



EASTER IS COMING

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. (John 20: 1-2, 8)

Easter is Coming! Knowing that Easter is coming is the hope and promise for all believers. During March confirmation class, I explained that this week, Holy Week, is central to the Christian faith. Without the crucifixion on Good Friday, there is no resurrection on Easter morning! I explained to the students that it is so important to their faith journey, that if they didn't attend Holy Week services, they are missing the journey to Jesus' ultimate act of love for them. I challenge you to the same! If you haven't attended Maundy Thursday and/or Good Friday worship services, attend this year! The Maundy Thursday Passover meal is part of the worship service. Sign up to reserve your place at the table. (The Seder meal, an orderly remembrance Passover meal, not a potluck dinner.) At the completion of the 45-minute meal, we will process into the sanctuary and hear Jesus' mandate for us, *love one another as I have loved you*. We will share Holy Communion and then strip the altar of all adornments. Good Friday service begins as Maundy Thursday ended: in silence. Good Friday service will remind us of Jesus' last seven words. We will receive nails from the same chalice that we drank from on Thursday. Those nails will be placed in the cross at the end of the service. The tomb is closed.

Then Easter is Coming! We gather to the cemetery on Sunday morning at 6:30 to discover that God has raised Jesus from the dead. Don't miss the completion of Jesus' journey to the cross during this Lenten season to the empty tomb on Easter morning! Festival worship service will be in the sanctuary at 9:00am.

Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gina

#3011LeaphartRoad

#WeAreMtHermon

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

EASTER HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS:

Help make the sanctuary beautiful on Easter Morning by honoring or in memory of someone in the Easter bulletin. Flowers will be purchased to beautify the sanctuary.

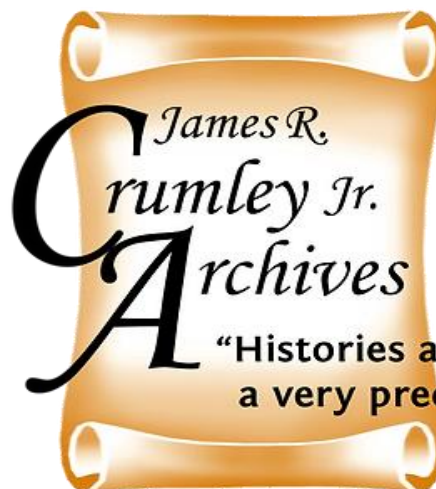
Please have the listing to the office by Monday, April 3rd at noon.



Easter Resurrection Preparation on Holy Saturday from 11:00 – 1:00. We will gather as a community on Saturday to prepare 3011 Leaphart Road for the Resurrection celebration. Bring your gloves, rakes, cleaning cloths, ideas for decorating the sanctuary, outdoor worship space, fellowship hall, front lawn, etc. We will join to announce the Resurrection to the world!

The James R Crumley, Jr. Archives presents a Fisher Films Production Prisoner By Choice: **The Frankie San Story**. The Board of Crumley Archives (Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary) invites you to the premier of our first documentary film on the life of FRANKIE SAN.

Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 pm at the Nickelodeon Theater, 1607 Main Street, Columbia. Please RSVP by April 18 to crumleyarchivist2@gmail.com or call 803.461.3234



**“Histories are, therefore,
a very precious thing.”**

– Martin Luther

AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Motion from the February Council meeting

March council actions:

The Support Team recommends that the damaged roof on the parsonage be repaired at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 with money to come from the Facility Use Fund. **PASSED unanimously.**

The Support Team recommends the removal of leaves at the Scout Hut that were raked from the cemetery. The cost to have all the leaves removed is \$350 with money to come from Undesignated Funds with the stipulation that the work can be done before April 7, 2023. **PASSED unanimously.** Earl Sease will be asked to coordinate the work.

**CHURCH COUNCIL
HIGHLIGHTS**

Congregational Council Minutes February 12, 2023

ATTENDANCE: Absent – Mike Rawl and Danny Scott

CARES AND CONCERNS: Cyndi Leaphart's friend is doing better, continue to pray for Thomas and Nichole McDonald, Sheila Starkey's sister-in-law is still struggling, and continue to pray for Pastor Gina's neighbor, Susan.

