

When the day of
Pentecost came,
they were
all together in
one place.



Acts 2:1

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

Breathe

Barnett/CCLI #1874117

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

† one God,

who greets us in this and every season,

whose word never fails,

*whose promise is sure. **Amen.***

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

We confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

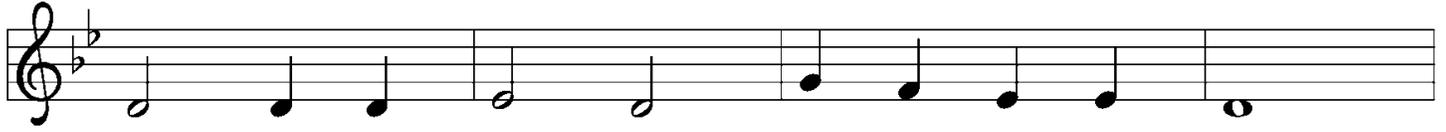
God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of † Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

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

HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

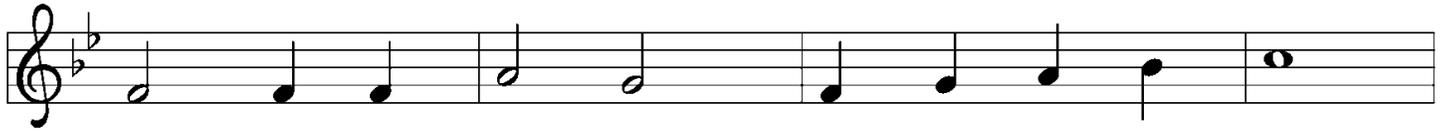
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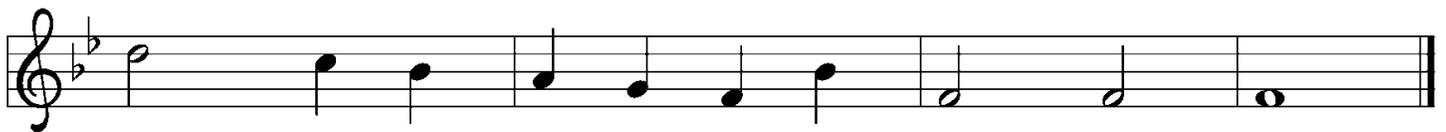
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

KYRIE

Augsburg Fortress #SB153820

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 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
3 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



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and

proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

We read responsively.

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵*Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.*

²⁶There go the ships to and from,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷*All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.*

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹*When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.*

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹*May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.*

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³*I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.*

³⁴May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}*Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!*

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A reading from 1st Corinthians.

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Father, I Adore You

Coelho/CCLI #26557



1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
3 Spir - it,



fore you; how I love you.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The holy gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Jesus Loves Me
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LITTLE ONE'S TIME

wind

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

Jesus shows up again!

We stand.

HYMN

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
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- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
- 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

After each petition:

God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of 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 have returned to 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

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Ackers/CCLI #18204

We stand.

OFFERTORY

Holy Spirit Rain Down

Sing twice

Fragar/CCLI #2405227

B \flat /C F E \flat /F E \flat /B \flat B \flat F/A

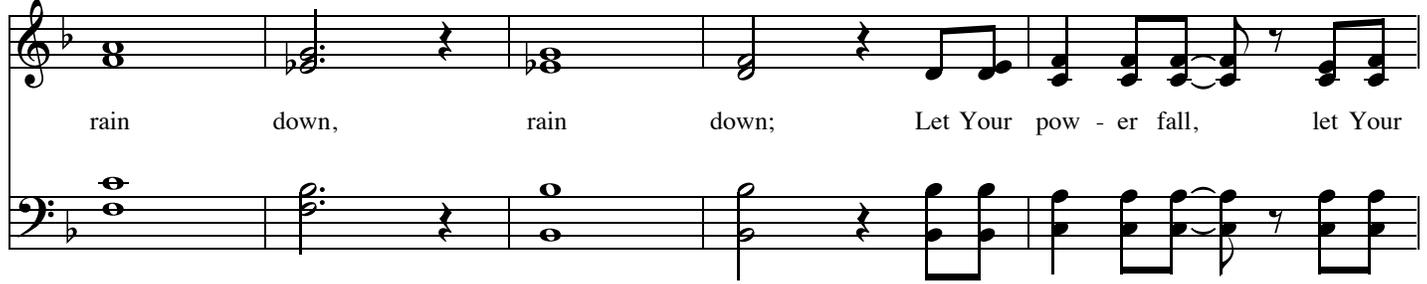
Ho - ly Spi - rit rain down, rain down; O

