April 2022



THE REST OF THE STORY

³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸Saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Luke 19:35-40

On April 10th the church will celebrate Palm Sunday. While some congregations combine Palm Sunday and the Passion Story, we will not. We will only celebrate the goodness of Palm Sunday. We will have shouts of, "Blessed in the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" On Palm Sunday evening worship, we continue the celebration and quickly move toward Maundy Thursday. A seder meal in the fellowship will begin Maundy Thursday worship and then conclude in the sanctuary. Maundy Thursday service concludes with the stripping of the altar. We leave the service in silence. Good Friday service continues Maundy Thursday's silence with the remembrance of Jesus' life and death. Good Friday service will be quiet, dark, reflective, and will conclude with the closing of the curtain. Easter Sunday service will begin with the opening of the closed curtain, as we are reminded that Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for Jesus' body. Joseph placed Jesus' body in a tomb and sealed the tomb. Guards kept watch because the authorities were afraid Jesus' disciples would come and take his body. The discipled did not need to come and take! God took care of "the rest of the story." GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD!

You are invited to come and journey. Follow along behind Jesus as He continues his path to the ultimate act of love.

Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gina #3011LeaphartRoad #WeAreMtHermon

FROM RUTHIE'S DESK



To my friends in Christ at Mt. Hermon, I say farewell and I will miss you very much. Thank you for the cards, texts and emails I have received during the past few weeks. I will continue God's music assisting a group in Creative Contemporary Worship. I will stay in close touch (and promise to fulfill those lunch offers). I pray God's blessings on you all and especially on all of God's little "kid friends" at Mt. Hermon!

Joy in Christ! Ruthie Brannen

HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY





American Red Cross Blood Drive
Mt. Hermon will host another Blood
Drive on Sunday, April 3 from 11:30 –
4:00pm. Please make plans to donate if
you are able. The blood you donate could
save someone's life. If you are able to

donate please let Laura Stevens know.



CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Congregational Council Minutes February 13, 2022

ATTENDANCE: All were present. Tanner Addy was present to speak about his Eagle Scout project.

CARES AND CONCERNS: The family of Eddie Seastrunk, the family of Gennar Kiser, Clifton Addy is at NHC and is improving, Henry King (preemie greatgrandson of Francis and Joanne Eargle) has been discharged from the NICU and is home, pray for heath and spiritual matters for members of Mt. Hermon.

MEMBER CARE: No report.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Blake Allen made a motion to accept the agenda as presented and Laura Stevens seconded. **APPROVED**.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Approved with the request to add to item number 4 under Reports – Please add to the minutes that this request is for 2022 ONLY. **REPORTS:**

- Pastor Gina: Written report received for January 2022.
- Treasurer: Written report received for January 2022. Blake Allen to check into why the Pastor's Housing Allowance is reported at \$2600 for January, which seems high.
- Financial Secretary: Written report received for January 2022.
- Executive Committee: The Executive Board recommends that the October 2021 motion to award the Stephen Price Scholarship Fund to Laura Henrickson for the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semester be amended to award the Spring 2022 disbursement to our current seminarian. **APPROVED**.

Team Reports/Recommendations:

Team for Ministry: Written report submitted. Time and Talent sheets were reviewed and will be printed and distributed as part of Ash Wednesday worship.

Care: Written report submitted. A seminar on Bereavement led by Deborah Poole is being planned for after Easter.

Outreach: Written report submitted. A seminar on PTSD and Covid led by Jennifer Miller is being planned for later in the year. The February 26 community meal will be advertised on the church sign. Volunteers welcome.

Support: Written report submitted. The Support Committee recommends that Tanner Addy be allowed to construct an outdoor worship area for his Eagle Scout Project. Also, to allow him to seek financial support from the congregation. Karen Nicholson made a motion to accept the motion and Blake Allen seconded.

APPROVED. Ronnie Fulmer will act as the project beneficiary representative who will sign off on all paperwork and act as the point person between the church and Tanner.

Teach: Written report submitted. Easter Eggstravaganza will be April 2 and VBS will be July 12-14.

Worship: Written report submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Building Renovation & Repair Task Force: No
- 2. report.
- 3. Hot Dog Man: Tabled until March. Letter from Danny Scott is included in this month's Council Packet.
- 4. Floor Mats: Will be delivered and put in place by Blake Allen during the week of February 13. Old mats will be disposed of in the dumpster. The price previously quoted did not include tax. Blake will provide an updated total at the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Next Meeting: Sunday, March 13 @4:00 pm. Karen Nicholson will have devotions.