MEMBER CARE: Bobby and Doris Carver have moved to Presbyterian Home, Easton Donaldson is doing well, and Jean Shealy was in the hospital with pneumonia, but is now at home.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Accepted as presented.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Minutes for January 2023 were accepted with the following corrections: The \$3,500 donated by South State Bank went to the Heart to Home snack pack ministry, not to the food pantry. Also, Hayes Wingard's name was listed incorrectly as Hayes Cooper.

REPORTS:

- Pastor Gina: Report for February 2023 was submitted.
- Treasurer: Budget Report for January and the first four days of February 2023 and Treasurer's Report for January 2023 were submitted.
- Financial Secretary: Funds Report for January 2023 was submitted.

Team Reports/Recommendations:

Team for Ministry: No report submitted. Make a Difference Day needs to be rescheduled.

Care: No report submitted. A group is going to visit shut-ins in their homes today.

Outreach: No report submitted. Eighteen members came out to help with the first One Body on the Road event.

Support: The Support Team recommends that a camera, monitor, and doorbell be purchased and installed in the Education Building. The camera would be mounted so it is facing the interior Education Wing doors near the office. A monitor is to be installed in the nursery and a doorbell is to be installed outside the nursery door so that a parent may notify the nursery that they are ready to pick up their child. Funding to come from the Building Improvement Fund and the anticipated cost is \$200. **PASSED unanimously.**

Finance: No report submitted.

Teach: No report submitted.

Worship: Written report submitted. The Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:00pm, not 6:35pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Stephen Price Scholarship Update – This will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting on February 23.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. SC Synod Event Hosted by Mt. Hermon – This event will be held tomorrow night.
2. 2024 Leadership Retreat – January 19-21, 2024, at Coastal Retreat Center
3. Next Meeting: Sunday, March 12, 2023, following Sunday School
4. Next Month's Devotions and Lock Up – Mary Koon

Sheila Eargle, Council Secretary

ATTENDANCE REPORT

	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Live Streaming</u>	<u>Total</u>
March 5	120	76	196
March 12	67	102	169
March 19	110	62	172
March 26	105	79	184

TREASURER REPORT

Year to Date February 2023

	<u>Actual</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Current & Benevolence	\$44,212.59	\$36,668.18	\$7,544.41
Building Improvement	4,372.29	3,374.81	997.48
Building on Holy Ground	10,975.00	9,908.96	1,066.04

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!

He_Brews Supper Club has been such a great success that we plan to meet every other month in 2023 on May 13, July 15, September 9, and November 11.

The next He-Brews date is May 13th!



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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 Bonnie Bouknight and attend the next meeting!

Outreach Team has been busy lately. A special thank you to everyone who has helped and donated so we can serve our community.



Holy Casseroly- There are 4 casseroles, 5 soups, and 5-7 chicken stews in the freezer ready to be used by members of the congregation and the community who are in need of a meal. These may be used for illness, injuries, surgeries, or death in the family; anytime that a meal might be needed. We just ask if you will please sign the "Sign Out" sheet on the freezer, so we know when the supply gets low.

Community Meals have been served to people at the Master's Inn on February 4 and chicken stew on March 4 to the Master's Inn and the Airport Inn. Also, leftovers from Lenten meals have been shared at a local hotel.



Easter Bags are being distributed through the Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who donated hams for the bags. Food Pantry has continued to serve a record number of patrons.

Movies on the Mount will begin on Friday, April 14. We will serve popcorn and drinks in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm when *The Chosen* begins. The Fellowship Hall will open at 6:00pm for anyone who would like to bring dinner with them and enjoy fellowship before the movie. Questions- see Mike Rawl or an Outreach Team member.



Movies on the Mount returns!
April 14 - June 2
7:00 pm
Watching "The Chosen" Season 2



Coat donation! Thanks to a generous donation, we received 50 coats. We have begun to share these with local schools. These coats have a zip out liner so they can be used beyond the winter season.

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TEACH TEAM

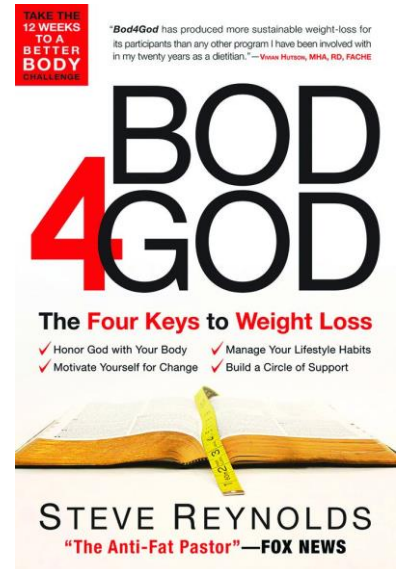
The teach team meets on the first Sunday at 4:00 in the education building in a classroom near the church nursery. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Daryl Leigh Anthony and attend the next meeting!



