

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AUGUST 25, 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

I Surrender All

Moffitt/CCLI #1420121

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

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Bayly/OneLicense #53911



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants. Lord. in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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.

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

1 CORINTHIANS 4

A reading from 1st Corinthians.

¹Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³But with me it is a very small

thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. ⁴I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God. ⁶I have applied all this to Apollos and myself for your benefit, brothers and sisters, so that you may learn through us the meaning of the saying, "Nothing beyond what is written," so that none of you will be puffed up in favor of one against another. ⁷For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift? ⁸Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Quite apart from us you have become kings! Indeed, I wish that you had become kings, so that we might be kings with you! ⁹For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. ¹⁰We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. ¹¹To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, ¹²and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; ¹³when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. ¹⁴I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. ¹⁵For though you

might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. ¹⁶I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me. ¹⁷For this reason I sent you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ Jesus, as I teach them everywhere in every church. ¹⁸But some of you, thinking that I am not coming to you, have become arrogant. ¹⁹But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. ²⁰For the kingdom of God depends not on talk but on power. ²¹What would you prefer? Am I to come to you with a stick, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

The word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

you are strong

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

be a "wiseman"

We stand.

HYMN

When the Poor Ones

Manazano/OneLicense #50-5425



1 *Cuan-do* *el* *po-bre* *na-da* *tie-ne* *y aún* *re-par-te,*
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do *al-guien* *pa-sa* *sed* *ya-gua* *nos* *da,*
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do *el* *dé-bil* *a su* *her-ma-no* *for-ta-le-ce:*
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing:
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va *Dios* *mis-mo* *en* *nues-tro* *mis-mo* *ca-mi-nar;*
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



va *Dios* *mis-mo* *en* *nues-tro* *mis-mo* *ca-mi-nar.*
 we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

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

Now I Belong to Jesus

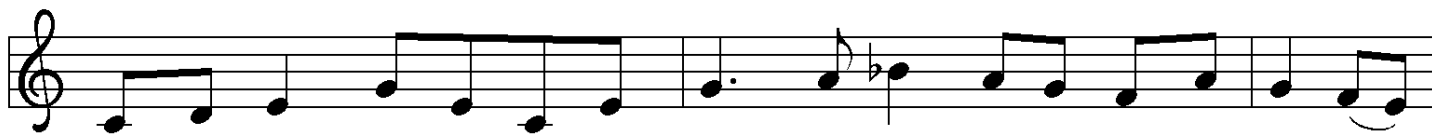
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We stand.

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

We Eat the Bread of Teaching
Brubaker/OneLicense #40573

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

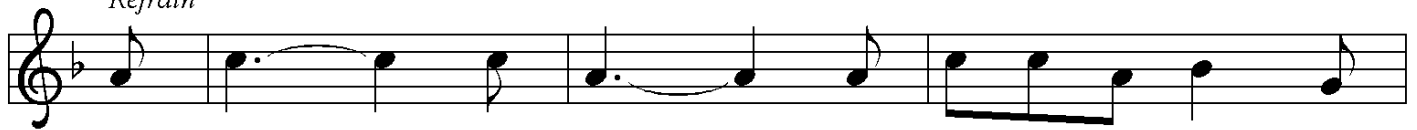
God all mighty,
God most merciful
† bless you, keep you,
and give you peace. *Amen.*

HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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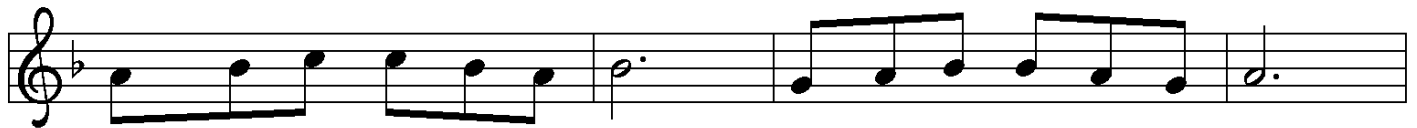
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

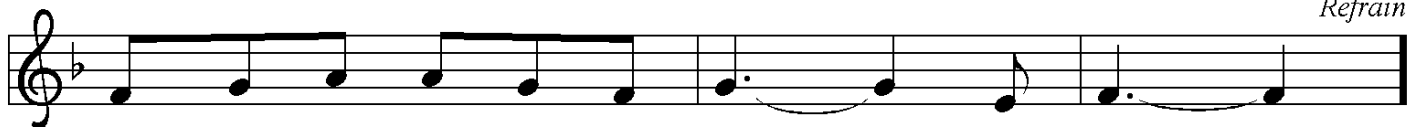


us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

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 Danny Scott's Birthday by Jenny Scott

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. A link will be sent out via email to our congregation. If you would like to participate, simply click on the link and find a date you would like to provide a meal or in some instances gift cards. Food and time preferences will be included in the information.