Sheila Eargle, Council Secretary

TREASURER REPORT

Year to Date 2022

	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
Current & Benevolence	44,989.90	35,100.75	9,889.15
Building Improvement	2,472.79	1,078.33	1,394.46
Building on Holy Ground	15,179.62	9,908.96	5,270.66

ATTENDANCE REPORT

	In-person	Live Stream	Total
February 27	76	62	138
March 06	78	69	147
March 13	65	61	137
March 20	73	61	134
March 27	92	75	167

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!

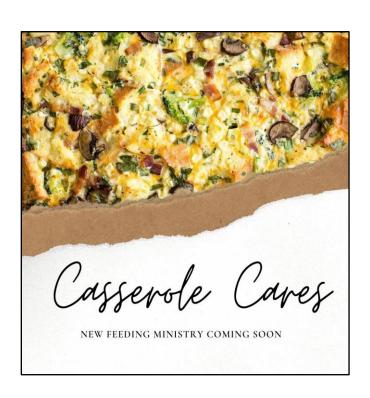
Hebrews 10:25 reads "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

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. The Care team would like to announce an exciting way that we can carry out this scripture!

He-Brews Supper clubs will begin April 30th. This will give our members an opportunity to share a meal together, get to know others in our congregation, and encourage one another in our faith journey.

How do I participate? Sign-up on the sign-up sheet located in the breezeway. All participants will be divided randomly into small groups. A contact person will be determined for each group. This contact person will coordinate with their group to set a time and destination to meet for a meal. The groups will change for each date so that each time you meet you are with a different group of people.





Coffee, Food, & Fellowship returns Sunday, May 22nd.

OUTREACH HAPPENINGS

The outreach team meets on the third Monday at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Diane Boulware and attend the next meeting!

Community Meal

Mt. Hermon hosted a meal for the community on **Saturday**, **February 26.** We had a wonderful lunch with a great opportunity to get to know some members of the community. About forty people attended the event, half of which were members of Mt. Hermon and the other half new friends. We look forward to our next Community Meal on Saturday, May 21 at noon. All are



invited to this Free Meal. Come, enjoy a meal with our neighbors and friends.



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.

Food Pantry

Food Pantru We are preparing Easter Bags for our Food Pantry guests. We plan to distribute at least forty Easter Bags with food for an Easter meal. We are collecting canned ham and canned fruit. We also plan to include canned sweet potatoes, green beans, brownie mix and cooking oil with each bag. 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. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Adopt-A-Highway

Make plans to help with our next Adopt-A-Highway pick-up on Saturday, May 21. The other pick-up dates this year are: August 20 and November 12, 2022.



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.

Exercise Classes

Dot Mathias is a certified instructor and leads exercise classes that are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the church Assembly Room. The 1:00 class is a mat class using mainly Pilates. The 2:00 exercise class has exercises that can be done either standing or seated in a chair. All are welcome to come and participate. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes. If you have questions, give Dot a call.



TEACH TEAM HAPPENINGS

The worship and music 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!



Group Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall continues to meet on Sundays at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Ronnie Fulmer is teaching the class for adults, including Youth (middle and high school students). Other Sunday School Teachers will follow.

Looking for Sunday School Helpers We need nursery workers and teachers/assistants for the 2 yr. old – K and 1^{st} - 5^{th} grade classes. If you are interested, please contact Daryl Leigh Anthony @ 803-331-6178

Easter Eggstravaganza is Saturday, April 2 from 11:00 – 1:00. In addition to an Easter Story, there are lots of activities planned including Easter egg hunt, egg dyeing, rock painting and photo backdrop. Lunch will be provided by the Outreach Team.





This year's **VBS** will be Tuesday – Thursday, **July 12**, **13 and 14**. Our theme is Food Truck Party! On Friday night, **July 15**, we will have a **Food Truck Party** in the parking lot! Local food trucks will be ready for you to purchase dinner. It'll be lots of fun!!



