

AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

July 2022



WE FOLLOW HIM: WE LEARN FROM HIM

10:2 He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'

10:27 He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.'

10:41 But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;

11:1 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.'

11:21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' (from the gospel of Luke)

Luke 1:3-4 "I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first,^[a] to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed."

Many of us enjoy reading orderly, well thought out, methodical reports. Luke writes in a method of order and details. We will be reading from this orderly account from now until December. Over the weeks in July, we read from Luke chapters 10, 11, and 12. The above verses are from the Gospel readings. Here is an opportunity to read Luke chapter 10 for the first 3 weeks in July. The last two weeks will be from each chapter 11 and 12. Read ahead. Get a head start on Jesus' deliberate sending of us. He gathers us and then sends us two-by-two into the kingdom to be workers.

What will God send you into the world to make a difference? Will you be willing to pair up and go? Will you share your faith? Will you tell the story? Will you tell your story? Who was instrumental in your faith journey?

Let's make a difference in the world together as we learn and go and make a difference together.

Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gina
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HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY



Sheila Frame, the newest disciple of Christ who calls Mt. Hermon “home”
We welcome you as a “worker in the kingdom of God” at
#3011LeaphartRoad

Movies on the Mount

Mt. Hermon is hosting a movie night each Friday through July 15. Due to the weather and comfort, we have moved this event into the Fellowship Hall. Food will be available beginning at 6:00 pm. The movie will begin about 7:00 pm with free popcorn. Bring your comfy lawn chair if you would like.



Follow Mt. Hermon’s Facebook event for updates.

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!**

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Motion from the June Council meeting

Executive Committee recommends printing all motions and votes immediately in the following month's newsletter, along with the prior month's approved minutes. APPROVED unanimously.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT

	In-person	Live Stream	Total
June 05	102	74	176
June 12	103	65	168
June 19	126	61	187
June 26	87	74	161



Reducing Risk of Abuse

There is a section in the Annual Report which outlines the Policy reducing Risk of Abuse at Mt. Hermon. Those documents have been placed on the website. If you have any contact with children or youth, you will need to update your SLED background check. Please visit the website. Print and complete the

documents, and return the documents to Daryl Leigh Anthony, Diane Boulware, or Pastor Gina. You may place the documents under Pastor Gina's locked door if you are not able to hand these forms to Daryl Leigh or Diane.

<http://www.mthlc.com/forms-and-policies.html>

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CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Congregational Council Minutes June 12, 2022

ATTENDANCE: Absent – Sheila Eargle, Jenny Scott, and Laura Stevens.

CARES AND CONCERNS: None **MEMBER CARE:** No report.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Added items under Support: Recommendation from Lutheran Men, under Personnel: Parish Administrator, and under New Business: Authorize Emily Morris to sign checks – **APPROVED** with changes.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Accepted and **APPROVED** unanimously

REPORTS:

- Pastor Gina: Written report received for April 2022.
- Treasurer: Monthly report and budget report received for April 2022.
- Financial Secretary: Written report with a change (new blue copy) received for April 2022.
- Executive Committee: **Executive Committee recommends that the current Building Task Force transition into the Long-Range Planning Task Force. APPROVED** unanimously. **Executive Committee recommends that the amount of money that would be given to a seminarian for Spring 2022 ONLY be used for Seminary Students who come to Mt. Hermon to preach during the summer months of 2022. APPROVED** unanimously.

Team Reports/Recommendations:

Team for Ministry: No report

Care: Written report submitted with two updates. 1. Drive-by shut-in event changed to July 17. 2. Meeting with Tom Roof for oral history of steeple and cross on June 5. **The Care Team recommends that the proceeds from the Mother's Day Bulletin go toward providing refreshments and meals for funerals. APPROVED** unanimously.

Outreach: Written report submitted.

Support: Written report submitted. **The Lutheran Men recommends that the monies received from the Father's Day bulletin be used to support our goals for supporting mission work in South Carolina along with the Mt. Hermon outreach project of building wheelchair ramps. APPROVED** unanimously. **The Personnel Committee recommends we hire Cameron Blakely as Parish Administrator/Secretary. Her salary will be \$15/hour. The first 90 days will be a probationary period. Starting date TBD by Pastor Gina. APPROVED** unanimously.

Finance: Written report submitted.

Teach: Written report submitted.

