



HE IS ALIVE AND AMONG US!

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Ephesians 1:15-23

What a glorious Lenten Journey, Three Holy Days, and Easter! Thank you for all who journeyed and arrived at the closed tomb on Easter Morning. God showed his power over death and raised Jesus from the dead – and now we live, too! Paul wrote many times to the churches to remind them of the Power of Resurrection and the continual presence of God in our lives. Not even a stone could hold him in!

Today, we don't just remember the historical events of the crucifixion and resurrection, but rather, we see the presence of the power of God! We sit in the joy of the Resurrection and will soon again celebrate the completion of the circle where Jesus returns to the Father (Ascension's Day – May 26th). This event is then followed by the establishment of the Church – Pentecost (June 5th). Pentecost takes place 50 days after Easter and the church is born. The mission of the church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and teach and tell the world of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

God's plan is flawless. God's love is never ending. God's presence is unmistakable. We are on a mission to share the love of God with the world. Join in worship, education, and living out the Gospel.

Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gina
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AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

Thank you to all that attended June's funeral, called, texted, brought food, sent a card and mostly, to all who prayed for June and our family through this journey. Thank you also to all have given memorials to the church in her memory. All these acts of kindness are greatly appreciated.

Love, Tom Roof and family

THANKS
— *from the* —
HEART



Clifton and I would like to express our sincere gratitude to our Mt. Hermon church family for the many acts of kindness and concerns shown to us for the past four months. Your cards, telephone calls, food, and the many prayers you have given have been very much appreciated.

We are also appreciative of the many telephone calls, texts, visits, and prayers Pastor Gina has given of her time to us. She is truly a very caring pastor to our church family.

Thanks also to those of you that gave the lifesaving blood donations in Clifton's honor.

It is wonderful to be a part of Mt. Hermon Church Family.

Blessings and peace,
Clifton and Ann

From the American Red Cross:



MOUNT HERMON SHOWED UP APRIL 3rd!

Thank you to all who participated in the Red Cross Blood Drive in honor of Clifton Addy where we collected 16 units! Our next drive will be September 25th--hope you can join us!

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CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Congregational Council Minutes March 13, 2022

ATTENDANCE: All were present.

CARES AND CONCERNS: Becky Koon (admitted to Carolina Gardens), Kay Bryant, Charlie and Henry King (preemie great-grandsons of Francis and Joanne Eargle – both are home and doing well), Marie Kleckley

MEMBER CARE: No report.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Add Stephen Price Scholarship Fund to Unfinished Business - **APPROVED**.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Approved as presented.

REPORTS:

- Pastor Gina: Written report received for February 2022.
- Treasurer: Written report received for February 2022.
- Financial Secretary: Written report received for February 2022.
- Executive Committee: Executive Committee recommends that no private vendor be allowed to use Mt. Hermon property unless it is as part of a church-sponsored event. **APPROVED 13-1 abstained**. Care Committee will extend an invitation to the Hot Dog Man to participate in a few upcoming events.

Team Reports/Recommendations:

Team for Ministry: No report

Care: Written report submitted.

Outreach: Written report submitted.

Support: Written report submitted. The last day of employment for the Director of Music, Ruthie Brannen, will be April 17, 2022. The Personnel Committee recommends that her last day in a pay status be April 25, 2022. **PASSED**. Finance Committee recommends that the name for the Endowment for the Arts at Mount Hermon be changed to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church Fund for the Arts and approve revised document dated 03/13/2022.

PASSED

Finance Committee recommends that 2022 special offering received for Advent, Lent, Easter, Epiphany, and Christmas go to Mt. Hermon Food Pantry. **PASSED**

Teach: Written report submitted.

Worship: Written report submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Stephen Price Scholarship Fund: The Spring 2022 funds will be dispersed when we have the name of our new seminarian.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parsonage: The current tenant purchased a new home and will be moving out late March/early April. A motion was made to continue the ministry opportunity with the parsonage. **PASSED unanimously**

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 10 @4:00 pm. Karen Nicholson will have devotions.

Sheila Eargle, Council Secretary

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TREASURER REPORT

Year to Date March 2022

	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Current & Benevolence	64,033.68	56,310.02	7,723.66
Building Improvement	3,368.92	1,764.94	1,603.98
Building on Holy Ground	20,128.79	14,863.44	5,265.35

ATTENDANCE REPORT

	In-person	Live Stream	Total
April 3	95	62	157
April 10	95	68	163
Maundy Thursday	71	37	108
Good Friday	76	48	124
April 17	71	37	108
April 24	73	61	134



Keep an eye out for the updated totals for the Eagle Scout Project

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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!