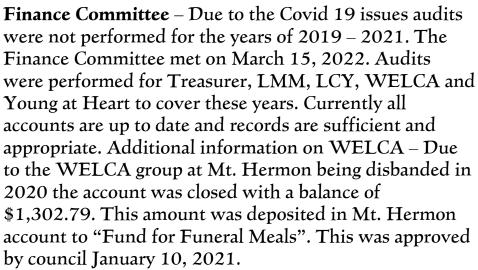
SUPPORT TEAM HAPPENINGS

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

- The water fountain was replaced at no cost to Mt. Hermon
- If you are going to the food pantry or cemetery, please notice that the shrubbery has been cut back away from the sidewalk.
- You may have noticed it is brighter in the church. The LED lights have been installed in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. With this new lighting Mt. Hermon was able to receive a rebate of \$1,316.00 from Dominion Energy.
- Smoke Detector has been added in the Fellowship Hall.
- Coming soon to Mt. Hermon, two of our youths are working on their Eagle Scout projects, council has approved Tanner Addy's project. Joshua Koon is working on a proposal to bring before the council for his Eagle Scout project.







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!

Sunday Lenten Services March 6th through April 3rd

6:30pm will **not** be live streamed. Communion will be around the altar.

Palm Sunday ~ April 10th

9:00am service ~ weather permitting the service will begin on the front lawn. 6:30pm service ~ this will be a transition to Holy Week.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday ~ April 14th 6:30pm

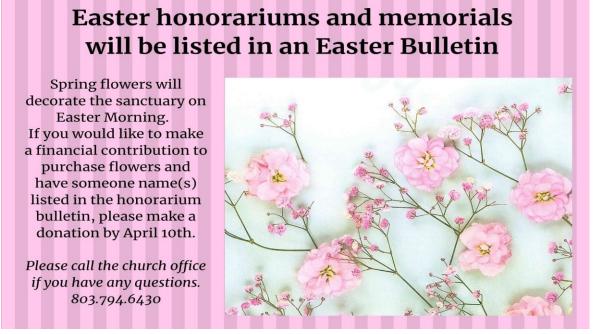
- worship begins in the Fellowship Hall with a Seder Meal
- worship will continue in the Sanctuary
- Live Streaming will begin at 6:30 with rolling slides of seder meal information
- The altar will be stripped at the end of the service

Good Friday ~ April 15th 6:30pm

- This will be a Tenebrae service of Jesus' 7 last words.
- Candles will be extinguished, and lights will be lowered before "the curtain" closing off the cross from the world.

Easter Festival Service ~ April 17th 9:00am

• We will gather in the darkness of the sanctuary and experience the realization that the curtain is open. The tomb is empty. JESUS IS ALIVE!



SERVING IN THE COMMUNITY

April 2022

COUNCIL REP: Blake Allen

ALTAR GUILD: Angie Hydrick, Jennifer Price TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight

<u>USHERS:</u> Marion Leaphart, Dion Metze, Jeff Price, Terry Swygert (Susan Busby)

	Altar Flowers		Greeter
3	Stevens	3	Mary Price
10	Parker & Diane Boulware	10	Allison Price
14	n/a	14	n/a
15	n/a	15	Mary Price
17	Fulmer/Gardner	17	Elyse & Arron Kinard
24	Amanda & Dylan Mills	24	Mary Price
	<u>Crucifer</u>		Acolyte
3	Sydney Bucknam	3	Gable Jolly
10	Hayden Eargle	10	Brayden Rutherford
14	Connor Eargle	14	Quentin Kinard
15	n/a	15	Sam Koon
17	Lawson Morris	17	Hayden Eargle
24	Sydney Bucknam	24	Gable Jolly
Lector		Communion Assistants	
3	Sheila Eargle	3	Marion Leaphart, Danny Scott,
10	Wynne Price		Terry Swygert
14	Diane Boulware	10	Susan Busby, Frankie Jackson,
15	Joe Koon		Charlene Corley
17	Elyse Kinard	17	Ronnie Fulmer, Arron Kinard,
24	Charlene Corley		Emily Morris
		24	Frank Bouknight, Jennifer Miller,
			Wynne Price
	Additional Servers: April 17th East	ster:	
	Torch Bearer: Mackenzie Burns		
	Torch Bearer: Walker Kinard		
	Bible Bearer: Quentin Kinard		
	Banner Bearer: Connor Eargle		

^{*} 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.



Lenten Calendar

Palm Sunday – April 10

Morning - 9:00am worship

Evening - 6:30pm worship

Maundy Thursday – April 14

6:30pm Seder Meal and worship

Please add your name(s) to the signup sheet in the breezeway, or call the church office.

Good Friday – April 15

6:30pm worship and closing of curtain

Easter Morning – April 17

9:00 am opening of curtain and Resurrection Festival Worship After worship – flowering of the cross

Rest of the day – go and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!