Worship: Written report submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Dreher Fund and One Body - **Earl Sease made a motion that monies from the HH & CC Dreher funds previously allotted to the Young at Heart now be directed to One Body, transferring funds twice a year, in January & July. The motion was seconded by Jeff Price and APPROVED** unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Synod Assembly – Terry and Allison Swygert will serve as delegates.
2. Next Meeting: Sunday, June 12 @4:00 pm. Earl Sease will have devotions and lock-up duty.
3. Finance Committee - Emily Morris is filling in for Parker whenever he is out of town. **Blake Allen made a motion that Emily be added to account to have the ability to sign checks. Mike Rawl seconded. APPROVED** unanimously.

Sheila Eargle, Council Secretary

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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.



Coffee, Food, & Fellowship – Sunday, July 31st, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

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

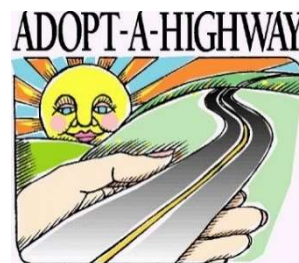


All are invited to join us for our next **Community Meal** of hotdogs, chili, coleslaw and baked beans **on July 23rd**. Come enjoy fellowship and a meal with our neighbors and friends!

Fellowship Meal

Adopt-A-Highway

The remaining 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

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 now collecting children's clothing and shoes, as well as school supplies and monetary donations for a Back to School Bash being planned for **July 23rd**. The event will include food, school supply "shopping", youth haircuts, and games. Look for donation bins near the church office. Contact **Mary Koon** with questions.



MAKE A
DIFFERENCE DAY

MHLC Make a Difference Day-Sept. 10th

An exciting new outreach opportunity is being planned for **September 10, 2022!** Just as we are sent out at the conclusion of worship every Sunday, on **September 10th** disciples of Christ will come together to volunteer, offer support, and learn about the most urgent needs of our neighbors as we "go out to make a difference in the world"! Then at 5:00 pm, we will meet back at MHLC to celebrate the day with food and music. We hope you'll join us **September 10th**! If you know of members of our Mount Hermon or community family with needs, please contact Melanie Jackson or Laura Stevens.

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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 have been added. Terry and Allison Swygert are leading the Young Adult class and Jennifer Miller is leading the Living Proof class. Both classes are meeting in the education building. Come join us in Sunday School!

VBS for all ages! 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. **Youth VBS** During VBS our youth will be doing team building activities for orienting and reconnecting with one other.



Children's Ministries

Lil Lutherans have started with a bang in June. Lil Lutherans met in the church parking lot to have a morning of bikes, chalk, and popsicles. Fun was had by all! We are excited to start meeting regularly starting in August and hope to see even more Lil Lutherans together. Our next event on the calendar is an "End of Summer Bash" on August 27th. More details to follow.

Calling all Grandparents: Save the date for a Grandparents Day Covered Dish Brunch on Sunday September 11th.

If you have any questions or ideas for Lil Lutherans, please feel free to reach out to Elyse Kinard (803.212.8709) or Katie Donaldson (803.331.5996). We can't wait to see what God has in store for Mt. Hermon's youngest disciples.

Nursery Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help in the nursery during Worship and during Sunday school. There is sign-up sheet in the breezeway.

Youth Sunday School After the summer break, the youth will be restarting Sunday school on August 14.

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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!

The Support Team continues to work on the replacement of the downstairs windows along Methodist Park Road. The old air conditioner units have been removed, brickwork repaired, and the windows will soon be installed.

The broken windows in the Fellowship Hall have also been replaced.

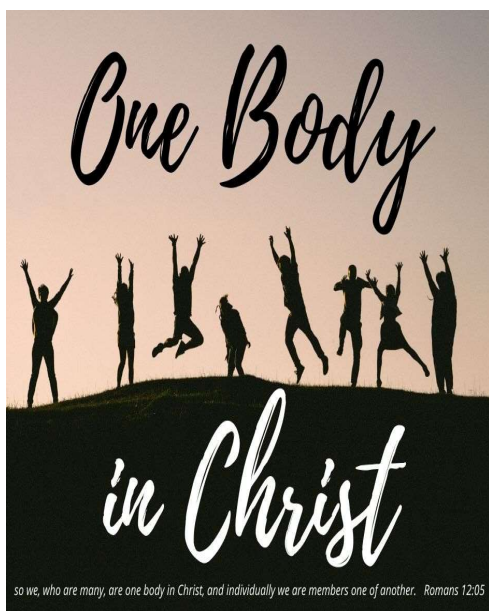
Tanner Addy's Eagle Scout Project is underway! Posts and placement has begun. Come by and look at the progress. We will dedicate the space soon.

