

AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

August 2019



Pastor's Cause to Pause

This has been a busy summer! As soon as we celebrated Graduation from high school for Karly Addy, we loaded up and headed to Arden, NC. Seven of our students, attended Campfirmation Camp at Lutheridge. When we returned for a week break, we then registered and participated in a mission camp in downtown Columbia. We had 12 students and 6 adults participate in the week of serving. We served God's people by delivering Meals on Wheels, played BINGO at adult day care facilities, spent time with students at Christ Central Ministries, baked cookies and delivered the cookies to First Responders, cleaned and rearranged clothing and supplies at local thrift pantries, and above all, we gathered for worship each day. Our students participated in the worship services by reading, praying, distributing communion, and marking foreheads with baptismal water.

This past week, the business continued with VBS. More than 75 people began the evening with a meal. The adult class watched the Mr. Rogers movie and the students studied 5 different countries. We learned that we have "next door neighbors" and we also have "neighbors around the world."

Each night items were collected for the Mt Hermon Food Pantry, and items were collected to compile GraceBags for those who are nearby and need simple, daily supplies. Your participation and generosity was overwhelming!

As we continue to ask God (and listen for His direction), we await clear decisions on both the outreach opportunities and presence Mt. Hermon will make in this community of West Columbia and neighboring communities.

What does all of this mean to you? I am asking you to continue to PRAY for God's guidance. I am asking you where God is calling you to serve in this community. We have FIVE areas of ministry: Worship, Outreach, Care, Teach, and Support. You have gifts for ministry in one or more of these areas. We will begin to place the leaders for each of these ministries in the bulletin. As you hear God's call for your place to serve, please either contact me or contact the ministry team leader.

Even when we feel we are really busy, and free-time is scarce, God still calls us to be neighbors and serve one another.

Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gina

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Cantor's Corner

Our choir has already begun work on an Advent Cantata to get a “jump” on fall preparations. I encourage anyone to join us. You don’t need to know how to read music – just come!

We had planned to change liturgies the first of August, but we will continue the same setting until we move back into the sanctuary. It’s difficult to see our summer months come to a close, but at the same time, a new church year brings the excitement of our favorite holidays and liturgical seasons.

Hope to see you in the choir loft!!!

Ruthie



August 4th at 4:00
Fellowship Hall

Come and Be the body of Christ
as we enjoy Summer treats.



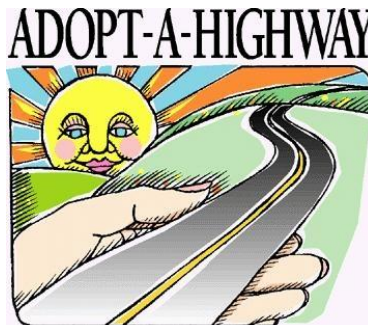
Blessing of Backpacks

Everyone involved in teaching and nurturing students, will be blessed at worship on August 18th.

Bring your backpacks, lunchbox, tote, dance shoes, musical instrument, football, soccer ball, cleats, etc. for a special blessing.

We send you into the school year to be the light of Christ.

Please join us!



★ Next pick-up date
November 16th

Keep the Midlands
Beautiful
Saturday, August 17th
9:00 am
Church parking lot

Congregational Council Mini Minutes for July 2019

ATTENDANCE: All were present with the exception of Robin Ellisor and Bryce Addy, who were excused.

Member Care: A few members have re-instated the delivery basket of paper goods when a death in the family occurs.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The agenda for July was adopted with the following addition under Worship Team: Recommendations

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The minutes for the June council meeting were accepted.

REPORTS:

- Pastor Gina- Report received
- Treasurer- Report received for June. Transition of treasurers is in process. A recommendation was made that we pay the synodical payment at the beginning of each quarter. **Passed** 2nd and 3rd quarter payments will be made for a total of \$6,000.
- Financial Secretary- report received for June as well as quarterly report and mid-year report.
- Executive- Thank you notes were received from Karly Addy and Security Federal Bank.

