

AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

May 2019

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Pastor's Cause to Pause

What a glorious and wonderful worship services on Easter Sunday – and the services leading up to the Resurrection Service. If you missed the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or the Easter Vigil, I encourage you to speak to someone about the events, and then mark your calendar now for Holy Week 2020. We are a community of disciples and we are Easter People to the core. It is because of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ that the church exists. We are to share the events of Jesus and share the love of Jesus so that the world becomes a closer identity of a Heavenly Creation.

During the weeks following Easter, the church celebrates the 50 days after Easter Day and the Sundays are the weeks OF Easter. We will continue to look at the many accounts where Jesus appears to the disciples. In each of the appearances, Jesus continues to establish a relationship with those whom he loves. I tell you that Jesus continues to establish and nurture the relationship with you, the one he loves, too!

During this season, we will begin the Visioning Process for Farming Church. We will be asking questions about how the Kingdom of God is recognized in our lives and in the community. Continue to pray for God's guidance as we move forward.

See page 5 for the dates and times for the Farming Church Listening Groups. Please make this a priority for you and your family as we seek to hear the voice of God's people for the vision of Mt. Hermon.

Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gina

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Cantor's Corner

What a wonderful season we have experienced together! Many thanks to all of the choir members – including handbells and all of the “behind the scenes” people such as the property angels that came in at the last minute to help with our handbell tables. And the list goes on.....

Please mark your calendar for our Memorial Day celebration service with the Lexington Choral Society, led by Hal McIntosh. We are expecting this to be a community event followed by a reception in our fellowship hall.

Our choir needs time off, but we also need to maintain our sound by having one or two rehearsals per month after we begin the Pentecost season, so be on the lookout for a schedule of rehearsals. (By the way, we will resume Wednesday rehearsals on May 8 at 6:30 p.m. NO HANDBELLS)

I am planning a candlelight dinner series to contribute to our “Fund for the Arts”. Each program will have a different theme and will include entertainment with dinner. Anyone interested in assisting with this project, please send me an email! More info to come.

Please don't view the summer months as a period of time when we have nothing to do. Now is the time to plan for the following church year. If you have any ideas or suggestions for a special event, please contact me via email and we will see where God leads us. I am looking forward to many more exciting worship experiences with Mt. Hermon and many more times to just enjoy fellowship with friends and family!

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Congregational Council Mini Minutes for April 2019

ATTENDANCE: All were present with the exception of Diane Boulware, who was excused.

MEMBER CARE: Council was asked to get any updates to the church office so that the directory could be printed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The agenda for April was adopted with the following additions: Team for Ministry report, Teach team report, Outreach team report, Support team recommendation. IT committee report was added to New Business.

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

REPORTS:

Pastor Gina- report received for April.

Treasurer- 2 errors noted, will be corrected by next report. There is a new form for reimbursements/payments for the Ministry teams.

Financial Secretary- report received for March. Pastor's discretionary funds were defined.

Executive Committee- recommendations covered under New and Old business.

Team Report/Recommendations:

1. Team for Ministry: Met on March 18th. Will meet quarterly.
2. Worship Team: Report received for March meeting.
3. Teach Team: Easter Eggstravaganza was held. Approximately 25 children participated, several of which were not members. VBS scheduled for July 21-25.
4. Support Team: Recommendations
 - a. The Cemetery committee purchase 100 US veteran grave markers at a cost of \$14 each to be placed on deceased veteran's graves in MHLC cemetery from Flag and Sign Company. This total amount to be taken from the Cemetery fund. **Passed**
 - b. Archives Committee request the use of the classroom next to current Archives room to expand their space. **Passed.**
 - c. MHLC absorb the cost of those receiving their CDL license to drive church bus not to exceed \$400 with funding coming from Thrivent funds. **Passed**
5. Outreach Team: Report received for April meeting. Question asked as to whether MH logo items should be placed in new member's gift bags instead of visitor bags. This will be brought back to Outreach team for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Farming Church: Will begin getting small groups together. Webinar will be available to train for this.
2. Cemetery: Finance committee reviewing quotes.
3. Safety Committee: Committee continuing to work. Council Reps were asked to lock front doors to Sanctuary directly after the service instead of waiting until after Sunday School.

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4. Parsonage Task Force: Parsonage Study handed out. This report reviewed all options for the parsonage (use as church facilities, rental, selling of property, and selling of home only) as well as expenses and maintenance summary. We have also been contacted by Lutheran Services Carolinas as a possible use for a Recovery House. LSC employee would live in the home along with men participating in the program. More information is being gathered for this. Mt. Tabor has also inquired about the use of the parsonage to house an intern. More information is being gathered on this as well. Will have more discussion on this at May meeting.
5. HVAC/Capitol Campaign: Members of the Property Team presented information on HVAC system and their recommendation for replacement. Motion made that we contract with Cullum Services, Palmetto Controls, and Carroll's Electric. **Passed** Finance committee has met with Security Federal to look at options to fund HVAC replacement. Recommendation made that we restructure the current loan to add \$150,000 at 3.99% with the same payment. This would extend the life of the loan only. **Passed.** Recommendation made that we borrow an additional \$50,000 to cover the cost of future projects. **Passed**
6. Terry Swygert and Rebekah Swygert have agreed to serve as Synod Delegates.

