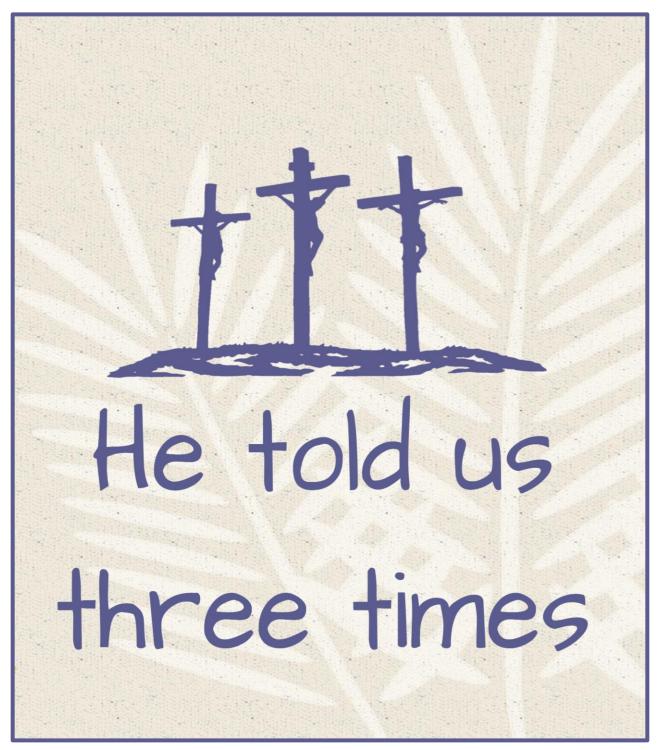
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



FEBRUARY 04, 2024

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME.

If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Morning Prayer

Tchaikovsky, Price/OneLicense #1039166

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.
Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word and truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

We turn to face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sin and asking for God's forgiveness.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might proclaim your good news to all.
Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved.

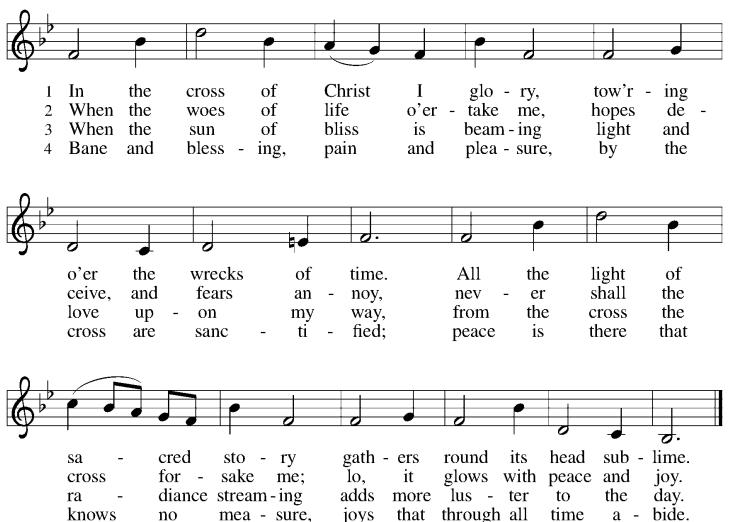
Amen.

As fully forgiven children of God, turn and face the altar as the cross passes you.

HYMN

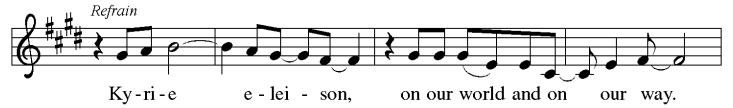
In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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GREETING

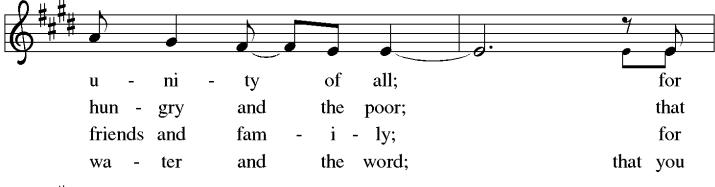
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *And also with you.*







- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the





this ho - ly house, for all who we may live out truth and life and for love, for our nour-ish our souls . . . with your

wor-ship and praise, jus-tice and grace, work and our play, bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord,

let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

God of creation, you created us to be in relationship with you and your creation. You love us and we come to worship you this day in this sanctuary. Thank you for loving us enough to tell us three times that you were going to suffer and die for us. Thank you for being persistent when we are not listening with our whole body, mind, and soul. Amen. We sit.