Casserole Cares A Feeding Ministry....

What's for dinner tonight? A question we have all asked ourselves. Now imagine asking yourself that when you or a loved one comes home with a new diagnosis. When you are going through medical treatments. When a newborn comes home. Wouldn't it be nice to know for a night or two dinner is taken care of?

Casserole Cares is a new ministry at Mt. Hermon to help our loved ones and neighbors get through these times. Do you have a favorite dish everyone asks you to make at the family gathering or work party? Can you make one and add to our menu? When making for your family can you double recipe and share one with us?

They will be kept in the freezer at church, so they are easily accessible for anyone who may be going to visit someone who needs us. If you can contribute, please let the Care team or myself know. Also, I will be more than glad to meet up and get it to the church for you.

A generous person will prosper whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

Kim Gable Jolly,
Casserole Cares Coordinator



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OUTREACH 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!



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Mt. Hermon hosted a successful Blood Drive on **Sunday, April 3**. We were able to collect 16 units of blood. Thank you to everyone who donated their blood to save someone's life. Our next blood drive will be on **Sunday, September 25**. Please make plans to donate then.

Community Workshop

Mt. Hermon is hosting an important community workshop on **Fentanyl Poisoning on Sunday, May 1 at 4:00pm**. Fentanyl Poisoning is the number one cause of death in Americans 18 -45 years of age. Please make plans to attend this workshop. Allison Swygert will be leading this workshop.

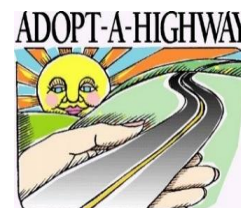


Community Meal

Mt. Hermon is hosting another community meal on **Saturday, May 21 at noon**. We are looking forward to a wonderful lunch with a great opportunity to get to know some members of the community. The lunch will be ham, mac & cheese, green beans, rolls and banana pudding. All are invited to this **Free Meal**. Come, enjoy a meal with our neighbors and friends.

Adopt-A-Highway

Make plans to help with our next Adopt-A-Highway pick-up on **Saturday, May 21**. Meet in the church parking lot by 9:00 am. The other pick-up dates this year are: August 20 and November 12, 2022.



Food Pantry



The Food Pantry has been very busy this month. We were able to distribute 40 Easter bags to our guests in addition to their regular "set-ups". As you know, food prices keep increasing. We are blessed to continue to receive donations of food and money to keep the pantry open. Recently, we received 250 cans of food from the Pineview Ruritan. Diane and Parker Boulware attended the meeting and graciously accepted this awesome gift. The month of May we are encouraging donations of canned chicken or stew beef. If you are able to add any of these items to your grocery list, we would greatly appreciate it. 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.

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Heart to Home Ministry

This ministry is going well. Each week we provide 25 bags containing child friendly items such as: Mac & Cheese Cups, Cup-a-Soup, Ramen Noodles, Oatmeal, Yogurt Pouches, Cheese Crackers, Cereal, Granola Bars, etc. We try to make sure we are giving them at least two breakfast foods, four lunch/supper foods and two snacks. These are provided to students at Wood Elementary who are in need of food for the weekends. Thank you to all who have donated to help support this ministry.



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!



VBS Celebration
Friday, July 15



Food Trucks available for
food and drink purchases
A percentage of sales will be donated to
Mt. Hermon Children's Ministry



Come join us for Sunday School! Children, Youth, Adult Classes. Journeys and New Horizon's meet in the education wing. The Youth will meet in the youth room (first door in the lower level of the sanctuary). A large group adult class will meet in the conference room.

Youth meeting will be
May 1st at 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall.
Bring your parents and we will see you there!



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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 Maintenance

Washers were changed in the large sink (side without the sprayer) in the Fellowship hall kitchen

Toilet in the Music Director's office was repaired

Cemetery – The weeds in the cemetery were sprayed

Finance Committee - A discussion of the Young at Heart funds was held. This account currently has a balance of \$2,773.25. No meetings of this group are currently being held. The last meeting appears to have been held in November 2019. The majority (plus) of the attendees of the One Body in Christ services on Wednesdays are the same Young at Heart group attendees. It was concluded that we establish an earmarked fund account for "One Body in Christ" with these funds. The new earmarked funds "One Body in Christ" are to be used for, but not limited to, meals for the Wednesday worship. May be used for other purposes for the Wednesday services. This was approved by Council April 10, 2022.