Sunday School for all ages.

There are currently 7 adult classes. Come and find a class to learn together. You will never know everything about the Bible, but you can begin your journey today. Wherever you are in your theology “understanding of God and God’s plan for you” today is an opportunity for another day to journey. Come and study together.

We are kicking off a 12 week weight loss challenge starting 3/14 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We will be reviewing the **Bod for God** book, weekly video and discussion. The book was written by Pastor Steven Reynolds if you’d like your own copy of the book. It’s not required! This challenge is for men and women!



The Four Keys to Weight Loss
Honor God with Your body
Manage your Lifestyle Habits
Motivate Yourself for Change
Build a Circle of Support
STEVE REYNOLDS

"The Anti-Fat Pastor"~ FOX NEWS



Nursery Volunteers

We need your help in the nursery during Worship and Sunday school. Please sign-up in the breezeway or contact Brittany Allen 803-206-7588.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast by the Youth of Mt. Hermon Breakfast will be served between worship service on Easter Morning. The youth will be providing the breakfast and any donations received will be used to fund youth ministries. The youth thanks you in advance as we come to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.



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Christ
IN THE
Passover
Seder


Maunder Thursday,
Seder Meal, Stripping Altar



April 6, 2023 6:00p.m.

Sign-up sheets breezeway
or WeAreMtHermon.com

Good Friday
April 7 ~ 7:00 pm



Jesus' last words

He is Risen

Place flowers in the cross at the
steps of the sanctuary
Anytime on Sunday

6:30am Sunrise Service
7:45am Easter Breakfast
9:00am Resurrection Worship



Easter Sunday April 9, 2023



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

April 2023

	4/2/23	4/9/23	4/16/23	4/23/23	4/30/23
Ushers:	Fran Bouknight	Melanie Jackson	Danny Scott	Cyndi Leaphart	Cindy Price
	Ricky Bouknight		Jenny Scott	Jeff Price	Joel Price, Jr.
Greeter:	Fran Bouknight	Melanie Jackson	Danny Scott	Cyndi Leaphart	Cindy Price
Crucifer:	Jake Dugan	Joshua Koon	Mackenzie Burns	Brayden Rutherford	Connor Eargle
Acolyte:	Dylan Whitaker	Brayden Morris	Cameron Bucknam	Walker Kinard	Hayden Eargle
Lector:	Sam Koon	Frankie Jackson	Angie Hydrick	Parker Boulware	Mary Price
Communion Assts:	Lynn Bouknight	Frankie Jackson	Angie Hydrick	Marion Leaphart	Connor Eargle
	Charlene Corley	Melanie Jackson	Danny Scott	Cyndi Leaphart	Hayden Eargle
	DJ Plummer	Hayden Eargle	Jenny Scott	Kirby Johnson	Sheila Eargle
	Jake Dugan	Joshua Koon	Mackenzie Burns	Brayden Rutherford	Ronnie Fulmer
	Kathy Cooper	Sam Koon	Cameron Bucknam	Walker Kinard	Debbie Fulmer
Banner Bearer:	n/a	Connor Eargle			
Bible Bearer:	n/a	Lawson Morris			
Torch Bearers:	n/a	Hayden Eargle Sam Koon			
Nursery:	Audrey Jennings David Jennings Brittany Allen	Noah Swygert Cassie Swygert	Leah Rawl Terri Ashley-Rawl Brayden Morris	Charlene Corley DJ Plummer	Alyson Price Brittany Allen
Flowers:	Stevens Family	Ronnie Fulmer	Jacksons	Addisons	Marshs

SERVING IN APRIL

COUNCIL REP: Cyndi Leaphart

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price

TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Breanna Metze, Sheila Starkey

** If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to serve in your absence.*

Please also notify the church office of the change.

