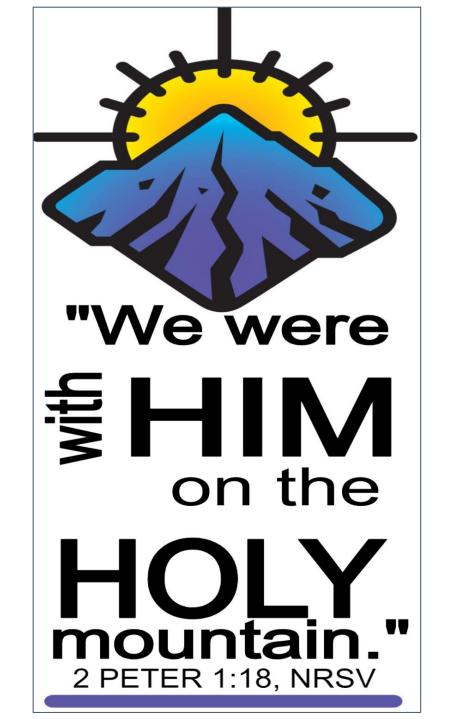
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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

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THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font. Blessed be the holy Trinity, **†** one God, creator of darkness and light, word and truth, wind sweeping over the waters. *Amen.* 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection.

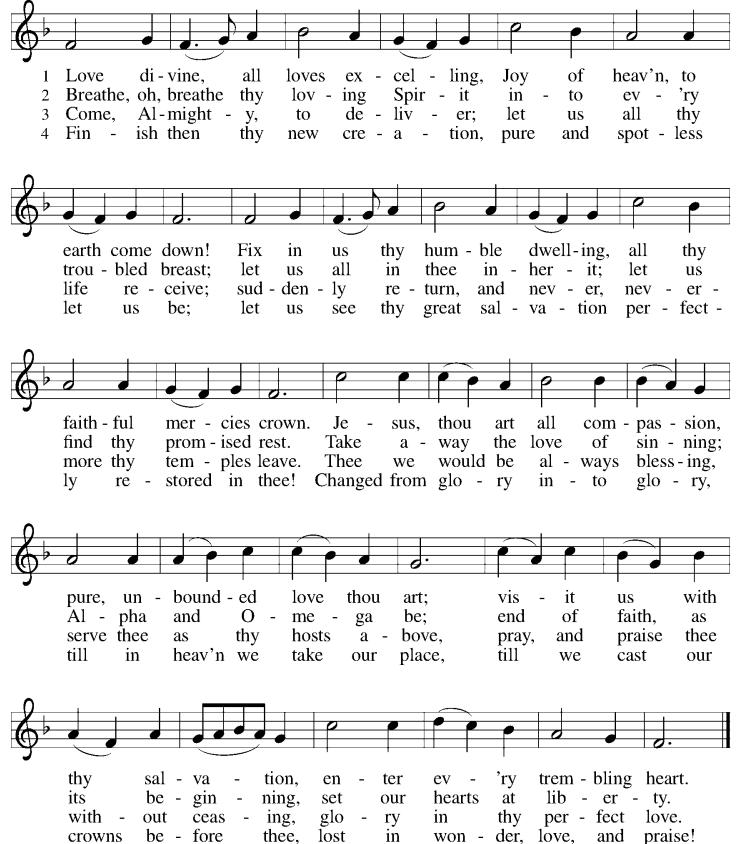
God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of **†** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. *Amen.* As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the altar.

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *And also with you.*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. We sit.

THE WORD

Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from Exodus.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The light shines on us. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 2

We read responsively.
¹Why are the nations in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?

³"Let us break their yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their bonds from us."
⁴God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.

⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."

who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.

⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery." ¹⁰And now, you kings, be wise; *be warned, you rulers of the earth.* ¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!

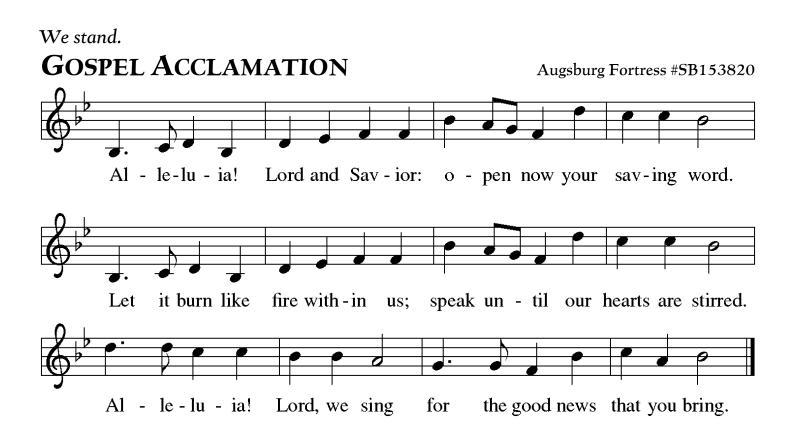
2 Peter 1:16-21

A reading from 2nd Peter.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The light shines on us. **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 17th Chapter. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** We sit.

