

## This Month at a Glance

### Saturday, January 6

7:00 p.m. Epiphany Service

### Sunday, January 7

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Communications Team

### Monday, January 8

6:30 p.m. Lutheran Men in Mission

### Sunday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

7:00 p.m. Council

### Tuesday, January 16

6:30 p.m. Pub and Pray (Bible Trivia)

### Sunday, January 21

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

LCY Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction

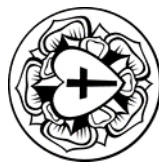
January 26—28 Leadership Retreat

### Sunday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

**Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church**  
3011 Leaphart Road  
West Columbia, SC 29169



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# Around the Mountain

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## Epiphany Service

**Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church** will be hosting its 37<sup>th</sup> annual candlelight Community Epiphany Service on Saturday, January 6, 2018 starting at 7:00pm. The service brings to a conclusion the Christmas season featuring **The Magnolia Chamber Singers** with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC. For more information or directions, please call the church office at 803-794-6430 or 803-920-4087. All are invited.



**Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School 10:15 a.m.** (Classes for all ages)

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### STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

#### Interim Pastor

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#### Church Secretary

Catherine M. VanCleave

#### Sextons

Ricky Bouknight, Terry & Allison Swygert

#### Congregational Officers

President: Danny Scott

V. President: Terry Swygert

Secretary: Alyson Price

Treasurer: Emily Morris

Financial Secretary:

Annette Price

#### Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## My View From the Mountain (with Pastor Mary Anderson)

As I write to you on this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas, I want to express my thanks to all who helped make our Advent and Christmas seasons so wonderful at Mt. Hermon. I introduced some new things and created more work for some leaders, but it all seemed worth the effort. Attendance was high during these seasons and it will be up to all of us to increase worship attendance and over-all participation in 2018. You all still know "who's missing" more than I do. If you noticed someone at Christmas Eve that you haven't seen in a while, send them a note or give them a call. If you still aren't seeing an individual or a family who have been absent for a while, do the same. If you think someone would benefit from a visit or call from me, just let me know.

In this newsletter, you'll see news of some who have left our congregation due to death or personal decision. You'll see news of those who will be joining our congregation in a few weeks. I encourage us not to view these folks as people lost or gained. Instead of calling folks "new members," think about the fact that we are a new congregation by their presence just as we are a new congregation when people depart our company.

We are constantly being made new. We are never the same old place. Newcomers bring new perspectives, new eyes, new ideas, new gifts, and new needs. Departing members cause a loss in leadership or a familiar voice around the Sunday School table. We miss them. It's also sometimes true that a congregation serves as a sanctuary for some people during a particular time in their lives, but then they are called elsewhere. I encourage us to rejoice in the ways we can be a temporary shelter for folks who need it instead of always thinking "once a member, always a member." Some folks dearly love their home congregation and appreciate the childhood memories, but don't want to stay as adults. Others are just the opposite. I've had to learn this in my ministry because I never want anybody to leave!

We have many opportunities for renewal in 2018. This should be the year your next pastor is called. Exciting! Continue to pray for your Call Committee and for the Spirit's leading. You are always being made new! Thanks be to God!



***I would like to thank my Mt. Hermon family for the generous love offering that I received at our Christmas Eve service. I was deeply moved by the kind words and sincere love shown to me. I am blessed to serve as your Parish Administrator and grateful for the abundant support I receive from the congregation. God bless each of you!***

***~Catherine VanCleave***

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We Welcome

Jack Price Allen!



**Jack Price Allen** was born Monday, December 11, 2017. Jack is the son of Brittany and Blake Allen. Best Wishes and Many Blessings from your Mt. Hermon church family! Welcome, Jack!

**Farewell and Godspeed to Suzie Wattenbarger**

At her request, December 31<sup>st</sup> was Suzie's last Sunday at Mt. Hermon. She wanted to communicate with the congregation after she departed. Here is her letter to all of us:

*I want to share with you that God has been leading me ever so strongly, for several years now, and especially over this last year, to move in new directions, but I wasn't sure just what He was saying. It took getting baptized, going to intensive Bible studies, Godly guidance, prayer, a LOT of really going before the Lord, including studying special movies, like the WAR ROOM, to get to where I am right now.*

*So, God is leading me in several directions, not only about housing, but relationships, and it also seems to include another church family, which isn't totally clear, though I have some "clues". All I really can say for certain, like Abraham, I have been told to "Go", even though I do seem to have a bit more info than Abraham knew at the time. God kept putting in my mind that December was an end time and January as a move forward time, so I am going with that. There are many times over 40+ years God has sent me to Abraham's story to answer my prayers (whether "wait", "yes" etc)*