THE WORD

Matthew 12:9-14, 16:21-23, 17:22-23, 20:17-19, 24:1-14 A reading from the gospel of Matthew.

⁹He left that place and entered their synagogue; ¹⁰a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, "Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?" so that they might accuse him. ¹¹He said to them, "Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? ¹²How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath." ¹³Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. ¹⁴But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord!

This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²²As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, ²³and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised." And they were greatly distressed.

¹⁷While Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and said to them on the way, ¹⁸See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death; ¹⁹then they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified; and on the third day he will be raised."

¹As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ²Then he asked them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁵For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray. ⁶And you will hear

of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: ⁸all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. ¹⁰Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹²And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

The Word lives among us. We hear the Word.

We sit.

LITTLE ONE'S TIME

hearing the same thing again

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

SERMON

what love looks like

We remain seated.

HYMN

Man on the Middle Cross
Pruis, Jenkins, West, Walker/CCLI #7223925

We stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition:

God of grace, receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.com and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

Friendship pads are located in the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.

ANTHEM

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

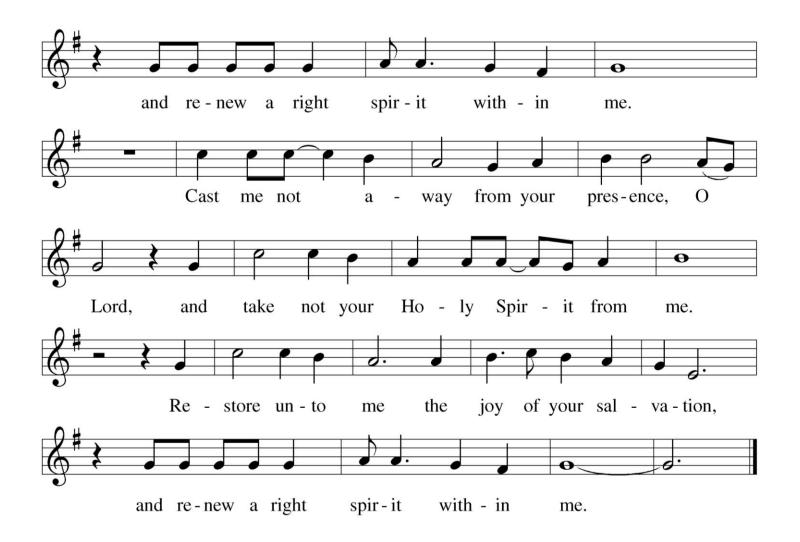
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We stand.

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart





OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Blessed are you, Holy One,

for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open heaven to us.

Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. By the leading of the star he was shown forth to all nations, in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine, he revealed your glory. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the center aisle to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second challis of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation.

MUSIC

When Peace Like a River

Bliss, Spafford/OneLicense #97950

We stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
† bless you and remain with you always. *Amen.*



POSTLUDE

The Blessing

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick/CCLI #7147007



As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **altar flowers** are to the glory of God and in memory of my loving wife and best friend on her birthday, February 6. I love and miss you very much. Herb Bucknam

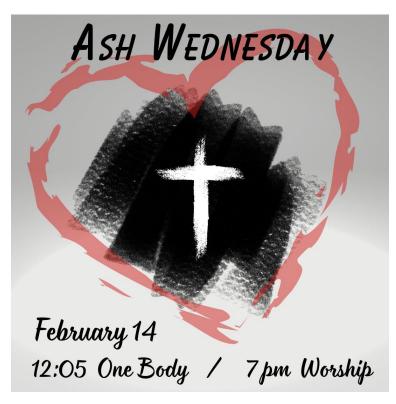


2024 Flower Chart is in the breezeway for you to give glory to God and to donate flowers in honor or memory of your loved one.

