

# This Month at a Glance

## Wednesday, March 7

6:00 p.m. Lenten Service & Meal  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

## Sunday, March 11

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
6:00 p.m. Council

## Monday, March 12

5:30 p.m. Christian Education Round Table  
6:30 p.m. LMM

## Wednesday, March 14

6:00 p.m. Lenten Service & Meal  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

## Sunday, March 18

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation  
5:00 p.m. LCY

## Wednesday, March 21

6:00 p.m. Lenten Service & Meal  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

## Sunday, February 25—Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

## Thursday, March 29

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

## Friday, March 30

6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

## Saturday, March 31

10:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Activities for Children  
6:30 p.m. The Vigil of Easter

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

Dear Mt. Hermon Community:  
Lenten Blessings to all of you as this season continues at Mt. Hermon and throughout the whole Christian Church. This season continues to build until we come to The Triduum or The Three Days. This is the period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Maundy Thursday and ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. It recalls the passion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, as portrayed in the Gospels. This is our biggest, holiest season of the Church Year!

Through the many centuries of the Church, through the time of the Reformation, and through many cultures and contexts, these Three Days have been faithfully maintained in Christendom but also have variations in different places. We see differences of practice in some congregations who combine Maundy Thursday and Good Friday into one service, or those who have never incorporated the Foot Washing on Holy Thursday, its core practices and the freedom to incorporate local traditions.

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**Sunday Worship**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School**

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

**Lenten Services**

**6:00 p.m.** (Each Wednesday during Lent)

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## STAFF AND LEADERSHIP Interim Pastor

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Catherine M. VanCleave

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## Congregational Officers

President: Danny Scott

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Treasurer: Emily Morris

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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** (continued from page 1)

or like some mega-churches who eliminate the Passion and hold only Easter Services throughout Holy Week. The Church has always strived for a balance between its core practices and the freedom to incorporate local traditions. Over the years, Mt. Hermon has developed some of its own practices during Holy Week and Easter. I reviewed what has been done and then I had a good conversation with the Worship Board and other interested worshipers about how to best keep the ancient worship services of the Three Days alongside traditions important to this congregation. We came to some proposals, and after getting the blessing of the Executive Team, we are planning the following schedule of services and events for Holy Week and Easter of 2018. If you want to know more about why some things were changed or added, please ask.

The spirit of these Holy Days is one of being continually in worship. Each portion of this multi-day gathering is different. You will notice that once the Palm Sunday service begins, there is no benediction until Easter Day.

**Easter Lily Orders**

It's time once again to place Eater Lily orders. The cost will be \$8.50 per plant. You can place your order by filling out the Easter Lily Offering Envelope. If you wish to honor or remember a loved one with an Easter Lily please write the dedication on your envelope. You may also contact the church office with your dedication– Office Email: [office@mthlc.org](mailto:office@mthlc.org). Orders are due by Sunday, March 25. Thank you!

**New to Mt. Hermon?**

If you are a newcomer to our congregation, please know that you are most welcome to anything, any time. Pastor Anderson will visit with you and will continue to be in conversation about your journey of faith and life. In addition to that, here is a resource to support your journey and a request to help us build a better platform for the faith formation of those new to Christianity or new to the Lutheran church. (Longtime members, all of this is open to you as well!)

**Help us Write a Web Page**

We would like to create a pilot page on our website called “New to Mt. Hermon.” The purpose of this page is to provide a digital spot for newcomers to visit and find resources to help them grow in their faith. This page could have short videos to watch, things to read and questions to reflect on. Pastor Anderson wants to hear about what might be most helpful to those entering our community from non-Christian or non-Lutheran backgrounds. Contact Pastor if you’d like to be a partner in this effort!

**The 14th Annual Chicken Stew Update.....**

**Thank you** to our congregation for your support for our Fourteenth Annual “Growing on Holy Ground” LMM sponsored chicken stew event. Because of your support, we were able to have a net profit of \$3,681.45. Thank you again for your support, not only for this event, but for our Lutheran Men in Mission.