*Please know I cherish my time at Mt Hermon and will forever hold in my heart how your love reached out to me and Tom over the years and then to me when Tom passed and since then. We started visiting when Pastor Rosebrock was pastor, whom we really liked. We joined under Pastor Eric, and he and now Pastor Anderson have been especially helpful and caring. Some of my fondest memories include being in my SS class, the Mt Hermon You Got Talent show, the skits and plays, being a lector, helping with INASMUCH and WELCA; but, doing the children's sermons hold a special place in my heart. I want all the children, who have come up over the years, to know I love each of you, even the ones who are now young adults! As I leave, I certainly welcome your prayers and calls as I move forward with God's leading. I rest totally in His hands. My love and prayers to all of you!*

*Love always,  
Suzie*

**Welcome to New Members January 14<sup>th</sup>**

On this Sunday (previously scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup>), we will welcome through the waters of Baptism, Sophie Martin, infant daughter of newcomers, Thomas and Danni Martin. We will also welcome by Affirmation of Baptism, Amanda Smith, granddaughter of Marie Kleckley. Amanda grew up at Incarnation Lutheran, Columbia, and is happy to officially join the Mt. Hermon family.

**Our Congregational Sympathy** to the family of James Marion Corley, Sr., who passed away on December 27<sup>th</sup>. His funeral and burial were held at Mt. Hermon on December 30<sup>th</sup>. We give thanks for his dedication and leadership in this church. Thank you for your continued prayers for his wife, children, and grandchildren. Peace to his memory!

**"Pub and Pray" will be January 16th**

***Please note the change of date- you may have originally had the 18<sup>th</sup> marked on your calendars- please note that it has been scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup>.***

On this date at 6:30pm, all Mt. Hermon members and friends are invited to gather at the British Bulldog Pub near the Columbiana Movie Theaters for food, drink, and a fun game of Bible Trivia with Pastor Anderson. We will have a semi-private section of their restaurant and will have a limited menu. If you have questions, please contact Alyson Price or Pastor Anderson. All are welcome. Bring your friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

**Records and Archives Team**

The Council and Pastor Anderson have established a new team to help us organize our archives and our current record-keeping at Mt. Hermon. Fortunately, the ELCA has a comprehensive manual for such things and we are fortunate to be in the same area as the Region 9 Archives and its staff at the seminary. To begin, this team will be staffed by Pastor Anderson, Catherine VanCleave, Ann Addy, Parker Boulware, and Mary Frances Sease. The work of this team requires two important skills: the ability to look comprehensively at record management and the ability to do the hands-on work of discovering information in hardcopy and electronic forms, and perhaps under furniture and on scraps of paper 😊The whole congregation will be asked to participate in this work soon as we update membership files and seek other information.

**The Communications Team**

This team will have its second meeting on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. We are working on creating an updated and unified look to all our written and electronic communications as well and helping to analyze the communications culture of our congregation and how to make it even better.

**Director of Music Search**

In this New Year, your Search Team will re-group and resume our search for our new Director of Music. We trust that the right person is out there for us and that the Spirit will connect us at the right time. Our thanks continue for the ways Trudy Bouknight, Ryan Price, Buddy Hydrick and others have given of their talents to support our worship life during this longer-than-expected interim. Please keep this search process in your prayers.





- 2 Bethany Smith
- 5 Karly Addy  
Skyler Addy  
Alyssa Stevens
- 6 Robin Ellisor  
Dale Suggs
- 7 Nichole McDonald
- 8 Bryan Addy  
Larry Bachman
- 9 Tommy Bouknight
- 10 Bobby Carver
- 11 Rebekah Swygert
- 13 Barbara Moody  
Lois Watson
- 14 Francis Eargle
- 17 Shirley Cooper
- 21 Cindy Price
- 22 Joel Price, Sr.
- 25 Grant Drenning
- 26 Adam King
- 27 Chloe Corley
- 29 Lena Wessinger

**January 15, 2006**

Jean Shealy & James Hallman

**January 17, 2004**

Keith & Emily Morris

*If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to our list or if there is a correction to be made, please contact the church office at 803-794-6430 or [office@mthlc.org](mailto:office@mthlc.org)*

- Pearl Dennis (Brookdale) William & Lois Watson (Brookdale)
- Margie Hook (home) Lena Wessinger (Colonial Gardens)
- Lib Swygert (Lowman Home)