Team Report/Recommendations:

1. Team for Ministry- met last month. Teams are reviewing guidelines.
2. Worship Team- Report received. 4 Recommendations were submitted.
 - Worship Team recommends that we host the 2020 Memorial Day service and that we utilize The Lexington County Choral Society at a fee of \$700 to come from the Mt. Hermon Fund for the Arts. **Passed**
 - Worship Team and the Team for Ministry recommend that we form a committee to investigate upgrading our audio/video equipment, including the use of social media, to record and distribute our worship services to our shut-ins. This committee will report to The Worship Team their finding and recommendations, which will be sent to Church Council for their review. **Passed**
 - The Worship Team recommends that we celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, October 6th with a covered-dish meal to follow after the Sunday school hour. **Passed**
 - The Worship Team recommends that we, in preparation for Homecoming, have a “clean the church” workday on Saturday, October 5th. The Worship Team will organize and oversee the clean-up day. **Passed**
3. Support Team- facility use for member approved
4. Care Team- new Chair is needed

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5. Outreach Team- report received. Recommendation made that we use money from the Helen Evans Outreach fund to purchase items for Palmetto Place and Family Promise. These items are to be used during VBS projects. **Passed**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Farming Church: Meeting held prior to council meeting to review Listening Groups feedback.
2. Cemetery Upkeep- currently comparing contracts.
3. Safety Committee- Recommendation for new team member to be added to Safety Team. **Passed**
4. Parsonage Update- Mt. Tabor still considering use of parsonage. Will let us know as soon as they decide which route to go.
5. Ruthie Brannen- Ruthie presented plan for next year of music/activities. Some activities will depend on budget and dates. She will be introducing 3 Candlelight Dinners during the year to support the MH Fund for the Arts.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Perry Bouknight will be driving bus for Youth and adults attending GraceWorks.
2. Due to HVAC repair, Bach in Blue Jeans date will now be August 11th.
3. Security concerns were brought up due to a recent incident at the church. Pastor will talk with other area pastors for ideas of what they are doing. A committee may be formed to investigate ideas.

After Feedback, the meeting was adjourned with praying the Lord's Prayer.
Alyson Price, Council Secretary



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Sunday, July 14th through Friday, July 19th



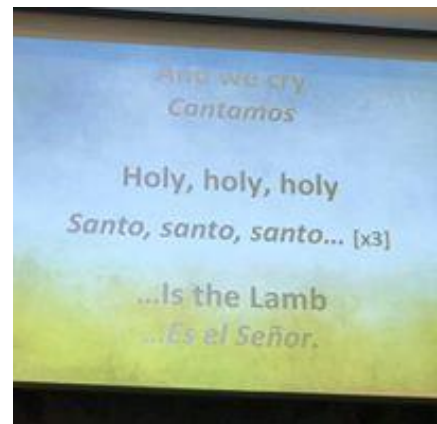
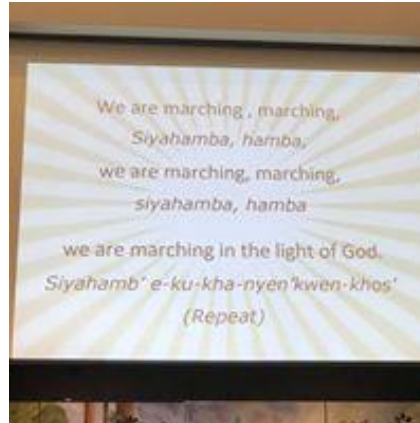
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WHO IS *my neighbor?*

Vacation Bible School
July 21st through July 25th



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School Supply Drive August 1st – 20th



**Mt. Hermon is blessed to have many educators
in our congregation!**

**You can help support their neediest students
by participating in our School Supply Drive!**



The following items are requested:

- Pencils (standard & mechanical)
- Erasers
- Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil pouches
- Pencil Sharpeners (hand held)
- 1" & 2" Binders
- Tab Dividers
- Backpacks (standard size, please no extra small packs!)
- Notebook paper
- Ear buds
- Highlighters
- Spiral notebooks
- Composition notebooks
- Index Cards
- Post it Notes
- Tissue boxes
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Hand sanitizer