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



- Apr 02** Joanne Eargle
Apr 03 Gunner Donaldson
♥ **Apr 03** Jonathan & Rebekah Boatwright
♥ **Apr 03** Dan & Shirley Cooper
Apr 04 Jake Dugan, Georgianna Gray, Tom Stahl
♥ **Apr 04** Bryan & Missy Addy
Apr 06 Virginia Ellisor
♥ **Apr 06** Al & Laura Stevens
Apr 07 Easton Kaylor
Apr 09 Becky Wise
Apr 10 Jamie Addison, Jane Sexton, Mandy Smith
Apr 11 Samantha Bucknam, Brandon Donaldson
♥ **Apr 11** Kirby & Becky Johnson
Apr 12 Blake Donaldson
♥ **Apr 14** Blake & Brittany Allen
Apr 14 Robert Haygood, Kirby Johnson, Curtis Plummer
Apr 16 Katie Donaldson
Apr 17 Alyson Price
♥ **Apr 18** Sam & Kathy Cooper
Apr 19 Becky Ellisor, Marvin Mathias
Apr 21 Paisley Donaldson
Apr 22 Linda Waters-Hamilton
♥ **Apr 22** Jamie & Nancy Addison
Apr 24 Hudson Allen
Apr 25 Laura Stevens
♥ **Apr 25** Jerry & Becky Ellisor
Apr 27 DJ Plummer
Apr 29 Jennifer Miller
Apr 30 Susan Busby

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



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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, *Presbyterian Home*
Becky Koon, *Laurel Crest*
Tom Roof, *home*
Cyndi Thurman, *Prisma Baptist*
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*
Pastor Derald Edwards, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Easton Donaldson Dot Mathias Gene Schofield Jane Sexton
Jean Shealy

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*
Keith Saxton, *friend of Cyndi Leaphart, serving our country*
Dr. Kay Moore, *friend and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart*
Josh Jackson, *friend of Joel Price, Jr.*
Brannon Yonce, *friend of Michelle Gantt*
Joe & Barbara Cooper, *friend of Herb Bucknam*
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*
Leah Walker, *friend of Wayne and Charlene Corley*
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*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellis*
John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*
Mike Ondera, *friend of Sherwood Garrett*
Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*
Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*
Cindy Manley, *sister of Sheila Starkey*
Susan Dewey, *neighbor of Dion & Pastor Gina*

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:15am Children's Choir 3:30pm Safety Training	27 6:30pm CR: Worship Team	28 6:30pm Bod for God 6:30pm CR: Support Team	29 9:00am Food Pantry (Debra & Dave Butts) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Lenten Service/Meal 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	30	31	1 9:00am Food Pantry (Melanie & Frankie Jackson, Katie Donaldson)
2 Palm Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:15am Children's Choir 11:30am FH: Blood Drive 4:00pm Teach Team	3 5:30pm Care Team	4 6:30pm Bod for God	5 9:00am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	6 Maundy Thursday 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	7 Good Friday 7:00pm Good Friday Service	8 9:00am Food Pantry (Laura Stevens, Mike Rawl) 11:00am Work Day
9 Easter Sunday 6:30am Easter Sunrise Service 7:30am Breakfast Youth 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:15am Children's Choir	10 1:30pm CR: Dot Mathias 6:30pm Lutheran Men & Women	11 5:30pm Executive Team 6:30pm Bod for God	12 9:00am Food Pantry (Herb Bucknam, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:30pm Choir	13	14 7:00pm Movies on the Mount	15 9:00am Food Pantry (Swygerts & Carrolls)
16 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:15am Children's Choir 11:30am Council Meets 3:00pm Confirmation 5:00pm Youth Meets	17 6:00pm CR: Outreach Team	18 6:00pm CR: Finance Team 6:30pm Bod for God	19 9:00am Food Pantry (Frank & Bonnie Bouknight, Andrea Bowers) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Choir	20	21 7:00pm Movies on the Mount	22 Earth Day 9:00am Food Pantry (Koon family)
23 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:15am Children's Choir	24 6:30pm CR: Worship Team 6:30pm FH: Quentin Commons HOA	25 6:30pm Bod for God 6:30pm CR: Support Team	26 9:00am Food Pantry (Dave & Debra Butts) 10:00am Meals on Wheels 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:30pm Choir	27 FH: N Addison	28 FH: N Addison Movies on the Mount	29 FH: N Addison 9:00am Food Pantry (Parker & Diane Boulware)
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Please see "calendar of events" at WeAreMtHermon .com for updates.

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