



# Around the Mountain

March 17, 2020

Where God's people are gathered, fed, and sent into the world.

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Dear Disciples of Christ who call Mt. Hermon Home,

During these days, I will send out communications several times each week. Please click the links below and go to our website where information will be posted as we receive it. The opening page has added links and buttons to FaceBook and other information.

We have been working diligently to protect and also serve one another and the community. We opened the food pantry on Wednesday and we had 14 families (some regulars, some new) stop by to receive food. We will open the food pantry again on Friday from 9:00-12:00. We will continue to operate on Wednesday and Friday. I am especially thankful to those who came to prepare bags of food, load food in cars, and be familiar faces to the community. Jo Leach, Jenny Scott, Angie Hydrick, Grayson Anthony, Alyssa Stevens, and Mitch Stevens are included in those who served in many ways on Wednesday.

Thank you to Sheila Starkey who has worked non-stop for several days! We are adding cameras/phone/ipads and graphics so that you will not need a bulletin to worship on Sunday. We will be live streaming the service at 9:00 on Sunday morning through FaceBook live. See the note below regarding FaceBook.

As you know, we read three scriptures each week. I invite you to get out your Bible, mark these passages, and follow along as we read on Sunday. Here are the passages:

Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

Since we will not meet on Sunday, you will not be able to place your offering in the plate. I have included a direct link below if you would like to use the Online giving method. Several people use this as their exclusive way of giving to the church. If you would rather mail your offering to the church, the address is 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. You may mail your envelopes or you may drive up and drop your offering directly in the locked mailbox at the road. An additional way of sending in your offering, is to ask your bank to send a check directly to the church for you. We will be checking the mail daily and will lock your offerings in the church safe. The tabulating teams will process your offerings on Monday mornings.

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So often we read the 23rd Psalm at funerals. It is the selected Psalm for this Sunday. I invite you to read this psalm with a spirit of hope and assured confidence that

*for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

He is with us, even as we are confined to small groups. He is with us, even when we would rather be out of our homes. He is with us!



His rod and His staff, they wrap around his ankles and show us the way to protection and comfort. He leads us from a place of darkness into a place of bright light. May you keep your focus on the Light of Christ during these days of uneasiness.

Sister in Christ,  
**Pastor Gina**



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*You may not know this:*

For the past several weeks, we have been live streaming worship. You do not need a FaceBook account to participate. Go to FaceBook.com and find @MtHermonLutheranChurch. You should recognize the outside photo of the church with a rainbow in the background. Scroll down and you should be able to view the Live Stream and also watch the replay later also.

[FaceBook](#)

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