5 Gm⁷ F²/A B \flat C^{sus}

Com - fort - er and Friend, how we need Your touch a - gain; Ho - ly Spir - it

Detailed description: The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Holy Spirit Rain Down'. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system covers measures 1-6. The second system covers measures 7-12. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

9 F Eb/F Eb/Bb Bb F/C

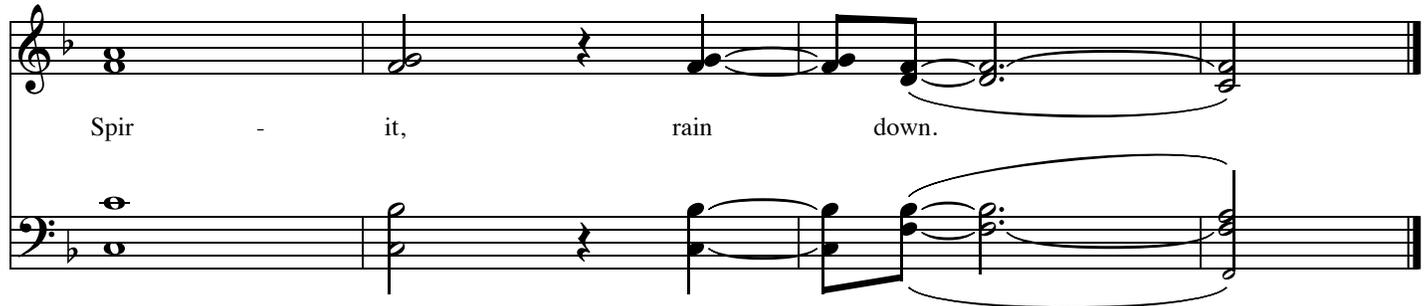


rain down, rain down; Let Your pow - er fall, let Your

14 C#°7 Dm7 Bbm6/Db



voice be heard; Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word; Ho - ly



Spir - it, rain down.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

***God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.***

Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,

and multiply your graciousness in us,

that the world may be fed with your love,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

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

*All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.
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 chalice 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

Spirit of Gentleness
Manley/OneLicense #44816

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.

*We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,*

*through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed

✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age. *Amen.*

HYMN

Sing twice

Spirit of the Living God

Iverson/CCLI #23488

F B \flat ⁶ D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the

6 B \flat ⁶ D/A Gm F/C B \flat /C C⁷ F B \flat F

liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me,

11 G⁷/F C/E Dm⁷ C⁷ F

fill me, use _____ me. Spir - it of the

14 B \flat ⁶ D/A Gm F/C B \flat /C C⁷ F

liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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.

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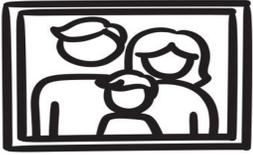
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Wynne & Mary Price.



The Frankie San Story:

Mt Hermon will be hosting a viewing of the documentary on Saturday, June 24th. A Spaghetti Dinner and Movie will be open to Mt. Hermon and their guests first and will be open to the public on June 4th. Sign up now! WeAreMtHermon.com



The CARE TEAM is working on a NEW Photo Directory of Members!

Mt. Hermon has software to do this in-house, but we need your help....

1. **DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO** you would like to use for you/your family? Send it to: media@wearemtHermon.com
2. **DO YOU NEED A PHOTO TAKEN?** Care Team will be taking photos:
 - after church service on **June 4th & 11th**
 - or call/text 803-331-5792 (Laura Stevens) to set up a convenient time

PHOTO DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2023

Thank you for your help with this long overdue project!