LITTLE ONES CHOIR & BELLS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We pray together. 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

listen to him [my son]

We stand. **HYMN**

Beautiful Savior

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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

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition:

God of grace, *receive our prayer*.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, 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.

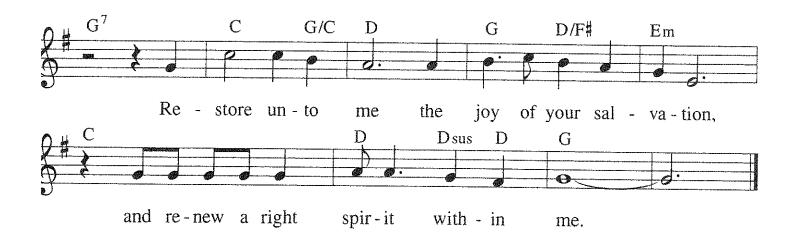
Friendship pads are located in the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.

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OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together. Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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.*

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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

We proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. Make your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

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 Come and taste the joy of God!

We sit.

COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion. Both sides will form a single line in the center aisle. You will receive the bread and then receive the wine or grape juice from the side in which you are seated. 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

Here is Bread, Here is Wine

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We stand.

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. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

God who names you,

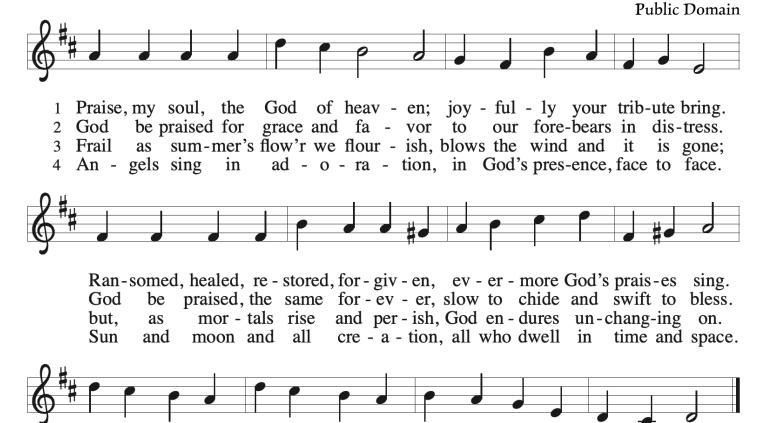
Christ who claims you,

and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

t bless you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



Al - le - lu - ia!Al - le - lu - ia!Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!Al - le - lu - ia!Al - le - lu - ia!Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!Al - le - lu - ia!Al - le - lu - ia!Praise the great E - ter - nal One!Al - le - lu - ia!Al - le - lu - ia!Praise with us the God of grace!

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close. The Lent-Easter cycle begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem.

The Sunday before Ash Wednesday is Transfiguration Sunday. We hear of a noticeable change which happens to Jesus on the mountain. We put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

We must first understand our need to be changed. During our worship service each Sunday, we turn to the door and confess our sin and ask for God's forgiveness. After hearing God's forgiveness of your sins, we turn completely around, which is the meaning of repent, and we face the altar of God in full view, fully forgiven of what we are both doing and left undone.

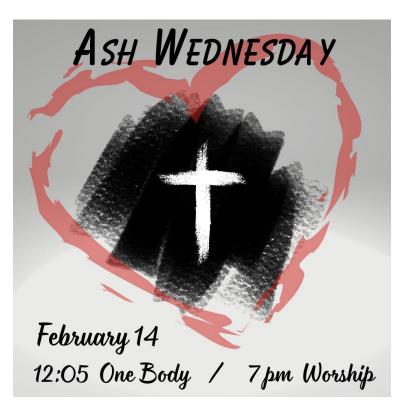
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

