

AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

June/July 2025



BEING A DISCIPLE

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James’s son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Matthew 4

Jesus called his followers *disciples*. We call ourselves, “*disciples of Christ who call Mt. Hermon ‘home’*” and we continue walking alongside Jesus. Discipleship is a relationship! Many of us have attended church for many years without realizing that discipleship is a command from Jesus to follow. How do you hear Matthew’s account of Jesus’s calling for us to “*Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.*” Is it to remain in the status quo? Is it to wait to hear what Jesus tells you to do next? How do you, will you, hear what Jesus is calling you to do next?

After Jesus called the disciples, Matthew tells in chapter 14 ²⁸ *Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.*

On Easter we celebrated the resurrection of Christ. During the Spring, we see new life emerging from what looked like dead or dormant soil. June 1st is the 7th and final Sunday in the season of Easter. June 8th is the Day of Pentecost. June 15 is Holy Trinity Sunday and the beginning of the long season of the “time after Pentecost.” June 22 is the outdoor worship at 10:00 and then 3 days of VBS. On June 29, we return to the sanctuary in a Sunday, casual worship services where you are invited to “come as you are” on Sunday mornings. Those serving will not robe and we will literally dig into what it means to be a disciple in God’s church. Summer may be approaching, but the busy-ness of Jesus’ mission for His church continues.

When Jesus calls us into ministry, Jesus calls us into action. Jesus calls us to discipleship, a deep and abiding relationship with him. He calls us to “get out of the boat.” Sometimes storms force our hands and make us so uncomfortable that we cry out and THEN we get out of the boat. True discipleship is responding in ordinary, everyday life. Discipleship is a calling to spring forth from our dormant lives and go into a relationship which calls us to continually look for Jesus in the world and how we can share Jesus’ love with ALL whom we encounter.

*Sister in Christ,
Pastor Gina*

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Tanner Addy



Samantha Bucknam



Jake Dugan



Connor Eargle



Alex Greer



Parker Greer



Quentin Kinard



Lawson Morris

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Please make a note of the time change for this outdoor worship!
A cookout will follow worship as well as some special events as
this kicks off VBS 2025



ATTENDANCE REPORT

	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Live Streaming</u>	<u>Total</u>
May 4	96	103	199
May 11	117	95	212
May 18	135	121	252
May 25	75	131	206
Memorial Day	175	n/a	175

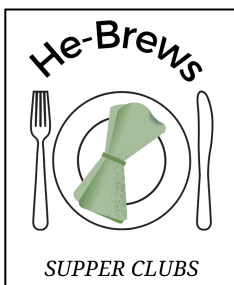
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CARE TEAM HAPPENINGS

The Care Team meets on the 1st Monday of every month at 5:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Alyson Price and Sheila Starkey or any team member and attend the next meeting!

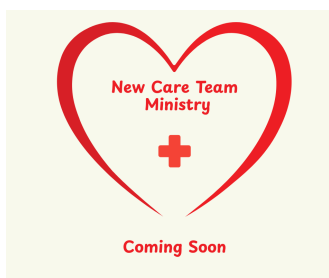
Care Connection

If you live alone, join the Care Team's Care Connection! It's as simple as a quick text in the morning to say hi, send an emoji, or whatever you prefer to be sure your "Care Connection Partner" is safe and well. If you are interested in participating in this daily check in, please contact Sheila Starkey at starkey.sheila@gmail.com or text 803-315-2990.



He-Brews Supper Clubs will meet July 12, 2025. This will give our members an opportunity to share a meal together, get to know others in our congregation, and encourage one another in our faith journey. Sign-up sheet is in the breezeway, or you can also register online. The deadline to register is July 6.

Church Photo Directory: Please find your way to the wall outside of the church office. Please initial next to your photograph if you are ok using that photo in the directory. If you would like to submit another/newer photo, please send to office@WeAreMtHermon.com at your earliest convenience.



New Care Team Ministry: The Care Team is putting together a medical team that can help should there be a medical emergency during worship, Sunday school, church events, etc. If you work in the medical field and would like to be part of this team, please contact Myra Kinard at 803-920-0222.

The Travel Team is on the move. Mt. Hermon Travelers are on the road again. Save the date for our next adventure on Wednesday, August 27th where we will go apple picking in Hendersonville. More details are to follow.