**If you have any questions, please contact Mary Koon
803-807-0283**

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Serving Schedule: August 2019

COUNCIL REP: Alyson Price

ALTAR GUILD: Ann Addy, Diane Boulware, Annette Price

TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Linda Waters-Hamilton, Ann Addy

USHERS: Danny Scott, Al Stevens, Dennis Thurman, Tommy Mills

Altar Flowers:

4 Mills
11 Marsh
18 Swygert
25 **OPEN**

Food Pantry:

7 Jo Leach
14 Doris Maddox
21 Angie Hydrick
28 Becky Koon

Greeter:

4 Kathy Whitaker
11 Jenny Scott
18 Faye Sox
25 Jean Shealy

Crucifer:

4 Joel Price Sr.
11 Wynne Price
18 Perry Bouknight
25 Skyler Miller

Lector:

4 Wynne Price
11 Emily Morris
18 Cyndi Thurman
25 Mary Price

Children's Sermon:

4 Diane Boulware
11 Daryl Leigh Anthony
18 Sheila Eargle
25 Mary Koon

Acolytes:

4 Brayden Rutherford
11 Lawson Morris
18 Connor Eargle
Mackenzie Burns
25 Tanner Addy
Josh Koon

Communion Assistants:

4 Joel Price Sr., Jackson Price, OPEN
11 Wynne Price, Emily Morris, Angie Hydrick
18 Perry Bouknight, Trudy Bouknight, Ronnie Fulmer
25 Skyler Miller, Ronnie Fulmer, Danny Scott

Nursery:

4 Grace Roof, Larry Amick, Kay Bryant
11 Grace Roof, Brittany Allen, Alyson Price
18 Grace Roof, Emily & Moises Arroyo
25 Grace Roof, Haley Addy, Karen Nicholson

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**Aug 01**

Nancy Addison
Laura Carroll

Aug 02

Allison Swygert

Aug 04

Grace Roof

Aug 08

Dianne Watford

Aug 14

Tiffany Kaylor

Aug 17

Kay Little

Aug 20

Doris Carver

Lila Catt

Eddie Ellisor

Aug 21

Teddy Koon

Aug 24

Brayden Rutherford

Aug 25

Samuel Koon

Aug 26

Wynne Price

Danny Scott

Aug 27

Jason Addy

Noah Swygert

Aug 29

Hayden Eargle

**Aug 06**

Tommy & Kelli Mills

Aug 10

Eddie & Virginia Ellisor
Jimmy & Doris Maddox

Aug 19

Marvin & Gabrielle
Bouknight

Aug 20

Johnny & Marie Lewis

Aug 23

Tom & June Roof

Aug 24

Noah & Cassie Swygert

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the church office at 803.794.6430 or send an email to office@mthlc.org. We are sorry we did not have the information in time of printing!

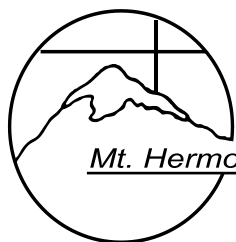
Thank you for your care, concern and especially your prayers for Perry and me. We continue to deal with our issues but we are "hanging on", so your continued prayers are needed.
May God bless you. *Trudy Bouknight*



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AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 4:00 pm Ice Cream Social	5 6:00 pm Worship Team	6 1:00 pm Staff meeting	7 5:30 pm Executive meets	8 6:30 pm FH:Quinton Commons	9	10
11 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Council Meets	12 6:30 pm Luth. Men	13 1:00 pm Staff meeting	14 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	15	16	17 9:00 am Adopt-A- Hwy
18 9:00 am Worship Blessing of the Backpacks 10:15 am Sunday School	19	20 1:00 pm Staff meeting	21	22	23	24
25 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	26	27 1:00 pm Staff meeting	28 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	29	30	31



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