**Mt. Hermon Members**

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Alberta Berry              | Rev. Everett Price |
| Hazel Bockus               | Jerry Price, III   |
| Jimmy Bouknight            | Ryan Price         |
| Nell Buff                  | Grace Roof         |
| David Butts, III           | Glenn Smith        |
| Barbara Corley             | Cyndi Thurman      |
| The family of James Corley | Mike Watford       |
| Lynwood Crout              | Suzie Wattenbarger |
| Jerry Ellisor              |                    |
| Georgianna Gray            |                    |

**Family and Friends**

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|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| The Family of Lisa Hydingner (Catt/Bucknam) | Chip Wilson (Ryan Price)             |
| The Bledsoe Family (Wattenbarger)           | Mike Merck (Ellisor)                 |
| Jim & Vickie Burcham (Thurman)              | Richie Tallent (Danny Scott)         |
| Scott Coleman (Thurman)                     | Kathryn & Don Bergeron (Bucknam)     |
| Jason Thurman (Thurman)                     | Stephanie Johnson (Jennifer Miller)  |
| Thomas Riley (Shirley Riley)                | W.A. "Buddy" Keller (Marion & Cyndi) |
| Brian Thompson (Joel Price, Jr.)            | Ben Nicholson (Karen Nicholson)      |
| Megan Sease (Earl & Mary F. Sease)          | Rose Little (Marie Kleckley)         |
| Patrick Cunningham (Abby Dugan)             | Tressa Oswald (Angie Hydrick)        |
| Aurora Schmitt (Abby Dugan)                 | Matthew Price (Angie Hydrick)        |
| Bonnie Parshall (Abby Dugan)                | Jimmy Mills (Tommy Mills)            |
| Charles Aull (Jay Corley)                   | Nellie Gantt (Mary Price)            |



**Monthly Servers**

Council Representative: TBD  
Altar Guild: Ann Addy, Diane Boulware, Annette Price  
Tabulators: Angie Hydrick, Buddy Hydrick, Kay Little, Jo Leach, Linda Waters-Hamilton  
Ushers: Fran Bouknight, Ricky Bouknight, Ronnie Fulmer, Terry Swygert

**Weekly Servers**

**Sunday, January 7**

Altar Flowers: Jason & Kim Addy  
Greeter: Kay Bryant  
Lector: Larry Amick  
Ch. Sermon: Diane Boulware  
Acolytes: Karly Addy & Mitch Stevens  
Nursery: Grace Roof, Renee Greenbaum & Amanda Robinette

**Sunday, January 14**

Altar Flowers: Jean Shealy & James Hallman  
Greeter: Laura Stevens  
Lector: Allison Swygert  
Ch. Sermon: Mary Koon  
Acolytes: Joshua Koon & Alyssa Stevens  
Nursery: Grace Roof, Larry Amick & Kay Bryant

**Sunday, January 21**

Altar Flowers: The Swygert Family  
Greeter: Doris Carver  
Lector: Jennifer Miller  
Ch. Sermon: Daryl Leigh Anthony  
Acolytes: Jacob Marsh & Skyler Miller  
Nursery: Grace roof, Jamie Allen & Alyson Price

**Sunday, January 28**

Altar Flowers: Marie Kleckley  
Greeter: Jenny Scott  
Lector: Devona Price  
Ch. Sermon: Sheila Eargle  
Acolytes: Bryce Addy & Jackson Price  
Nursery: Grace Roof, Parker & Diane Boulware

**Wednesday Pantry Volunteers**

A.M. Hours: 9 to 11 a.m.

P.M. Hours: 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

<u>January 3</u>	A.M.—Connie Bucknam	<u>January 24</u>	A.M.—Faye Sox
	P.M.—Marie Kleckley		P.M.—Jenny Scott
<u>January 10</u>	A.M.—Diane Boulware	<u>January 31</u>	A.M.—Connie Buckman
	P.M.—Barbara Corley		P.M.—Jean Shealy
<u>January 17</u>	A.M.—Angie Hydrick		
	P.M.—Annette Price		



**Boy Scout Troop 331: Food Collection Project**

Boy Scout Troop 331 is accepting donations for the MH Food Pantry. A collection container will be set up in the gathering area for all non-perishable donation items. Donations will be accepted during the month of January.

**LCY 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction**

**Sunday, January 21 2018**

Silent Auction: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 Chili Cook-Off: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
 Awards/Winning Bidders: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
 \$10-at the door to participate (includes Auction, Chili, Drink & Dessert)  
 Chili Entry- NO COST (please see a youth for an Entry Form)  
 The \$10 Entry Fee is waived if you participate in the Chili Cook-Off.

***This is a fundraiser to benefit Mt. Hermon's LCY***