Baptism – April 24

9:00 am - Worship & Baptism of Carolina Ann Mills

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars so that you don't miss events and worship where disciples of Christ who call Mt. Hermon Home"

Join this **FaceBook group** where we will post internal communications

LOOKING AHEAD











BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY



April 03	Gunner Donaldson		
	▼ April 03 Jonathan & Rebekah Boatwright		
	◆ April 03 Dan & Shirley Cooper		
April 04	Jake Dugan, Georgianna Gray, Tom Stahl		
	♥ April 04 Bryan & Missy Addy		
April 06	Virginia Ellisor		
	♥ April 06 Al & Laura Stevens		
April 07	Easton Kaylor		
April 09	Becky Wise		
April 10	Jamie Addison, Jane Sexton, Mandy Smith		
April 11	Samantha Bucknam, Brandon Donaldson		
	▼ April 11 Kirby & Becky Johnson		
April 12	Blake Donaldson		
	▼ April 14 Blake & Brittany Allen		
April 14	Robert Haygood, Kirby Johnson		
April 16	Katie Donaldson		
April 17	Alyson Price		
April 19	Becky Ellisor, Marvin Mathias		
April 21	Paisley Donaldson		
April 22	Linda Waters-Hamilton		
	▼ April 22 Jamie & Nancy Addison		
April 24	Hudson Allen		
April 25	Laura Stevens		
	▼ April 25 Jerry & Becky Ellisor		
April 29	Jennifer Miller		
April 30	Susan Busby		



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

Linda Waters-Hamilton, home

Lena Wessinger, Presby. Home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Ann Addy Jerry Ellisor Jerry Price III

Kitty Boulware

Kay Bryant Angie Hydrick Gene Schofield Tommy Donaldson Marie Kleckley Jane Sexton James Hallman Jean Shealy Cyndi Thurman

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 Hodgin, 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

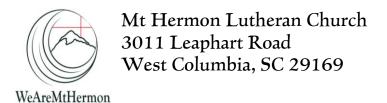


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April 2022

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Saturday	Food Pantry (Danny & Jenny Scott) n Eggstravaganza	FH: Brittany Allen	Holy Saturday Food Pantry (Mike Rawl & Laura Stevens)	FH: Nancy Addison	30 FH: Kathy Whitaker He-Brews Together 9:00 am Food Pantry (Lynn Bouknight, Karen Nicholson)
4	2 9:00 am 11:00 am	6	16 9:00 am	23 8:00 am	30 He-Brew 9:00 am
Friday	(4 0 +		Good Friday Good Friday Worship	(1 ∞	FH: Kathy Whitaker 30
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Thursday		Exercise class Choir Rehearsal	Maundy Thursday Exercise class Choir Rehearsal Maundy Thursday Worship	Exercise class Choir Rehearsal	Exercise class Choir Rehearsal
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Wednesday		Food Pantry (Annette Price, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe) Meals on Wheels	am Food Pantry (Bonnie & 2:00 pm Frank Bouknight, 6:30 pm Andrea Bowers) 6:30 pm am Meals on Wheels pm OneBody in Christ	Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angle Hydrick) Meals on Wheels	Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease) Meals on Wheels OneBody in Christ
		9:00 am	13 9:00 am 10:00 am 12:05 pm	20 9:00 am 10:00 am	27 9:00 am 10:00 am 12:05 pm
Tuesday		Exercise class Executive Team	Exercise class	Exercise class CR: Support Team	Exercise class
		2:00 pm 6:30 pm	12 2:00 pm	2:00 pm 6:30 pm	26 2:00 pm
Monday		Staff Meeting CR: Care team	Staff Meeting CR: Dot Mathias Lutheran Men & Women	18 Office Closed Easter Monday 6:00 pm FH: Outreach Team 6	Staff Meeting CR: Worship Team
		4 10:00 am 5:30 pm	1.1 10:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Easter M 6:00 pm	25 10:00 am 6:00 pm
Sunday		Worship Cherub Tonechimes Sunday school Blood Drive Youth Handbells Puppets Teach Team Lenten worship	Palm Sunday Worship Cherub Tonechimes Sunday school Youth Handbells Puppets Council Meets Lenten worship	Easter Sunday Worship Cherub Tonechimes Sunday school	Worship - Baptism Cherub Tonechimes n Sunday school
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Please see "calendar of events" at WeAreMtHermon .com for updates.



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