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OUTREACH TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The Outreach Team meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Bonnie Bouknight, Melanie Jackson, or any team member** and attend the next meeting.*

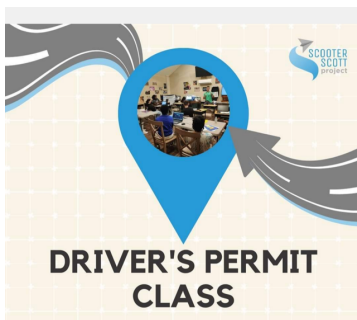


Outreach Columbia- The Outreach Team is still looking for volunteers for the food bank on Saturdays. We need help with praying with participants, to load groceries and restocking set ups. Please consider volunteering for this very rewarding project. Please contact Diane Boulware or any member of the Outreach Team.

Drive Through Prayer: Please make note on your calendar that we will be having our Drive Through Prayer here at Mt. Hermon on Thursday, July 24th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.



Would you like to make a difference in the life of a teen?



The Outreach Team is participating with The Scooter Scott Project to sponsor a driver permit prep class. This will take place June 16-19th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Many volunteers are needed to make this happen. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Charlene Corley or Melanie Jackson.

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SUPPORT TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The Support Team meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Ronnie Fulmer** or **any team members** and attend the next meeting.*

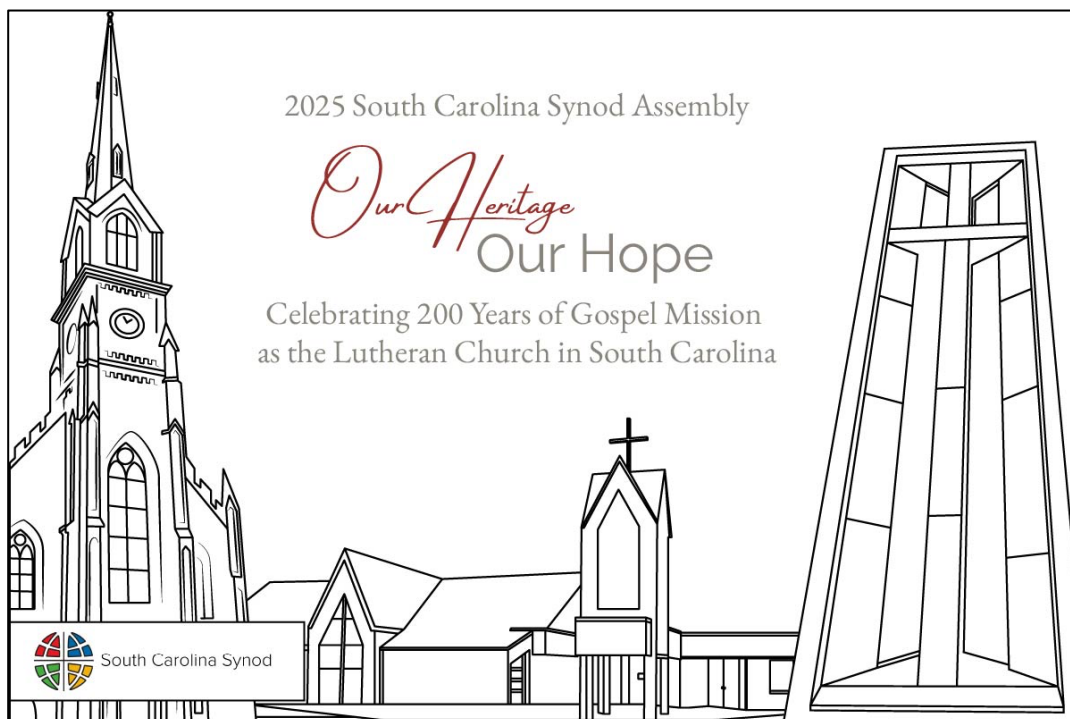
Completed Repairs/Maintenance notes:

- The outdoor water spigot at the scout has been repaired.
- The outdoor cleanup was completed in March including Easter Sunrise cleaning.
- The master sprinklers were fixed.
- Sound on the TV in the Nursery was fixed.
- Weeding near the food pantry was done but will be a continuous need for time being.
- The Sunday School Room was painted.
- The toilet leak in the small Sunday School bathroom was completed.
- Lighting in the Pastors Office, Secretary Office, and entrance to Education Building were replaced.