Thank you to those who came together to completely clean the kitchen! We are ready for Vacation Bible School meals and the continuation of Movies on the Mount

Thank you to the Property Angels who continually repair parts of the Mt. Hermon campus! We couldn't begin to list all the projects that you have completed. If you would like to help with general repairs, etc. please contact Ronnie Fulmer, Earl Sease, or Jeff Price.

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!



OneBody is held in the Fellowship Hall on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 12:05. This 30-minute worship with Holy Communion is followed by a meal and fellowship. This is a wonderful for us to take time from the hectic week and stop and be fed. Invite a friend and come for worship.

Worship is essential to God's people. We look forward to worshipping together in the sanctuary at 9:00 and then Sunday School at 10:30. We are sent to make a difference in the world.

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VBS July 12-14

*Give us this day our
daily bread*

Matthew 6:11

5:30 Meals

6:00-8:00 Classes (All Ages)

**3011 Leaphart Rd
West Columbia**



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

Hold your
camera phone
over this
block and
click on link
for VBS
registration.



**We Need Volunteers
for VBS!**

July 12 - 14

**Let us know if you
can help with:**

snack time
games
story time
crafts
science

Sign up sheets are in the breezeway

Use this link to also register: Children and adults.

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TANNER'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

From This ...

Thank you for your generous donations!

To my Mt. Hermon Family,

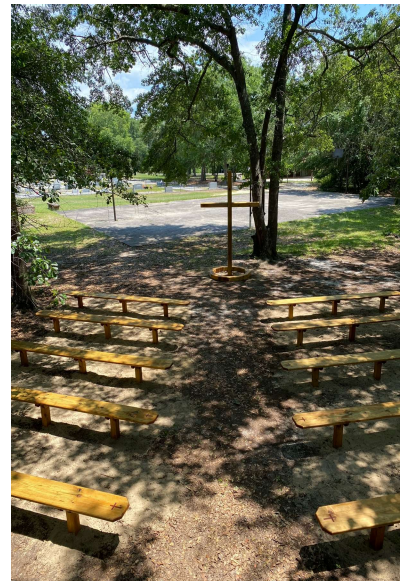
In three weeks, you have helped me surpass my goal of \$1,000 for my project. Your generous donations have more than doubled the funding for my project. I have begun incorporating additional elements into my project with the generosity of your hearts! I am excited to get started on my project in the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

Outdoor Sanctuary

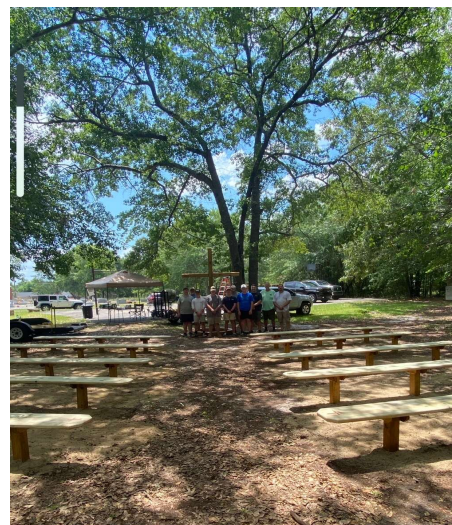
**Sincerely,
Tanner Addy**



To This ...



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Dear Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church Family and Friends,

On Saturday, June 25th, we installed the cross and benches to our new “Outdoor Sanctuary”. In the coming weeks, I will be adding the finishing touches to my project. Your generous donations helped me to add 10 benches instead of 6 benches. Thank you for your support, monetary donations, and prayers that I have received throughout my project.