NEW BUSINESS:

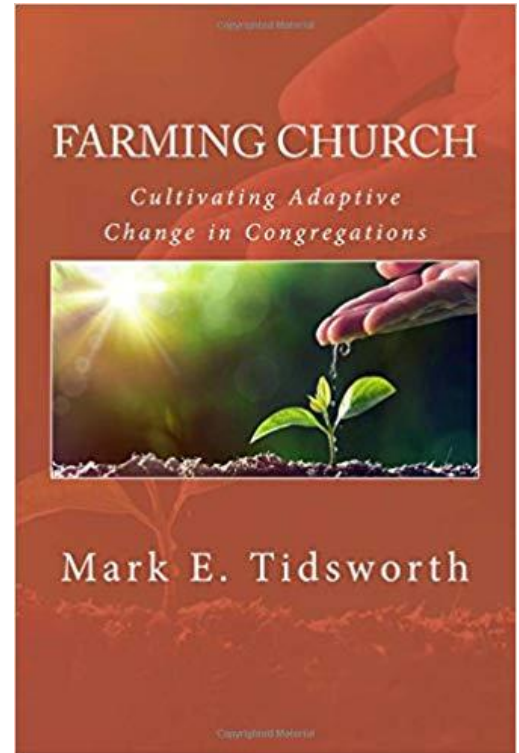
1. New phone system is needed. Property team presented quotes and recommendations for replacement. Recommendation made that we contract with Smith Telephone for replacement of system for a cost of \$1,680. **Passed** Motion made that the funding from this come from Building Improvement fund. **Passed**
2. Congregational meeting: Letter will be mailed out tomorrow to inform the congregation of meeting on April 28 to vote on HVAC replacement. Will vote on 2 different recommendations: 1. Replace system with financing to come from extending the current loan. 2. Borrow an additional \$50,000 to cover cost of future projects.
3. IT committee presented information on renewal of domains coming up in May. Committee reported different options and recommended leaving e-mail as is and moving to a new website builder platform. This is already a budgeted item, so was taken as information only.

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

*Alyson Price,
Council Secretary*

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Church Council hopes you have found the 40 Days of Prayer to be meaningful devotions. It is now time for us to continue to cultivate the people of God to move forward with Farming Church. The next steps in the process is to talk about what difference Mt. Hermon is to make in this community. The desire is to have everyone involved. There will be many opportunities to gather and discuss the process. There will be listening groups during the daytime and evenings between May 7th through May 19th. Please make it a priority to attend one of these meetings. Your input is essential in Cultivating a Community of disciples. There are green slips for each of you to select a date and time to attend a Listening Group. Please come and share your vision, dreams, and hopes for Mt Hermon Lutheran Church!



Mornings:

Tuesday, May 7 th	10:00 am
Thursday, May 9 th	10:00 am
Monday, May 13 th	11:00 am

Evenings:

Wednesday, May 8 th	6:00 pm
Thursday, May 9 th	6:00 pm
Tuesday, May 14 th	6:00 pm
Wednesday, May 15 th	6:00 pm
Thursday, May 16 th	6:00 pm
Sunday, May 19 th	5:00 pm

Please contact the church office (803.794.6430 Susan LaCons) and sign up for one of these sessions!

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We are Celebrating Pastor
Price's 84th Birthday
AND



The 60th Anniversary
of his Ordination as a
Lutheran Pastor!

Please join us May 19th after Sunday School in
the Fellowship Hall for cake and ice cream to
celebrate.

No gifts please - Just your presence!



We welcomed **Ruthie Brannen** into the membership of Mt. Hermon on Easter Sunday. Ruthie lives in West Columbia and we officially welcome her to the community of disciples who work to make the love of Jesus known in this community! Welcome Ruthie!!

Karly Makenzi Addy



Graduating from Brookland–Cayce High School, Karly is a member of the National Honor Society, BETA Club, National French Honor Society and Math Honor Society. She has served on the Yearbook Committee, was a Junior Marshal, a Math Honor Society tutor, a Teacher Cadet, and a Bearcat Ambassador.

Karly is a member of the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and has participated in the State HOSA Leadership Conference for the past three years. Last year, her project won 3rd place and was chosen to present at the National HOSA Conference in Dallas, Texas. Karly is a health science completer of the CATE Program at Brookland–Cayce's new Innovation Center. She will be taking a test to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

Karly volunteered at Lexington Medical Center in the Mother–Baby Unit and was awarded 2nd place by LMC Staff for her Volunteer Experience Project. She was chosen to participate in the Lexington Medical Centers 'Partner's Program' as an Intern where she was able to shadow different medical careers.

Karly is an active member of Mt. Hermon LCY where she has participated in volunteer opportunities, fundraisers, youth activities, and the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.

