, SC 29169

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Cameron Blakely, <i>Parish Administrator</i>	803.794.6430	Office@WeAreMtHermon.com

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