

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



SEPTEMBER 8, 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 prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Trust In God

Lake/CCLI #7206001

THE GATHERING

We stand and to face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

who forgives all our sin,

whose mercy endures forever. *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 and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

*We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.*

*The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.*

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

*and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.*

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

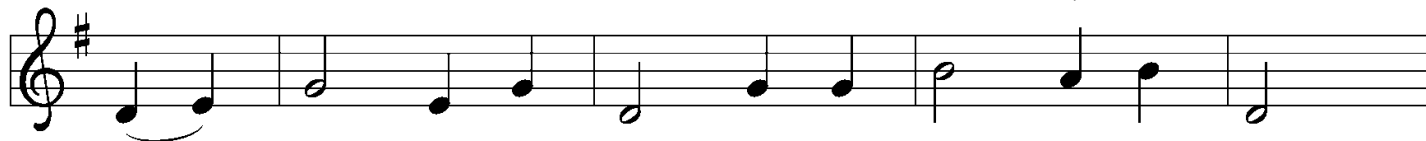
Amen.

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

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

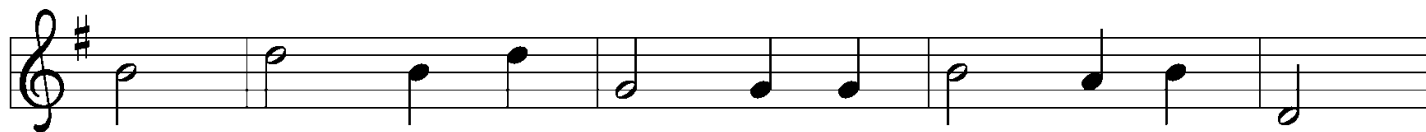
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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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.

KYRIE

Sing Twice

Cares Chorus

Willard/CCLI #25974

G C G G⁷ Am C^{7sus}/G C⁷ F

I cast all my cares up - on You. _____ I lay all of my

6 C/E C Dm⁷ Fmaj⁷ G^{sus} G C G/B

bur - dens down at Your feet. And an - y - time ___ that I don't know

11 C/B^b F/A Fm/A^b C/G G^{sus} G G⁷ C^{sus} C

what ___ to do, I will cast all my cares up - on You. _____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

1 CORINTHIANS 16:10-23

A reading from 1st Corinthians.

¹⁰If Timothy comes, see that he has nothing to fear among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord just as I am;

¹¹therefore let no one despise him. Send him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me; for I am expecting him with the brothers. ¹²Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but he was not at all willing to come now. He will come when he has the opportunity. ¹³Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. ¹⁴Let all that you do be done in love. ¹⁵Now, brothers and sisters, you know that members of the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; ¹⁶I urge you to put yourselves at the service of such people, and of everyone who works and toils with them. ¹⁷I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; ¹⁸for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. So give recognition to such persons.

¹⁹The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, greet you warmly in the Lord. ²⁰All the brothers and sisters send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. ²¹I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. ²²Let anyone be accursed who has no love for the Lord. Our Lord, come! ²³The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. ²⁴My love be with all of you in Christ Jesus.

The word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

be courageous

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

life of service

We stand.

HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Mason/CCLI #43334



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. *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.org 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

O Rest in the Lord

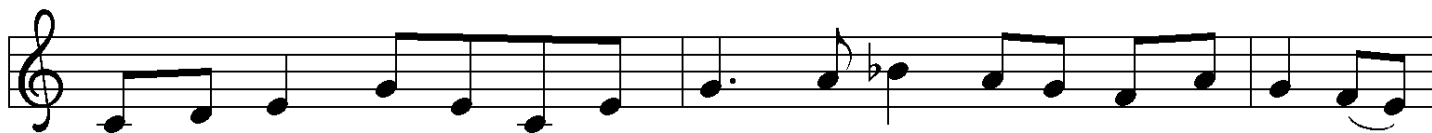
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We stand.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Blessed are you, O God,

source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives,

help us to serve one another and all in need,

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.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup, we declare You, your Word, and your Spirit. As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim Christ in our lives. *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Shine your light on us. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

We are empty vessels that need to be filled. Send your Spirit to fill us. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

We humbly seek your face, and we seek to do your will. Give us your strength and your wisdom to empower us. *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

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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

Come to the Table

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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.

*Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE SENDING

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace. ***Amen.***

HYMN

Bring Forth the Kingdom

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Leader: D G/D D D/F# All: G D/F# A D

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
 4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

Leader: G D/F# G A D All: G D/F# A D

Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!
 Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
 Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
 Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king-dom of God!

Refrain: G D/F# Em A D G D/F#

Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

Em A D G D/F# G A D

king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,

G D/F# Em/G A D G D/F# A D

bring forth the cit - y of God!

As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

SENDING

The Blessing

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick/CCLI #7147007

The Lord bless you — and keep you,
make his face shine — up - on — you and be gra - cious — to you.
The Lord turn his — face toward you and give you peace.
— A — men, a —
-men, a — men. A — men, a —
-men, a — men. D.C. || D.S. |
-men, a — men. — men.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our 27th wedding anniversary on September 6th by Andy and Beth Jordan.



*Chartered
Bus to
Hendersonville*

**Fill the bus!
October 9th**

suggested donation \$20

**Sign up sheets in breezeway
or you may call the church office.
Contact Frank Bouknight
if you have any questions!**

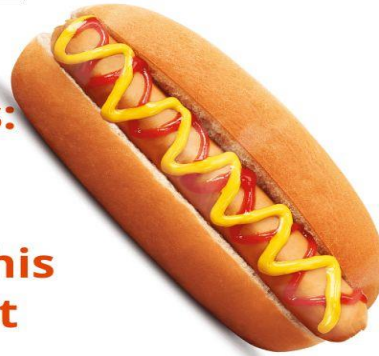
We will be visiting Granddad's Apples Hendersonville, NC. Sign up in the breezeway to secure your seat for this trip. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Bouknight. Apples, bakery items, country store, donuts.

GrandDadApples.com

COMMUNITY MEAL

October 12

**Going beyond our walls:
Taking Jesus and food
to our neighbors.
If you are interested in this
ministry, please contact
Charlene Corley**



#AllAreWelcome #NoCharge



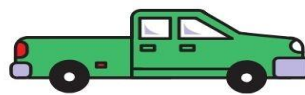
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DRIVE THROUGH PRAYER

Thursday,
November 7th
5:00 to 7:00 pm



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LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Harvest Festival



Saturday, October 26

Needs:

candy, volunteers, trunks,
candy, musicians, cooks,
candy, support staff, more
candy

If you have any questions,
please contact Frankie or
Melanie Jackson



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THANK YOU!



Words can't convey the gratitude we feel for the many BLESSINGS of meals, visits, cards, prayers, phone calls, text messages, conversation and all the love that you have shared with our family during the past several weeks, during my recovery!!!! Thank you for sharing the healing power of Jesus with us!!! May God continue to richly bless us all!!!!

Love, Jennifer and Ryan Price

The Care Team is using a new way to reach out to members in our congregation during difficult times. This will involve coordinating meals for those in need whether recovering from surgery, dealing with a death in the family, times of sickness, and even times of joy such as the birth of a new baby! The meals will be coordinated by using an online calendar through Meal Train



If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please put in an envelope, write the family name on the envelope and place it in the offering plate. Members of the care team will make sure the funds are used for that family.

Thanks for helping take care of our own flock at Mt. Hermon!

Current Train: Earl and Mary Frances Sease

<https://mealtrain.com/nwg2me>



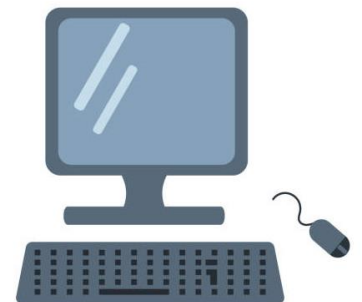
Flower Dedication open for Next Sunday

If you are interested in Dedicating the flowers next Sunday. Please email the office.

Live Streaming is an important ministry, and we need your help.

Production Team Members Needed!

If you are interested in working in the audio/video room please let Mike Rawl or Breanna Metze. You will be well trained before you are asked to work on your own. Come and join this team!



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

09/01/2024

In Person 71 + Live Stream Worship 119 = 190

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,614.24
Building Fund	Received	\$2,174.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$470.00

Honorariums and Memorials:

In Memory of **Tom Roof** by Jamie & Nancy Addison, Ann Bouknight, Ricky & Fran Bouknight, Sheila Starkey, Randy Clark, Randy & Becky Wise.