This fall, Karly will be attending the University of South Carolina Beaufort in Bluffton, SC where she plans to major in Nursing, in hopes of becoming a Neonatal Nurse. She is honored to have received the LIFE Plus Scholarship and the 'Linda Meetze Memorial Scholarship' from Gods Helping Hands.

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BLS

CPR
Class

Sunday, May 19, 2019

American Heart Association

2pm - 5pm

Mt. Hermon Fellowship Hall

Cost \$65.00

Instructor: Jill Reid

Myra Kinard

803.920.0222

Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday, May 11th

9AM Church Parking Lot

Next date: August 24th

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Serving Schedule: May 2019

Altar Flowers:

- 5 Buddy & Angie Hydrick
- 12 Pastor Gina & Dion
- 19 Ron and Debbie Fulmer
- 26 Shealy/Hallman

Greeters:

- 5 Fran Bouknight
- 12 Kay Bryant
- 19 Herb Bucknam
- 26 Al Stevens

Lectors:

- 5 Angie Hydrick
- 12 Emily Morris
- 19 Ronnie Fulmer
- 26 Kay Bryant

Acolytes:

- 5 Tanner Addy
Brayden Rutherford
- 12 Josh Koon
Lawson Morris
- 19 Connor Eargle
Mackenzie Burns
- 26 Tanner Addy
Brayden Rutherford

Nursery:

- 5 Grace Roof, Larry Amick, Kay Bryant
- 12 Grace Roof, Jamie Allen, Alyson Price
- 19 Grace Roof, Emily & Moises Arroyo
- 26 Grace Roof, Haley Addy, Karen Nicholson

COUNCIL REP: Terry Swygert

ALTAR GUILD: Angie Hydrick, Jennifer Price, Linda Waters-Hamilton

TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Doris Maddox, Parker Boulware,
Annette Price

USHERS: 5/5 Ricky Bouknight, Fran Bouknight, Joel Price Jr., Cindy Price
5/12-5/26 Larry Amick, Wayne Eargle, Ronnie Fulmer, Kay Bryant

Food Pantry:

- 1 Angie Hydrick
- 8 Jim Whitaker
- 15 Jo Leach
- 22 Renee Greenbaum
- 29 Doris Maddox

Crucifers:

- 5 Wynne Price
- 12 Joel Price Sr.
- 19 Bryce Addy
- 26 Mitch Stevens

Children's Sermon:

- 5 Pastor Gina
- 12 Mary Koon
- 19 Sheila Eargle
- 26 Ruthie Brannen

Communion Assistants:

- 5 Wynne Price, Tanner Addy
- 12 Joel Price Sr., Emily Morris,
Angie Hydrick
- 19 Bryce Addy, Ronnie Fulmer,
Marion Leaphart
- 26 Mitch Stevens, Dion Metze,
Breanna Metze

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May 02

Jenny Scott

May 05

Adam Bryant

May 06

Ricky Bouknight

May 09

Sydney Bucknam

May 10

Devona Price

May 11

Abby Carroll

May 12

Kenny Bouknight

May 16

Kitty Boulware

Lauvenia Butts

Rev. Everett Price

May 18

Johnny Lewis

May 21

Courtney Bucknam

May 22

Dylan Mills

May 23

Missy Addy

May 25

Jamie Allen

May 26

Herb Bucknam

Joel Price, Jr.

May 27

Patricia Bachman

Kim Jolly

May 30

Lyn Crout

Ryan Price



May 11

Dion & Pastor Gina Metze

May 16

Buddy & Angie Hydrick

May 17

Jeff & Alyson Price

May 18

Moises & Emily Arroyo

May 22

Ronnie & Debbie Fulmer

May 26

Perry & Trudy Bouknight

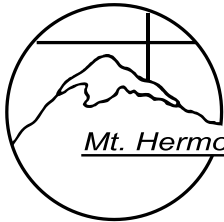
If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the church office at 803.794.6430 or send an email to office@mthlc.org. We are sorry we did not have the information in time of printing!

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May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 am Membership	2	3	4 11:30 am All Daughters Banquet 2:30 pm FH:Mills
5 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 4:00 pm Confirmation 5:00 pm LCY Events	6 6:00 pm Worship Team	7 10:00 am F/C Listening 7:00 pm Committee of 100	8 5:30 pm Executive 6:00 pm F/C Listening 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	9 10:00am F/C Listening 6:00 pm F/C Listening	10	11 9:00 am Adopt-A-Highway
12 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Council Meets	13 9:00 am Membership 11:00 am F/C Listening 6:30 pm Luth. Men	14 6:00 pm F/C Listening	15 12:00 pm Young @ Heart 6:00 pm F/C Listening 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	16 6:00 pm F/C Listening	17	18
19 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:00 am FH: Marsh 1:00 pm Confirmation 2:00 pm CPR 5:00 pm F/C Listening 5:00 pm LCY Events	20	21	22 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	23	24	25
26 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	27 7:00 pm Memorial Day Service	28	29 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	30	31	
						SC Synod Convention, Spartanburg, SC



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