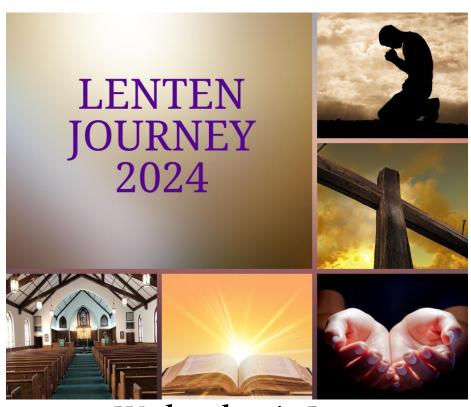
Shrove Tuesday will be celebrated on Tuesday February 13th at 6:00pm. Along with the pancake meal and burning of the palms there will be a time for learning about the origins and meanings of the celebration. We will have a "pancake" walk, a flipping of pancakes in a frying pan race, & some dancing. Plan



to attend and enjoy the last festival on the day before Lent begins.



We begin to prepare our hearts for Easter on Ash Wednesday (also Valentine's Day this year!). You may receive Ashes in the Parking Lot at 3011 Leaphart Road from 7 to 9 am, during One Body Worship at 12:05pm or at 7:00 pm, Worship in the Sanctuary.



Wednesdays in Lent in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 worship / 7:00 meal



Youth Sunday March 3rd

The youth will be leading worship and presenting the sermon message for us. They will also be the ushers, greeters, and communion assistants. Come and support our

youth at Mt. Hermon. If you are a youth and want to be involved in youth ministry. Please contact DJ Plummer at youth@WeAreMtHermon.com

Time and Talent Sheets and Annual Reports will be printed and distributed soon.

If you have disconnected your home phone or changed your cell numbers, please call the church office (803) 794-6430



or email office@WeAreMtHermon.com

Mitch McVicker Concert

February 23rd in the Fellowship Hall The Care Team plans to host the next Jesus & Java on Friday, February 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We have the unique opportunity to host/feature Singer/Songwriter Mitch McVicker.

McVicker's vocational musical journey began by working with the late, great Rich Mullins. The two performed concerts and wrote songs together. They were roommates. Shortly after a car wreck killed Mullins and badly injured Mitch, a song the two penned together, "My Deliverer," won the GMA Dove Award for song of the year...all while McVicker was still deep in a lengthy and difficult recovery period.

After his recovery, Mitch continued his musical career, influenced by Rich Mullins in music and thought, yet with his own distinct voice and style. McVicker's solo career has spanned over 2400 concerts in 49 states and 13 countries. Along with recording 12 full-length albums, he has made 2 EPs, and released 2 live concert DVDs. Please join us, and invite friends and family to hear this unique and gifted artist! Light refreshments will be served. Admission is completely free and a love offering will be taken.

TITHES AND OFFERING

01/28/2024

In-person Worship 109 + Live Stream Worship 98 = 207

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$7,445.25
Building Fund	Received	\$1,140.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$20.00

Honorariums and Memorials

In memory of **Eldon Eargle** by Myra & Carl Kinard, Perry & Trudy Bouknight, Cindy & Joel Price, Lynn Bouknight, Claire Fleming, Claire Fleming, Ed Bouknight & Family, Charlie & Gail Bouknight

In memory of **David Moyer** by Myra and Carl Kinard, Cindy & Joel Price, Ann Bouknight, Lynn Bouknight, Herb Bucknam

In memory of Stephen Price by Wynne & Mary Price



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MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, Generations

Alberta Berry, home

Lauvenia Butts, Lakeside Place

Bobby & Doris Carver, Presby Home

James Hallman, Lakeside Place

Marie Kleckley, Lex Ext Care

Gene & Jane Sexton, Pheonix Asst Living

Gloria Mathis, home

Jean Shealy, Lakeside Place

Tom Roof, home

Cyndi Thurman, home

Linda Waters-Hamilton, home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Missy Addy Bonnie Bouknight