Mt Hermon Movers

all ages all fitness levels come and walk the Lake Murray Dam

Saturday, June 3rd 8:00 am
park on the Lexington side

Carpool from Church at 7:30 am

VBS AT MT. HERMON
June 20-22, 2023

PETS UNLEASHED
WHERE JESUS CARES FOR YOU

We need you!

sign up sheets online and breezeway

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

05/21/2023

Sunday School=21

In-person Worship 96 + Live Stream Worship 87 = 183

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,506.06
Building Fund	Received	\$370.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$15.00

Honorariums and Memorials

In memory of **Becky Koon** by Danny & Jenny Scott, Muff & Herbert Boyd

In honor of my loving husband, our dad, our grandpa, **Ryan Price, Jr.** for his May 30th birthday. Love Jennifer, Jerry, Tiffany, Jon, Bella, Easton and Abram.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Kay Bryant Scarlett Bryant	Terry Swygert Allison Swygert
Greeter:	Larry Amick	Allison Swygert
Crucifer:	Tanner Addy	Sydney Bucknam
Acolyte:	Adelaide Bryant	Jake Dugan
Lector:	Larry Amick	Terry Swygert
Communion Assts:	Tanner Addy	Terry Swygert
	Kay Bryant	Sydney Bucknam
	Larry Amick	Jake Dugan
	Daryl Leigh Anthony	Allison Swygert
	Sherwood Garrett	Dion Metze
Nursery:	Audrey Jennings David Jennings Brittany Allen	Charlene Corley DJ Plummer
Flowers:	Wynne & Mary Price	OPEN

SERVING IN MAY

COUNCIL REP: Sheila Starkey

ALTAR GUILD: Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease

TABULATORS: Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Mike Rawl, Leah Rawl

MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, *Generations*
Alberta Berry, *home*
Nell Buff, *NHC*
Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*
Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*
Eldon Eargle, *home*

*James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*
Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*
Tom Roof, *home*
Cyndi Thurman, *home*
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*
Pastor Derald Edwards, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Easton Donaldson Georgianna Gray Jimmy Maddox
Dot Mathias Gene Schofield Jane Sexton

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

David Hydrick, *family of Angie Hydrick*
Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*
Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*
Lewis Turner, *friend of Jo Leach*
Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*
Stan Weber, *husband of Debi Weber*
Dr. Kay Moore, *friend, and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart*
Josh Jackson, *friend of Joel Price, Jr.*
Brannon Yonce, *friend of Michelle Gantt*
Jean Boswell, *stepmother of Michelle Gantt*
Greg Cantrell, *friend of David & Audrey Whitaker-Jennings*
Logan Wittwer, *friend of Jessica Goodwin & Cameron Blakely*
Paul Garner, *friend of Robert Haygood*
Debbie Browning, *Sister of Donna Kirkpatrick*
Mr. & Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr., *friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*
Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Dale Miller, *son-in-law Wynne and Mary Price*
Steven & Dee Howell, *friends of Kathy Whitaker*
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*
Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*
John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*
Mike Ondera, *friend of Sherwood Garrett*
Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*
Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*
Jeff Tarlton, *friend of Michelle Gantt*
Pat Jackson, *mother of Frankie Jackson*
Allison Limatainen, *niece of Sheila Starkey*
Carleton Morse, *father of Cyndi Leaphart*
Roque Cosme, *father of Alex Bowers*
Martha Williamson, *sister of Frank Bouknight*

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

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 4th ~ Holy Trinity Sunday

- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:30 am Sunday School
- 11:15 am Children's Choir
- 4:00pm Teach Team

Monday, June 5th

- 5:30pm Care Team

Tuesday, June 6th

- 6:30 pm Executive Team

Wednesday, June 7th

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 8th-10th

*SC Synod Assembly, Columbia
(Pastor Gina, Terry and Allison Swygert)*

Saturday, June 10th

- 9:00 am Food Pantry (Koon Family)



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Sheila Eargle, Secretary	Parker Boulware, Treasurer
Annette Price/Karen Nicholson, Financial Secretary	Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, May 28th - Pentecost

9:00 am Worship (Wear Red)
10:30 am Sunday School
11:15 am Children's Choir

Monday, May 29th ~ Memorial Day – office closed

7:00 pm Community Memorial Day Worship

Tuesday, May 30th

6:30 pm Bod of God

Wednesday, May 31st

9:00 am Food Pantry (Dave & Debra Butts)
10:00 am Meals on Wheels
6:30 pm Choir

Friday, June 2nd

6:00/7:00 pm Movies on the Mount – End of Season #2

Saturday, June 3rd

8:00 am Mt Hermon Movers (Lake Murray Dam)
9:00 am Food Pantry (Swygerts and Carrolls)