SC Synod Convention, June 12-14, 2025

North Charleston, SC

Pastor Gina and Terry Swygert will be attending the Synod Convention as representatives from Mt Hermon in June. This year, there will be an election for a SC Synod Vice President. This is a six-year term and is a layperson who is a voting member of a SC Synod congregation. Please be in prayer as delegates are in prayer for the next vice president for the SC Synod. Next year there will be an election for bishop.



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TEACH TEAM HAPPENINGS

The Teach Team meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 11:30am in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Mary Koon, Cyndi Leaphart, or any team member and attend the next meeting.

Teach Team is excited to be planning for another successful VBS to bring God's WORD to our community and share in his LOVE for us!

CAMP FIRELIGHT (June 23 – 25) will need many Disciples to make it a success. Consider how you can contribute! Sign-up located in Breezeway. Contact Mary Koon or Cyndi Leaphart for details!

GUIDES (4 needed)

- Kindergarten through 2nd
- Youth Group (6-12th)

ACTIVITY LEADERS (10 needed)

- Story Tellers
- Team Games
- Science / Crafts

MAIN ASSEMBLY (5 needed)

- Theme actors
- Tech support

KITCHEN SUPPORT

(4 – 6 needed)

- Meal planning
- Cooks
- Clean up crew

PARTICIPANTS! (all are needed!)

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors of all ages to join us.

ADULT CLASS We welcome back The Rev. Dr. Wayne Kannaday who will lead a special series each evening on the book of Revelation.

MT. HERMON LUTHERAN CHURCH

VBS 2025

JUNE 23, 24, 25

5:30 DINNER
6:15 PROGRAM
8:15 CLOSING

PRESENTING CAMP FIRELIGHT!
A SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURE WITH GOD

- GUIDED ACTIVITIES
- BIBLE STORY ADVENTURES
- SCIENCE AND CRAFTS
- TEAMS GAMES
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WORSHIP TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The Worship Team meets on the 4th Sunday at 11:30am in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Marion Leaphart** or any team member and attend the next meeting.*



Flowerbed Donations:

We are looking for donations of perennial plants for our new gardens, located outside the church office. The plans are to make these two spaces perennial gardens. If you don't know what that is: They are flowers which come back each year. **Iris, daylilies, lantana, shasta daisies, etc.**

Maybe you have some of your family flowers which you might want to share in these flower beds. If so, please contact the church office as we work to design and ultimately, plant these beds. The funds from the Mother's Day honorariums will go towards purchasing additional flowers for the landscaping in these beds. Thank you for your donations.

Eucharistic Ministry Team: The worship team would like to announce the development of a Eucharistic Ministry Team. Anyone interested in more information, please contact Pastor Gina.

Pentecost Sunday: Everyone will be encouraged to wear red on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. We will dedicate paraments and communion ware purchased with the remaining Tanner Addy Eagle Scout Fund.

Father's Day is Sunday June 15th: The honorarium funds for Father's Day is designated to LMM Outreach projects. Donations are due to the church office by June 10th to allow time to get their names into the Honorarium Bulletin. Thank you.

Outdoor Worship at 10:00 am on June 22nd. This will be a kickoff to VBS. We will enjoy a cookout after worship. The cookout will be followed by fun and games for all ages!