*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!*

Thanks to all for their continued support in our Meal Train ministry. It has made a big impact on the families we have served so far. The next one will be set up for Earl and Mary Frances Sease as Mary Frances undergoes ankle surgery. They have requested no gift cards at this time. However, if you would like to make a monetary donation, place it in an envelope marked "Meal Train for Sease family" and place it in the offering plate or give to Alyson Price. This money will then be used to purchase meals to deliver to them. If you would like to sign up to deliver a meal, the link is below

<https://mealtrain.com/nwg2me>

Mt Hermon Youth:

Sunday August 25th- meet at the church at 5pm. The youth will head to Seven Oaks Park to play frisbee golf. While the youth are playing, the parents will meet to discuss the calendar for the upcoming school year. Dinner will be paid for at CiCi's pizza All 6th-12th graders are invited to attend!



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

Remember when ...



Homecoming

October 6, 2024

9:00 worship

10:30 remembering

& covered dish

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Chartered Bus to Hendersonville

Fill the bus!

October 9th

suggested donation \$20

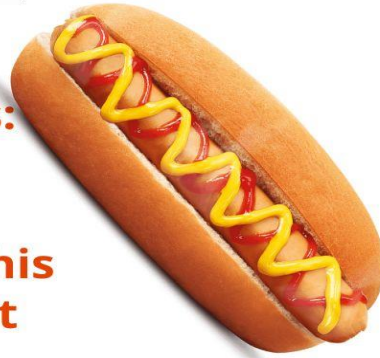
**Sign up sheets in breezeway
or you may call the church office.**

**Contact Frank Bouknight
if you have any questions!**

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



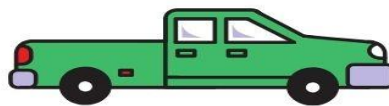
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DRIVE THROUGH PRAYER

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



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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

08/18/2024

In Person 108 + Live Stream Worship 119 = 227

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,097.24
Building Fund	Received	\$2,434.43
Building Improvement	Received	\$90.00

Honorariums and Memorials:

In memory of **Gene Sexton** by Ryan & Jennifer Price, Herb Bucknam.

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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SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Kay Bryant	Herb Bucknam
	Larry Amick	Randy Clark
Crucifer:	Lawson Morris	Sydney Bucknam
Acolyte:	Avery Rawl	Jacqueline Hawlik
Lector:	Sherwood Garrett	Jennifer Miller
Communion Assts:	Lawson Morris	Sydney Bucknam
	Sherwood Garrett	Larry Amick
	Emily Morris	Kay Bryant
	Mike Rawl	Angie Hydrick Jennifer Miller
	Mary Price	Cyndi Leaphart Marion Leaphart
Nursery:	Katie Donaldson	
	Melanie Jackson	
Flowers:	Jenny Scott	Duvals

SERVING IN AUGUST

COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP: Joel Price, Sr.

ALTAR GUILD: Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Sheila Starkey, Breanna Metze

MT HERMON PRAYS

**family of Tom Roof*

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*

Alberta Berry, *home*

Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*

Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*

Shirley Cooper, *home*

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

Paula Miller, *friend of Brittany Allen*

Derwin Rish, *friend of Michelle Gantt*

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*

Stetson Cooper,

grandson of Dan & Shirley Cooper

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*

Ashley Liimatainen, *niece of Sheila Starkey*

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

Kamryn Williams, *friend of Sheila Starkey*

Robbie Rector, *friend Jennifer Miller*

Amy Morrison, *friend of many*

Bill Geddings, *father of Allison Swygert*

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 1st

- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:30 am Sunday School

Tuesday, September 3rd

- 5:00 pm Executive Team
- 6:00 pm GR: Grief Group
- 6:30 pm Life Group at the Jacksons

Wednesday, September 4th

- 9:00 am Food Pantry
(Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett)
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Handbells
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 7th

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



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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, August 25th

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School
11:30 am CR: Worship Team
5:00 pm Youth: Golf and Pizza

Tuesday, August 27th

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group
6:30 pm CR: Support Team

Wednesday, August 28th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Dave & Debra Butts, Mary Price)
12:05 pm OneBody Worship
6:00 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 31st

9:00 am Food Pantry (Frankie and Melanie Jackson)