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Jordan Friedrichs  
17 Helen Gillespy  
20 Larry Amick  
22 Dan Cooper  
28 Joshua Ellisor  
Kim Fulmer  
30 Daryl Leigh Anthony

*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)*



### **Homebound and Care Facility Members**

Pearl Dennis  
Margie Hook  
Lib Swygert

William & Lois Watson  
Lena Wessinger

### **Mt. Hermon Members**

Hazel Bockus  
Jimmy Bouknight  
Tommy Bouknight  
Connie Bucknam  
Lynwood Crout  
Becky Koon  
Betty Lindler  
Wynne Price

### **Family and Friends**

Jim & Vickie Burcham (Thurman)  
Scott Coleman (Thurman)  
Jason Thurman (Thurman)  
Sue Reeves (Thurman)  
Brian Thompson (Joel Price, Jr.)  
Megan Sease (Earl & Mary Sease)  
Mike Merck (Ellisor)  
Kathryn & Don Bergeron (Bucknam)  
Nellie Gantt (Mary Price)

W.A. "Buddy" Keller (Marion & Cyndi  
Ben Nicholson (Karen Nicholson)  
Rose Little (Marie Kleckley)  
Tressa Oswalt (Angie Hydrick)  
Matthew Price (Angie Hydrick)  
Barbara Price (Angie Hydrick)  
Robert Payton (Buddy Hydrick)  
Janice Daley (Emily Morris)  
Jimmy Mills (Tommy Mills)



### Welcome to our Guest Organist and Choir Director

Beginning March 11<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome Ruthie Brannen as a partner in our worship and music ministry. We have contracted with Ruthie to serve among

us until Easter Day, April 1<sup>st</sup>. After that, we will discern together where the Spirit is leading us.

Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. We will not yet rally our handbell choir officially although we will be using some ringers this season.

Ruthie is a classically trained organist and has played concerts in various parts of the U.S. and Germany. She describes herself as loving all kinds of music and is at home playing Bach, jazz piano and folk music. She also is certified to teach music in K-12. Her vocation in the world is as a supervisor and trainer in aviation security for the TSA at the Columbia Airport.

Please help us in welcoming her!

### Rite of Holy Baptism

On Sunday, March 18, we will celebrate the Baptism of Jack Price Allen, son of Brittany and Blake Allen. Join us in welcoming him to the family of the Lord!



## Holy Saturday Activities for Kids March 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

*We are in need of candy donations for our Easter Egg Hunt.*

*A collection box is set up in the Narthex for those who would like to help out with candy donations. Please no chocolate.*

*If you have any questions please contact the church office at 803.794.6430 or by email at [office@mthlc.org](mailto:office@mthlc.org). Thank you!*

## Jesus Dollars for Toby's House

Brayden Rutherford, an elementary-school student and member of Mt. Hermon, has Council's approval to raise money for Toby's Place in a fun and engaging way. Brayden will be sharing more about this project on some Sunday mornings in February and March. Toby's Place is a new homeless shelter in Columbia serving women and children. It is sponsored by Oliver Gospel Mission, an agency that has been serving homeless men in Columbia for over 127 years. The number of homeless women, with and without children, is silently growing.

**Did you know 6500 Families are on the waiting list for housing in Richland County?**

**Did you know the typical homeless family consists of a single mother with 2 children?**

**Did you know more than 11,072 of SC's children experience homelessness each year?**

**Did you know among homeless women, 60% have children under 18?**

Here's how Brayden wants to encourage his congregation to support Toby's Place. He wants to use **J-Dollars!**

When you come to church, look at the \$1 bills in your wallet.

Check the serial number on those dollar bills.

If the letter J is on a dollar bill, that's a **J for Jesus!**

Take those J Dollars out and put them in the basket in the Narthex on the way out of church.

We'll collect these **J Dollars** during the 40 Days of Lent and send in one big contribution to Toby's Place on Easter.

***Thanks to Brayden for this great idea to support  
the hidden homeless in our community.***

## Holy Week and Easter 2018

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday March 25

*We will gather outside at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall, and then process into the sanctuary. We will read the Passion according to Mark.*

No services will be held on Holy Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.

Maundy Thursday / Holy Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

*We will gather in the sanctuary for the Confession and Forgiveness, the Sharing of the Word and the Foot Washing. At the Sharing of the Peace we will process to the Fellowship Hall for our Communion Meal and for a Community Meal together. At the conclusion of the Meal, we will gather in a solemn procession back to the church for the Stripping of the Altar.*

Good Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

*As with all of these services, we will follow the Lutheran liturgy as found in Evangelical Lutheran Worship. For this service, we will center ourselves around the Reading of the Passion according to John, with the traditional Bidding Prayer and Procession of the Cross.*

Holy Saturday / Vigil of Easter March 31<sup>st</sup>

10:00 – 12:00 Holy Saturday Activities for Children

*This time will include hearing the stories of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection, hands-on activities to reinforce the stories, an egg hunt, and the baking of the communion bread for Easter. All are invited!*



6:30 pm The Vigil of Easter

*Traditionally this service begins at 10 or 11pm and concludes well after midnight. It includes an extended time of waiting in the dark for the resurrection around many readings and baptism. The forty days of Lent were a time for those who were preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil to prepare themselves to join the Christian community. After the baptisms, Easter would be announced, bells would ring and then the congregation would celebrate the first eucharist of Easter. A festive reception would follow worship to break the Lenten fast. That's the tradition and you can find congregations in the Columbia area who will be doing this full Vigil. However, we will be doing our own local version of this special service.*