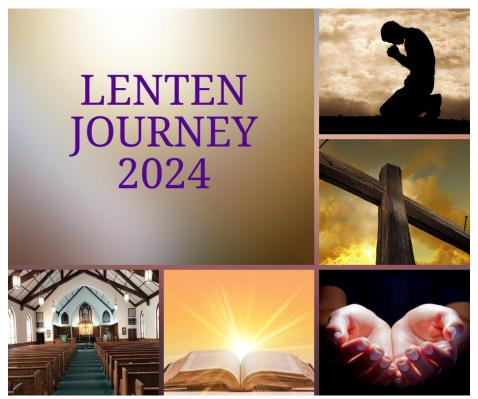
The **altar flowers** are to the glory of God and in honor of Spencer's 15th birthday on February 10th Love, Mom, Dad, and Jackson

Shrove Tuesday will be celebrated on Tuesday February 13^{th} at 6:00pm. Along with the pancake meal and burning of the palms there will be a time for learning about the origins and meanings of the celebration. We will have a "pancake" walk, a flipping of pancakes in a frying pan race, & some dancing. Plan to attend and enjoy the last festival on the day before Lent begins.

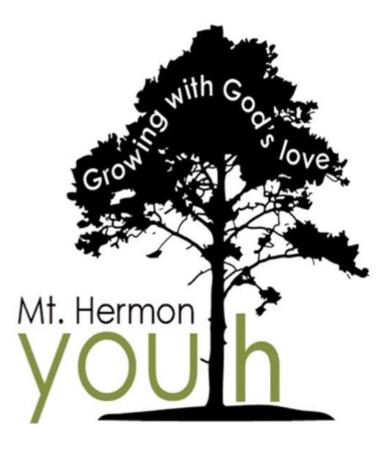




We begin to prepare our hearts for Easter on Ash Wednesday (also Valentine's Day this year!). You may receive Ashes in the Parking Lot at 3011 Leaphart Road from 7 to 9 am, during One Body Worship at 12:05pm or at 7:00 pm, Worship in the Sanctuary.



Wednesdays in Lent in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 worship / 7:00 meal



Youth Sunday March 3rd

The youth will be leading worship and presenting the sermon message for us. They will also be the ushers, greeters, and communion assistants. Come and support our youth at Mt. Hermon. If you are a youth and want to be involved in youth ministry. Please contact DJ

Plummer at youth@WeAreMtHermon.com

Time and Talent Sheets and Annual Reports will be printed and distributed soon.

If you have disconnected your home phone or changed your cell numbers, please call the church office (803) 794-6430 or email office@WeAreMtHermon.com



Mitch McVicker Concert

February 23rd in the Fellowship Hall The Care Team plans to host the next Jesus & Java on Friday, February 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We have the unique opportunity to host/feature Singer/Songwriter Mitch McVicker.

McVicker's vocational musical journey began by working with the late, great Rich Mullins. The two performed concerts and wrote songs together. They were roommates. Shortly after a car wreck killed Mullins and badly injured Mitch, a song the two penned together, "My Deliverer," won the GMA Dove Award for song of the year...all while McVicker was still deep in a lengthy and difficult recovery period.

After his recovery, Mitch continued his musical career, influenced by Rich Mullins in music and thought, yet with his own distinct voice and style. McVicker's solo career has spanned over 2400 concerts in 49 states and 13 countries. Along with recording 12 full-length albums, he has made 2 EPs, and released 2 live concert DVDs. Please join us. Invite friends and family to hear this unique and gifted artist! Light refreshments will be served. Admission is completely free and a love offering will be received.





SERVING ASH WEDNESDAY

	7:00 Ash Wednesday	
Ushers:	Cyndi Leaphart	
	Mary Price	
Crucifer:	Lawson Morris	
Acolyte:	Chanler Coppens	
Lector:	Joel Price, Sr	
Communion Assts:	Cyndi Leaphart	
	Marion Leaphart	
	Lawson Morris	
	Chanler Coppens	
	Joel Price, Sr	

TITHES AND OFFERING

02/04/2024

In-person Worship 99 + Live Stream Worship 98 = 197

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,176.35
Building Fund	Received	\$2,385.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$320.00

Honorariums and Memorials

In memory of **Eldon Eargle** by Annette Price, Mary Francis and Earl Sease, Jeff and Alyson Price

In memory of **David Moyer** by Annette Price, Mary Francis and Earl Sease, Jeff and Alyson Price

In memory of Sallie Ortman by Ricky and Fran Bouknight

In memory of **Eldon Eargle "Uncle Bubba**" by Ricky and Fran Bouknight



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2024 Flower Chart is in the breezeway for you to give glory to God and to donate flowers in honor or memory of your loved one.



MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, Generations Alberta Berry, home Lauvenia Butts, Lakeside Place Bobby & Doris Carver, Presby Home James Hallman, Lakeside Place Marie Kleckley, Lex Ext Care

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Missy Addy	Bonnie Bouknight
Georgianna Gray	Dot Mathias
Jim Whitaker	Sharon Keefe

Gene & Jane Sexton, Phoenix Asst Living Gloria Mathias, home Jean Shealy, Lakeside Place Tom Roof, home Cyndi Thurman, home Linda Waters-Hamilton, home

Chris Carroll Kelli Mills Easton Donaldson Gene Schofield

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Paul Garner, friend of Robert Haygood Debbie Browning, sister of Donna Kirkpatrick Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn), friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart Jaimie Womack, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price Dale Miller, son-in-law Wynne and Mary Price Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease Please note that this prayer list will John Catoe, family of Ellisors be updated soon and those who you Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor Molly Kate Shealy, friend of Jean Shealy wish to remain on the list, please Chuck Bachman, nephew of Jean Shealy send an email to Ieff Tarlton, friend of Michelle Gantt office@WeAreMtHermon.com Carleton Morse, father of Cyndi Leaphart Martha Williamson, sister of Frank Bouknight Jay Sox, Papa of Brayden Rutherford and Dylan Whitaker Ann Piercy, friend of Kathy and Jim Whitaker Jeff Reid, friend of Jan Schofield Stetson Cooper, grandson of Shirley & Dan Cooper Cindy Maples, mother of Jennifer Miller Lewis Turner, friend of Jo Leach Dr. Kay Moore, friend, and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart Josh Jackson, friend of Joel Price, Jr. Brannon Yonce, friend of Michelle Gantt Katy Madigan, friend of Marie Carroll Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott Jamie Spell, friend of David Marsh Logan Wittwer, friend of Jessica Goodwin & Cameron Blakely Louise Cooper, Kelli Mills Hayes Wingard, grandson of Kathy and Sam Cooper Nigel Tetley, friend of Sherwood Garrett Paula Miller, friend of Brittany Allen Wayne Kneece, uncle of Michelle Gantt Derwin Rish, friend of Michelle Gantt Jody & Libby Ortmann, lost their daughter, Sallie, on Christmas Day, Sallie was the "adopted daughter" of Fran Bouknight Roger Spires, friend of Chris Carroll *Quentin Oswalt, Angie Hydrick's nephew, deploying to Iraq *Phil Dennis, brother of Lavonne Roof

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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	2/11/2024	2/18/2024
Ushers:	David Marsh	Frankie Jackson
	Rick Anthony	Melanie Jackson
Crucifer:	Connor Eargle	Spencer Price
Acolyte:	Sydney Bucknam	Avery Rawl
Lector:	Scottie Marsh	Devona Price
Communion Assts:	David Marsh	Mike Rawl
	Scottie Marsh	Teri Rawl
	Sherwood Garrett	Devona Price
	Connor Eargle	Joel Price, Jr
	Sydney Bucknam	Spencer Price
Nursery:	Katie Donaldson	DJ Plummer
	Melanie Jackson	Charlene Corley
Flowers:	Price, Joel & Devona	Marsh

SERVING IN FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP: Sheila Eargle ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Arron Kinard, Quentin Kinard

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NEXT WEEK'S EVENT

Sunday, February 18th (Matthew 28)

- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:30 am Sunday School
- 11:30 am CR: Teach Team
 - 2:00 pm Porch Visits Care Team
 - 3:00 pm Confirmation
 - 5:00 pm Sanctuary Youth Meeting

Monday, February 19th

6:00 pm CR: Outreach Team

Tuesday, February 20th

6:00 pm CR: Finance Team

Wednesday February 21st

9:00 am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease, Mary Price)

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 - 6:35 pm Lenten Worship
 - 7:00 pm FH: Lenten Meals (Soup & Sandwiches)
 - 8:00 pm Choir

Thursday, February 22nd

6:30 pm LIFE Group at Jackson's

Friday, February 23rd

6:00 pm FH: Jesus & Java w/Mitch McVicker

Saturday, February 24th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Diane & Parker Boulware)



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THIS WEEK'S EVENT

Sunday, February 11th (Matthew 17) Transfiguration Sunday

9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am Council Meets

Monday, February 12th

2:00 pm CR: Dot Mathias 6:30 pm FH: Lutheran Men & Women

Tuesday, February 13th Shrove Tuesday

6:00 pm Meal: Shrove Tuesday 6:35 pm Learning: Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday February 14th Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Drive thru Ashes

- 9:00 am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:05 pm OneBody Worship
 - 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Saturday, February 17th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Laura & Al Stevens)