In memory of **Alberta Berry** by Ann Bouknight, Randy Clark

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Danny Scott	Cyndi Leaphart
	Jenny Scott	Marion Leaphart
Crucifer:	Quentin Kinard	Sam Koon
Acolyte:	Walker Kinard	Connor Eargle
Lector:	Charlene Corley	Joe Koon
Communion Assts:	Quentin Kinard	Sam Koon
	Walker Kinard	Connor Eargle
	Charlene Corley	Kathy Cooper
	Arron Kinard	Joe Koon
	Elyse Kinard	Mary Koon
Nursery:	Cassie Swygert	Alyson Price
	OPEN	Brittany Allen
Flowers:	Andy & Beth Jordan	OPEN

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP: Sherwood Garrett

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware

TABULATORS: Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Mike & Leah Rawl

MT HERMON PRAYS

*Family of Derwin Rish, *friend of Michelle Gantt*

Continual Prayer

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*
Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*
Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*
Shirley Cooper, *National Healthcare*
Georgianna Gray, *home*
James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*
Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*
Dot Mathias, *home*

Gloria Mathias, *home*
Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*
Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*
Cyndi Thurman, *home*
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*
Bryson Johnson, *home*
Marie Gardner, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bonnie Bouknight	Parker Boulware	Chris Carroll
Jennifer Price	Mary Frances Sease	Jim Whitaker
Amanda Robinette		

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Stetson Cooper,
grandson of Dan & Shirley Cooper
Paula Miller, *friend of Brittany Allen*
Trea Ocheltree, *teen in car accident*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*
John Catoe, *family of the Ellisors*
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),
friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*
Mrs. Cruz, *teacher of Abbey Carroll*
Carla Thompson, *friend of Dion & Pastor Gina*
Katy Madigan, *friend of Marie Carroll*
Phil Dennis, *brother of Lavonne Roof*
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,
friends of Debra & Dave Butts
Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*
Sandra Watson, *aunt of Courtney Bucknam*
Sarah Harmon, *friend of Courtney Bucknam*
Quentin Oswalt, *Angie Hydrick's nephew (Iraq)*
Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Cynthia Rabon, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Blase Rhine,
grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight
Cynthia Mallard,
friend of Sheila Starkey & Beth Jordan
Lucas, *friend of Hayes Wingard*
Jeslyn, *friend of Scarlett Bryant*
Tom Shaul, *friend of the Kinard Family*
Debbe Dearman, *neighbor of Kathy Cooper*
Jillian Stover, *friend of Erin Rose*
Joyce Davis, *grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik*
Bryce McKelvey, *friend of Regan Gross*
Max Schronce,
friend of the David & Scottie Marsh
Faye McCartha, *mother of Debra Butts*
Hayes Wingard,
grandson of Sam and Kathy Cooper
Robbie Rector, *friend Jennifer Miller*
Amy Morrison, *friend of many*
Bill Geddings, *father of Allison Swygert*
David Busby, *brother of Susan Busby*
Robin Wilkes, *friend of Kinard and Corleys*
Jane Baxley, *cousin of Michelle Gantt*

Please note that this prayer list has been updated. If you wish to add someone back to this list, please send an email to office@WeAreMtHermon.com

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, September 15th

- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Children's Choir
- 10:30 am Sunday School
- 11:30 am CR: Teach Team
- 1:00 pm FH: Reserved

Monday, September 16th

- 6:00 pm CR: Outreach Team

Tuesday, September 17th

- 6:00 pm GR: Grief Group
- 6:00 pm CR: Finance Team
- 6:30 pm Life Group at The Jacksons

Wednesday, September 18th

- 9:00 am Food Pantry
(Parker & Diane Boulware, Sherwood Garrett)
- 6:00 pm Handbells
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 21st

- 9:00 am Food Pantry (Kinard Family)



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CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Frankie Jackson, <i>President</i>	Terry Swygert, <i>Vice President</i>
Sheila Eargle, <i>Secretary</i>	Frank Bouknight, <i>Treasurer</i>
Annette Price/Karen Nicholson, <i>Financial Secretary</i>	Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, <i>Sextons</i>

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, September 8th

9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Children's Choir BEGINS
10:30 am Sunday School
11:30 am Council Meets

Monday, September 9th

5:30 pm CR: Care Team
6:30 pm Lutheran Men & Women

Tuesday, September 10th

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

Wednesday, September 11th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)
12:05 pm OneBody Worship
6:00 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 14th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Swygerts & Carrolls)
6:00 pm HeBrews Dinners