*We will gather at 6:30 around the new fire of Easter near the church graveyard. We will process with the Paschal Candle into the darkened church (which represents the tomb of Christ.) There we will wait as the Easter proclamation is chanted, as we hear several readings from the Old Testament and as we affirm our baptism. Our service will end with this affirmation and will conclude on Easter morning with the announcement of Easter and the singing of a Hymn of Praise.*

Easter Day April 1<sup>st</sup>

*On Easter morning, please bring: a few flowers to place in the Easter cross outside the church and a bell to ring during worship.*

7:30 am Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 am The Festival Worship of the Resurrection

10:30 am Sunday School Classes

Note: we are not including the Sunrise Service this year. We hope this Holy Week and Easter will be a meaningful time of contemplation and celebration of Christ's acts of love for us.

## Congratulations to the Bible Trivia team the "Thirsty Monks"



**Winner of the February 2018 "Pub & Pray Event"**



**Christian Education Roundtable is March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and You Are Invited!** Those who are currently serving on the Christian Education Board, those who are regular teachers in children’s and youth Sunday School, those who lead the Children’s Sermons, and any others who would like to support our Faith Formation Ministry for the youngest members of our community, please plan to attend this Roundtable. As we continue this transitional time in our staff leadership, our interim Pastor would like to have some time with members of the congregation to evaluate past programs, set some plans for the present, and do some visioning for the future. Certainly, this is a lot to do from 5:30-7:00, but we can get a good start and set some immediate next steps. Email Pastor Anderson or text her and let her know you are planning to attend. We’ll meet in the Conference Room.

2018 Mt. Hermon

Directory



The 2018 Directory of

Members and Annual Reports &

Guidelines will be available for

pick up.


Young at Heart (for Senior Adults)

will tour Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Columbia on March 21. This relatively new sanctuary in downtown Columbia is filled with iconography that has been written on its walls for several summer by iconographers from Greece.

After a tour, the group will go to lunch at Zorba’s restaurant. The church bus will leave Mt. Hermon that day at 11:00 A.M.

A sign-up sheet is in the church breezeway.

Women of the ELCA



Saxe Gotha Spring Conference

Sunday, March 18

3:00 p.m.

Hosted by Sandy Run Lutheran Church

Monthly Servers

Council Representative:Tommy Mills

Altar Guild:Kim Jolly, Marie Kleckley, Mary Frances Sease

Tabulators:Larry Amick, Doris Maddox, Faye Sox, Barbara Corley, Jean Shealy

Ushers:Angie Hydrick, Marion Leaphart, Cindy Price, Joel Price, Jr.

Weekly Servers

Sunday, March 4

Altar Flowers: Marvin Mathias

Greeter: Laura Stevens

Lector: Jamie Addison

Ch. Sermon: Mary Koon

Acolytes: Karly Addy & Mitch Stevens

Nursery: Grace Roof, Parker & Diane

Sunday, March 18

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Greeter: Jean Shealy

Lector: Mary Price

Ch. Sermon: Sheila Eargle

Acolytes: Bryce Addy & Connor Eargle

Nursery: Grace Roof, Jamie Allen & Alyson Price

Sunday, March 11

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Greeter: Jacob Marsh

Lector: TBD

Ch. Sermon: Daryl Leigh Anthony

Acolytes: Ainsley Allen & Alyssa Stevens

Nursery: Grace Roof, Karen Nicholson

Sunday, March 25

Altar Flowers: OPEN

Greeter: Fran Bouknight

Lector: Parker Boulware

Ch. Sermon: Diane Boulware

Acolytes: Tanner Addy & Jacob Marsh

Nursery: Grace Roof, Larry Amick, Kay Bryant

Wednesday Pantry Volunteers

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

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

March 7

A.M.—Angie Hydrick

P.M.—Annette Price

March 14

A.M.—Faye Sox

P.M.—Jenny Scott

March 21

A.M.—Renee Greenbaum

P.M.—Jean Shealy

March 28

A.M.—Diane Boulware

P.M.—James Hallman



Wednesday Morning Pantry  
Volunteers Needed!!

If you can assist with our community food pantry on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. please contact Angie Hydrick. Thank you!

Welcome New Acolytes!

We had a fun and informative training for new acolytes on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to the parents and experienced acolytes who helped with our time together. The following will begin serving in worship:  
Mackenzie Burns, Lawson Morris, Braeden Rutherford, Tanner Addy, Conner Eargle, Ainsley Allen, and Addison Allen. Let your light so shine before others!