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SERVING IN WORSHIP JUNE

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22 10:00 am	June 29
Ushers	Dan Cooper	Dion Metze	Wayne Eargle	Joey Koon	Herb Bucknam
	Ronnie Fulmer	Frankie Jackson	Ronnie Fulmer	Teddy Koon	Jeff Bucknam
Crucifer	Hayes Wingard	Tanner Addy	Conner Eargle	N/A	Jake Dugan
Acolyte	Hayden Eargle	Sydney Bucknam	Aaron Head	Dylan Whitaker	Cameron Bucknam
Lector	Ronnie Fullmer	Terry Swygert	Angie Hydrick	Joey Koon	Sherwood Garrett
Comm Assts	Ronnie Fulmer	Tanner Addy	Quentin Kinard	Sam Koon	Sam Koon
	Hayden Eargle	Sydney Bucknam	Walker Kinard	Mary Koon	Jake Dugan
	Susan Busby	Terry Swygert	Parker Boulware	Dylan Whitaker	Cameron Bucknam
	Marion & Cyndi Leaphart	Allison Swygert	Diane Boulware	Angie Hydrick	Sherwood Garrett
	Kathy Cooper Sheila Eargle	Jerry Price	Elyse Kinard	Jennifer Miller	Marie Gardner Dani Martin
Audio	Brandon Donaldson	Arron Kinard	Blake Allen	N/A	Rick Duval
Video	Marie Gardner	Quentin Kinard	Breanna Metze	N/A	Ryan Corley
Nursery	Kay Bryant	Cassie Swygert	Robin Machajewski	Charlene Corley	Alyson Price
	Larry Amick	Laura Carroll	Brittany Allen	DJ Plummer	Brittany Allen
Flowers	Daniel Coppens	Stevens	Fran Bouknight	Sherwood Garrett	Scotts

SERVING IN JUNE

COUNCIL REP: Al Stevens

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware

TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

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

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SERVING IN WORSHIP JULY

	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Ushers	Kirby Johnson	Ricky Bouknight	Joel Price, Jr.	Wynne Price
	Larry Amick	Fran Bouknight	Cindy Price	Joel Price, Sr.
Crucifer	Mackenzie Burns	Hayden Eargle	Spencer Price	Sydney Bucknam
Acolyte	Bryson Johnson	Walker Kinard	Quentin Kinard	Dylan Whitaker
Lector	Larry Amick	Hayden Eargle	Devona Price	Joel Price, Sr.
Comm Assts	Mackenzie Burns	Debbie Fulmer	Joel Price, Jr.	Wynne Price
	Denise Thurman	Walker Kinard	Joel Price, Sr.	Sydney Bucknam
	Kirby Johnson	Ricky Bouknight	Spencer Price	Dylan Whitaker
	Frankie Jackson Melanie Jackson	Fran Bouknight	Devona Price	Mary Price
	Wynne Price Mary Price	Lynn Bouknight	Quentin Kinard	Angie Hydrick
Audio	Aaron Kinard	Arron Kinard	Blake Allen	Brandon Donaldson
Video	Breanna Metze	Quentin Kinard	Breanna Metze	Marie Gardner
Nursery	Kay Bryant	Cassie Swygert	Robin Machajewski	Charlene Corley
	Larry Amick	Laura Carroll	Brittany Allen	DJ Plummer
Flowers	Robin Machajewski	Herb Bucknam	Carrolls	Addisons

SERVING IN JULY

COUNCIL REP: Sherwood Garrett

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Ann Addy, Mary Frances Sease

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES JUNE



Jun 02	Debra Butts
Jun 03	Brannon Miller
	♥ Jun 03 Parker & Diane Boulware
	♥ Jun 05 Randy & Becky Wise
Jun 10	Brittany Allen
Jun 11	Frankie Jackson, Amanda Robinette
Jun 12	Perry Bouknight, Cheri Coppens
Jun 14	Debbie Fulmer, David Marsh
	♥ Jun 14 Wayne & Sheila Eargle
Jun 15	Mike Rawl
	♥ Jun 15 Ricky & Fran Bouknight
	♥ Jun 15 Dylan & Amanda Mills
	♥ Jun 20 Joel, Jr. & Devona Price
Jun 16	Debbie Duval
Jun 22	Jeannine Taylor
	♥ Jun 23 David & Scottie Marsh
	♥ Jun 24 Joel, Sr. & Cindy Price
	♥ Jun 25 Danny & Jenny Scott
	♥ Jun 25 Dennis & Cyndi Thurman
Jun 28	Chris Carroll
	♥ June 29 Chris & Marie Carroll

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Jul 01	Rivers Boatwright
Jul 02	Carl Kinard
	♥ Jul 02 Terry & Allison Swygert
Jul 08	Kim Addy
Jul 10	Kaytlin Hutto
Jul 13	Easton Donaldson, Melina Threatt
Jul 14	Haley Addy, Moises Arroyo, Marie Gardner
Jul 15	Parker Boulware, Rick Duval
Jul 16	Joye Haygood, Dion Metze
Jul 18	Dylan Whitaker
Jul 21	Annette Price
Jul 24	Eddie Robinette
Jul 27	Diane Boulware, Jan Schofield
Jul 29	Randy Wise
Jul 30	Joe Koon
Jul 31	Thomas Martin, Mary Frances Sease
	♥ Jul 31 Rich & Elaine Clawson