Madison Dye of James Dye and Associates gave a review of the investments of Mt. Hermon.

Eagle Scout project: Tanner Addy's outdoor worship space. Please make your donations payable to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church: note for Tanner Addy's Eagle Scout project. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,000.



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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!

Thank you to the disciples of Christ, who call Mt. Hermon, Home!

Choir: The music and worship services were a blessed time throughout Lent, The Three Holy Days, and of course, the Easter worship. **Thank you!**

Altar Guild: Thank you for the many parament changes, resetting after stripping the altar, and for communion each and every Sunday morning and evening during Lent and also throughout the year. **Thank you!**

Workers in the kingdom: Thank you to all the many hands who prepared, decorated, and served the Seder Meal, decorated the sanctuary, greeted, ushered, and served during the many services during Lent and Holy Week. Thank you for purchasing food for the Food Pantry Easter Meals. Thank you all for being diligent followers of the Risen Christ. **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**



Director of Music Search Team:

Wynne Price (chair), Susan Busby, Debbie Fulmer, Marie Gardner, Breanna Metze, Pastor Gina, Karen Nicholson, Joel Price, Sr., Ryan Price will be installed on May 1st. Their work has begun. Due to the high need for confidentiality, we ask that you pray for the team, but understand they are not able to share any details or particulars with the congregation, until they make a recommendation to the Personnel Team and Church Council. Please pray for the Spirit's guidance and this team's diligence.

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SERVING IN THE COMMUNITY

May 2022

COUNCIL REP: Blake Allen

ALTAR GUILD: Angie Hydrick, Jennifer Price

TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Dion Metze, Jeff Price, Arron Kinard (Susan Busby)

<u>Altar Flowers</u>		<u>Greeter</u>	
1	Danny Scott	1	Alyson Price
8	Arron & Elyse Kinard	8	Alyson Price
15	Marsh/Price	15	Alyson Price
22	Ronnie & Debbie Fulmer	22	Alyson Price
29	Robery & Joye Haygood	29	Alyson Price
<u>Crucifer</u>		<u>Acolyte</u>	
1	Brayden Rutherford	1	Mackenzie Burns
8	Tanner Addy	8	Connor Eargle
15	Lawson Morris	15	Brayden Morris
22	Skyler Miller	22	Sam Koon
29	Jackson Price	29	Spencer Price
<u>Lector</u>		<u>Communion Assistants</u>	
1	Terry Swygert	1	Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Terry Swygert
8	Frank Bouknight	8	Hayden Eargle, Danny Scott, Frankie Jackson,
15	Emily Morris	15	Charlene Corley, Ronnie Fulmer, Arron Kinard
22	Elyse Kinard	22	Emily Morris, Bonnie Bouknight, Jennifer Miller,
29	Mary Price	29	Wynne Price, Marion Leaphart, Danny Scott

** If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to cover for you and 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

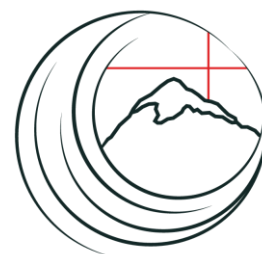
We will soon make this a closed group and no one will be able to search and find the group.



Would you like to share one of the best keep secrets in West Columbia?

#WeAreMtHermon

We will be offering t-shirts for sale through a local company. You will be able to order your size and colors and the company will make a donation to the Teaching Ministries of Mt. Hermon. The cost of the tshirts will be from \$15 to \$18 each. Red is one of the colors to be offered. I will be wearing a RED on June 5th – Pentecost! Order details to be posted on website and in bulletins. **Let's take the light of Christ into the world!**



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Eagle Project for Tanner Addy Outdoor Sanctuary

My name is Tanner Addy and I am from Boy Scout Troop 331 in West Columbia. I am currently a Life Scout and working toward my Eagle Scout Rank. One of my Eagle Scout requirements is to plan and execute a service project that benefits the community.



Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

My project will be to create an "Outdoor Sanctuary" for Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church. The "Outdoor Sanctuary" could be used for a variety of activities and events. Some of those could include: Easter Sunrise Service, Confirmation, Lenten Services, Worship, small group time of prayer, Sunday School groups or events, VBS, and many more. I plan to build wooden benches along with a wooden cross. The "Outdoor Sanctuary" will be kept with a natural appearance.

I plan to begin building my project late spring or as soon as funding is received. The estimated cost to build the "Outdoor Sanctuary" is \$1,000.00. Donations can be placed in the offering plate labeled "Tanner's Eagle Project" or you may give from our website at www.WeAreMtHermon.com and select Online Giving. I am very thankful for your prayers and any assistance you're able to provide me with my Eagle Project.

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BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

	♥ May 01	Brandon & Katie Donaldson
May 02		Jenny Scott
	♥ May 02	Gene & Jan Schofield
May 05		Adam Bryant
May 06		Ricky Bouknight
May 09		Sydney Bucknam, Emily Carroll
	♥ May 09	Mike & Leah Rawl
May 10		Devona Price
May 11		Abbey Carroll
	♥ May 11	Dion & Pastor Gina Metze
May 12		Kenneth Bouknight
May 16		Kitty Boulware, Lauvenia Butts
	♥ May 17	Jeff & Alyson Price
May 18		Johnny Lewis
	♥ May 18	Moises & Emily Arroyo
May 21		Courtney Bucknam
May 22		Dylan Mills
	♥ May 22	Blake & Lauren Donaldson
	♥ May 22	Ronnie & Debbie Fulmer
May 23		Missy Addy
May 26		Herb Bucknam, Joel Price, Jr.
	♥ May 26	Perry & Trudy Bouknight
May 27		Patricia Bachman, Kim Jolly
	♥ May 29	Robert & Joye Haygood
May 30		Ryan Price



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MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayers

Clifton Addy, home

Patricia Bachman, Generations

Alberta Berry, home

Hazel Bockus, Springdale Home

Lyle Bockus, Springdale Home

Nell Buff, NHC

Becky Koon, Colonial Gardens

Tom Roof, home

Cyndi Thurman, Prisma Baptist

Linda Waters-Hamilton, home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Ann Addy

Kay Bryant

Tommy Donaldson

James Hallman

Jerry Ellisor

Angie Hydrick

Marie Kleckley

Jean Shealy

Jerry Price III

Gene Schofield

Jane Sexton

Kitty Boulware

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our 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

Bill Harrell, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price

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, friend 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

Barry Posey, friend of Cyndi Leaphart

Bryan Gross, friend of Regan Anthony

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

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

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Mt Hermon Lutheran Church

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday school 3:00 pm Confirmation Class 4:00 pm Teach Team 4:30 pm Youth Meeting	2 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm CR: Care team 6:30 pm Team for Ministry	3 1:00 pm Exercise class	4 9:00 am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease) 10:00 am Meals on Wheels	5 1:00 pm Exercise class 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7 9:00 am Food Pantry (Arron & Elyse Kinard)
8 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday school	9 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Lutheran Men & Women	10 1:00 pm Exercise class 6:30 pm Executive Team	11 9:00 am Food Pantry (Bonnie & Frank Bouknight, Andrea Bowers) 10:00 am Meals on Wheels 12:05 pm OneBody in Christ	12 1:00 pm Exercise class 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14 9:00 am Food Pantry (Koon Family) 10:00 am FH: Rental
15 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday school 4:00 pm Council Meets	16 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm CR: Outreach Team	17 1:00 pm Exercise class	18 9:00 am Food Pantry (Frank Bouknight, Angie Hydrick) 10:00 am Meals on Wheels	19 1:00 pm Exercise class 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	20	21 Adopt-a-Highway 9:00 am Food Pantry (Swygerts & Carrols) 9:30 am FH: Community Meal
22 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am CFF 10:30 am Sunday school 3:00 pm Confirmation Class 4:00 pm FH: Grief Workshop	23 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm CR: Worship Team	24 1:00 pm Exercise class 6:00 pm CR: Support Team	25 9:00 am Food Pantry (Annette Price, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)) 10:00 am Meals on Wheels 12:05 pm OneBody in Christ	26 Ascension Day 1:00 pm Exercise class 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28 9:00 am Food Pantry (Danny & Jenny Scott)
29 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday school	30 10:00 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Community Worship	31 1:00 pm Exercise class				

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



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