Sincerely,
Tanner Addy

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SERVING IN THE COMMUNITY

July 2022

COUNCIL REP: Mike Rawl

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price & Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Ann Addy & Mary Frances Sease

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Arron Kinard, Terry Swygert (Susan Busby)

<u>Altar Flowers</u>		<u>Greeter</u>	
3	Danny Scott	3	Mary Price
10	Herb Bucknam	10	Allison Swygert
17	Andrea Bowers	17	Mary Price
24	Jeff & Alyson Price	24	Allison Swygert
31	The Jacksons	31	Mary Price
<u>Crucifer</u>		<u>Acolyte</u>	
3	Josh Koon	3	Brayden Rutherford
10	Sydney Bucknam	10	Mackenzie Burns
17	Brayden Morris	17	Sam Koon
24	Hayden Eargle	24	Gable Jolly
31	Spencer Price	31	Walker Kinard
<u>Lector</u>		<u>Communion Assistants</u>	
3	Larry Amick	3	Jenny Scott, Danny Scott, Frankie Jackson
10	Charlene Corley	10	Emily Morris, Bonnie Bouknight, Jennifer Miller
17	Bonnie Bouknight	17	Marion Leaphart, Elyse Kinard, Arron Kinard
24	Elyse Kinard	24	Charlene Corley, Ronnie Fulmer, Kim Jolly
31	Mary Price	31	Hayden Eargle, Kirby Johnson, Melanie Jackson

** 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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BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY



Jul 02	Carl Kinard
♥ Jul 02	Terry & Allison Swygert
Jul 08	Kim Addy
Jul 13	Easton Donaldson, Melina Threatt
Jul 14	Haley Addy, Moises Arroyo, Marie Gardner
Jul 15	Parker Boulware
Jul 16	Joye Haygood, Dion Metze
Jul 18	Dylan Whitaker
Jul 21	Annette Price
♥ Jul 24	Gene & Jane Sexton
Jul 27	Diane Boulware, Jan Schofield
Jul 29	Randy Wise
Jul 30	Joe Koon
Jul 31	Thomas Martin, Mary Frances Sease

Please let the office know if your information is not printed in this listing.



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MT HERMON PRAYS

**Family of Emma Hunt, grandmother of Laura Carroll*

**Family of Clifton Addy*

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, *Generations*

Alberta Berry, *home*

Nell Buff, *NHC*

Becky Koon, *Colonial Gardens*

Tom Roof, *home*

Cyndi Thurman, *home*

Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Pastor Derald Edwards, *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*

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*

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*

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*

**Carolyn Shumpert, sister of Andrea Bowers and Jan Schofield*

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

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00 am PG: Vacation 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Sunday school Teach Team	4 9:30 am PG: Vacation 5:30 pm Staff Meeting CR: Care team	5 1:00 pm PG: Vacation 6:30 pm Exercise class Executive Team	6 9:00 am PG: Vacation 10:00 am Food Pantry (Bonnie & Frank Bouknight, Andrea Bowers) 6:30 pm Meals on Wheels Choir Rehearsal	7 1:00 pm Exercise class	8 6:00 pm Food & Fellowship 7:00 pm Movie on the Mount	9 9:00 am Food Pantry (Laura Stevens, Mike Rawl)
10 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday school 4:00 pm Council Meets	11 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Lutheran Men & Women	12 1:00 pm All campus: VBS 5:30 pm Exercise class VBS: All ages	13 9:00 am All campus: VBS 10:00 am Food Pantry (Annette Price, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe) 12:05 pm Meals on Wheels 5:30 pm OneBody in Christ VBS: All ages	14 1:00 pm All campus: VBS 5:30 pm Exercise class VBS: All ages	15 6:00 pm Food & Fellowship 7:00 pm Movie on the Mount	16 9:00 am Food Pantry (Swygerts & Carrolls)
17 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday school 2:00 pm Drive by Love	18 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm CR: Outreach Team	19 1:00 pm PG: Vacation 6:00 pm Exercise class CR: Finance Team	20 9:00 am PG: Vacation 10:00 am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease) 6:30 pm Meals on Wheels Choir Rehearsal	21 1:00 pm PG: Vacation Exercise class	22 PG: Vacation	23 PG: Vacation 9:00 am Food Pantry (Wayne & Charlene Corley) 12:00 pm Community Meal
24 9:00 am PG: Vacation 10:30 am Worship Sunday school	25 9:30 am PG: Vacation 6:30 pm Staff Meeting CR: Worship Team	26 1:00 pm PG: Vacation 6:00 pm Exercise class CR: Support Team	27 9:00 am Food Pantry (Dave & Debra Butts) 10:00 am Meals on Wheels 12:05 pm OneBody in Christ 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Christmas in July	28 1:00 pm Exercise class	29	30 9:00 am Food Pantry (Parker & Diane Boulware) 5:00 pm He_Brews dinner
31 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am FH: Coffee, Food, and Fellowship 10:30 am Sunday school						

Please see “calendar of events” at WeAreMtHermon .com for updates.

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