Georgianna Gray Dot Mathias

Jim Whitaker

Chris Carroll Easton Donaldson

Kelli Mills Gene Schofield

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Paul Garner, friend of Robert Haygood

Debbie Browning, sister of Donna Kirkpatrick

Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn), friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

Jaimie Womack, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price

Dale Miller, son-in-law Wynne and Mary Price

Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

John Catoe, family of Ellisors

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor

Molly Kate Shealy, friend of Jean Shealy

Chuck Bachman, nephew of Jean Shealy

Jeff Tarlton, friend of Michelle Gantt

Carleton Morse, father of Cyndi Leaphart

Martha Williamson, sister of Frank Bouknight

Jay Sox, Papa of Brayden Rutherford and Dylan Whitaker

Ann Piercy, friend of Kathy and Jim Whitaker

Jeff Reid, friend of Jan Schofield

Stephanie Alewine Hopper, friend of David & Scottie Marsh

Vicki Boozer, friend of David & Scottie Marsh

Stetson Cooper, grandson of Shirley & Dan Cooper

Cindy Maples, mother of Jennifer Miller

Lewis Turner, friend of Jo Leach

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

Josh Jackson, friend of Joel Price, Jr.

Brannon Yonce, friend of Michelle Gantt

Katy Madigan, friend of Marie Carroll

Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott

Jamie Spell, friend of David Marsh

Logan Wittwer, friend of Jessica Goodwin & Cameron Blakely

Louise Cooper, Kelli Mills

Hayes Wingard, grandson of Kathy and Sam Cooper

*Nigel Tetley, friend of Sherwood Garrett

*Paula Miller, friend of Brittany Allen

*Wayne Kneece, uncle of Michelle Gantt

*Dewin Rish, friend of Michelle Gantt

*Jody & Libby Ortmann, lost their daughter, Sallie, on Christmas Day, Sallie was the "adopted daughter" of Fran Bouknight

*Roger Spires, friend of Chris Carroll

Please note that this prayer list will be updated soon and those who you wish to remain on the list, please send an email to office@WeAreMtHermon.com

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	2/4/2024	2/11/2024
Ushers:	Ronnie Fulmer	David Marsh
	Wayne Eargle	Rick Anthony
Crucifer:	Mackenize Burns	Connor Eargle
Acolyte:	Brayden Morris	Sydney Bucknam
Lector:	Wynne Price	Scottie Marsh
Communion Assts:	Mackenize Burns	David Marsh
	Brayden Morris	Scotty Marsh
	Wynne Price	Sherwood Garrett
	Mary Price	Connor Eargle
	Ronnie Fulmer	Sydney Bucknam
Nursery:	Noah Swygert	Katie Donaldson
	Cassie Swygert	Melanie Jackson
Flowers:	Herb Bucknam	Price, Joel & Devona

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP: Sheila Eargle

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price

TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Arron Kinard, Quentin Kinard

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NEXT WEEK'S EVENT

Sunday, February 11th (Matthew 17) Transfiguration Sunday

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

11:30 am Council Meets

Monday, February 12th

2:00 pm CR: Dot Mathias

6:30 pm Lutheran Men & Women Retreat

Tuesday, February 13th Shrove Tuesday

6:00 pm Meal: Shrove Tuesday

6:35 pm Learning: Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday February 14th Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Drive thru Ashes

9:00 am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:05 pm OneBody Worship

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Saturday, February 17th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Laura & Al Stevens)



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Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

THIS WEEK'S EVENT

Sunday, February 4th (Matthew 20:17-34)

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

3:00 pm Confirmation

5:00 pm Sanctuary - Youth Meeting

Monday, February 5th

5:30 pm CR: Care Team

6:30 pm Team for Ministry

Tuesday, February 6th

5:00 pm Executive Committee

Wednesday, February 7th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick,

Sherwood Garrett)

10:00 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Choir

Saturday, February 10th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Wayne & Charlene Corley)

9:00 am Adopt-a-Highway