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MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayer

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*
Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*
Doris Carver, *Presby Home*
Georgianna Gray, *home*
James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*
Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*

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

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Chris Carroll	Debbie Duval	Michelle Gantt
Joye Haygood	Frankie Jackson	Dennis Thurman
Mary Frances Sease	Jim Whitaker	Wynne Price


Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayer

Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*
Stetson Cooper, *grandson of Dan Cooper*
Paula Miller, *friend of Brittany Allen*
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*
Phil Dennis, *brother of Lavonne Roof*
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,
 friends of Debra & Dave Butts
Sandra Watson,
 aunt of Courtney Bucknam
Jaimie Womack,
 friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price
Cynthia Rabon, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Blase Rhine,
 grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight
Jeslyn, *friend of Scarlett Bryant*
Max Schronce,
 friend of the David & Scottie Marsh
Faye McCartha, *mother of Debra Butts*

Robbie Rector, *friend Jennifer Miller*
Bill Geddings, *father of Allison Swygert*
Jane Baxley, *cousin of Michelle Gantt*
Joyce Davis,
 grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik
Will & Summer Satcher,
 friend of Courtney Bucknam
Dorothy Collins, *friend of Ryan Price*
Lauren Addy,
 friend of Kathy Cooper and Metz
Sam Lockridge, *friend of Scottie Marsh*
Mary Duffie, *mother of Alyson Price*
Thelma Moyer, *mother of Diane Boulware*
Kaiden Howell,
 friend of Jacquelynn Hawlik
Randy Stonehill, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer*
Linda Bennett, *mother of Beth Jordan*
Neice of Abbey Carroll's teacher
Linda Starkey,
 sister-in-law of Sheila Starkey
Singley & Parisano families,
 friends of Sam & Kathy Cooper
Nicki Davis,
 neighbor of David & Debra Butts


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	2 5:30pm CR: Care Team	3 5:00pm Exec Team 6:00pm GR: Grief	4 9:00am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett) 10:00am Staff Meeting	5	6	7 9:00am Food Pantry (Koon Family)
8 Pentecost – Wear 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Council Meets	9 6:30pm Lutheran Men & Women	10 6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's	11 9:00am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe) 12:05pm OneBody	12 SC Synod Convention, Charleston 6:00pm Traveling Planning Committee 6:00pm CR: Outreach Team	13 SC Synod Convention, Charleston	14 Flag Day SC Synod Convention, Charleston 9:00am Food Pantry (Jamie & Nancy Addison, Elaine Clawson)
15 Father's Day Holy Trinity Sunday FH: Driver Class 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am CR: Teach Team	16 FH: Driver Class 5:00pm Driver Class	17 FH: Driver Class 5:00pm Driver Class 6:00pm GR: Grief Support	18 FH: Driver Class 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease, Mary Price) 10:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Driver Class	19 FH: Driver Class 5:00pm Driver Class	20 First Day of Summer 	21 Roberta Vacay 9:00am Food Pantry (Swygerts & Carrolls)
22 Roberta Vacay 10:00 am Worship (Outdoors) 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am CR: Worship Team	23 Roberta Vacay VBS 5:30pm Meal 6:15pm Classes	24 Roberta Vacay VBS 5:30pm Meal 6:15pm Classes 6:30pm CR: Support Team 6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's	25 Roberta Vacay VBS 9:00am Food Pantry (Debra Butts, David Butts, Debbie & Rick Duval) 12:05pm OneBody 5:30pm Meal 6:15pm Classes	26 Roberta Vacay	27 Roberta Vacay	28 Roberta Vacay 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane & Parker Boulware)
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6 PG Vacay Roberta Vacay 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	7 PG Vacay 5:30pm CR: Care Team	8 PG Vacay 5:00pm Executive Team 6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's	9 9:00am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe) 12:05pm OneBody	10 6:00pm Travel Planning Comm.	11	12 9:00am Food Pantry (DJ Plummer & Youth) 6:00pm Hebrews Dinner
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