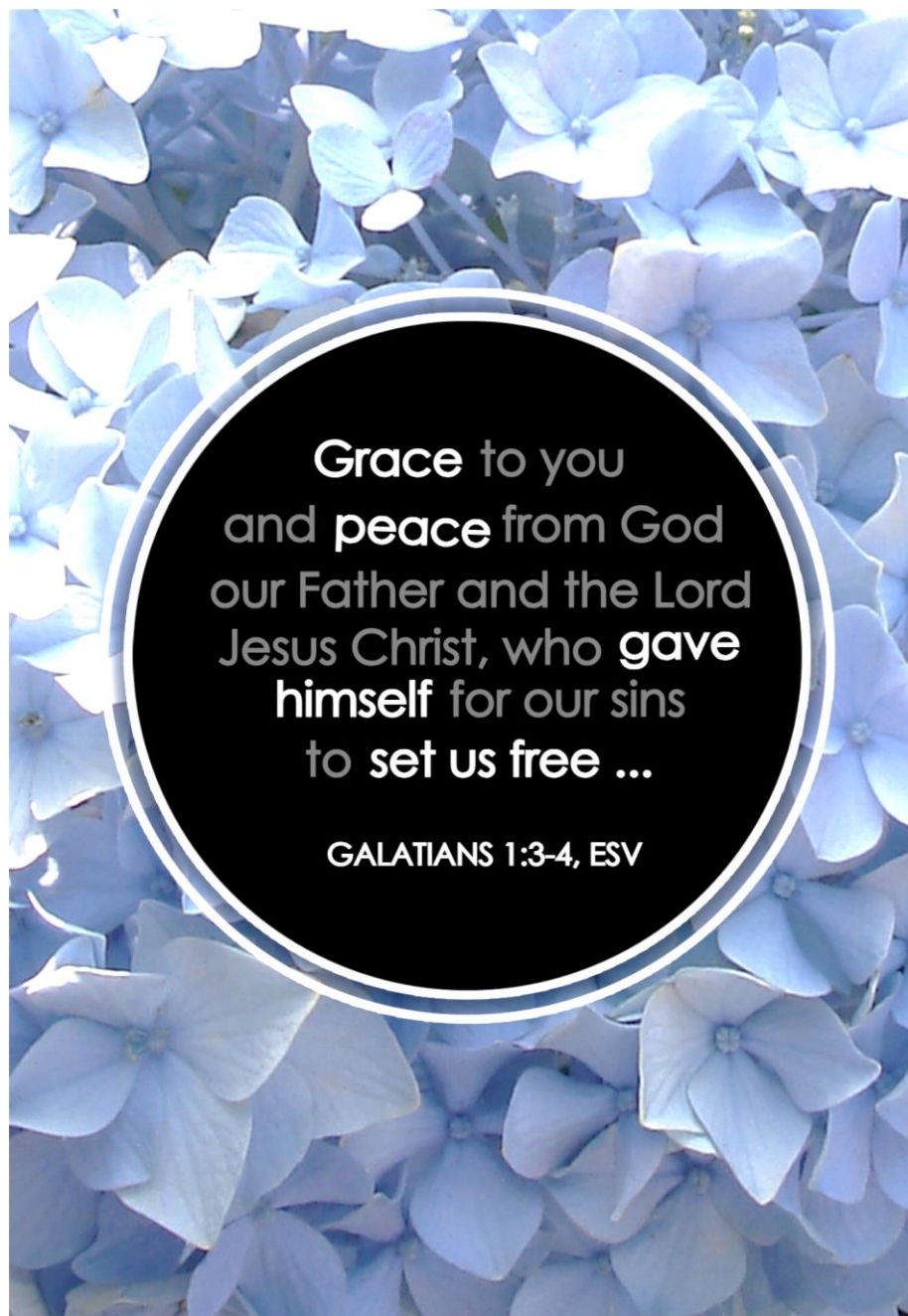


NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



SEPTEMBER 29, 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

Gratitude

Lake, Bowe, Hastings/CCLI #7158417

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

Here I Am to Worship

Hughes/ CCLI#3266032

Verse 1

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see, Beauty that made
This heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above, Humbly You came
To the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor

So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me

Verse 3

And I'll never know how much it cost,
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
 Here I am to say that You're my God
 And You're altogether lovely
 Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

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.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

GALATIANS 1

A reading from Galatians.

¹Paul an apostle — sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead — ²and all the members of God's family who are with me,
To the churches of Galatia: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. ⁶I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel — ⁷not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! ⁹As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed! ¹⁰Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were

still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

¹¹For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; ¹²for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; ¹⁹but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, ²²and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; ²³they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴And they glorified God because of me.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

grace

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

being held accountable

We stand.

HYMN

Goodness of God

Johnson, Cash, Ingram, Fielding/CCLI #7117726

I love you, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God
All my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful, oh yes you have
And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give you everything
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
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All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God

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.

Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

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 Come to the Altar

Brown, Broch, Furtick, Joye/CCLI #7051511

We stand.

OFFERTORY

There Is A Redeemer

Green/ CCLI #11483

E \flat B \flat /D E \flat A \flat /C B \flat ⁷/D E \flat B \flat /D E \flat A \flat /C B \flat E \flat B \flat

1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,

E \flat B \flat /D E \flat A \flat E \flat /G Fm⁷ B \flat ⁷sus E \flat A \flat /B \flat

pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.

Refrain

E \flat sus² E \flat Gm⁷ A \flat E \flat /G Fm A \flat /B \flat B \flat ⁷ E \flat B \flat ⁷sus B \flat ⁷

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and

E \flat B \flat /D E \flat A \flat /C E \flat /B \flat A \flat Fm⁷ B \flat ⁷sus B \flat ⁷ E \flat

send - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

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

Communion Music

Price

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

Step by Step

Strasser/CCLI #696994

D(no3) G G² G D/F# D C/E C/D



O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise

G D(no3) G G² D/F# D



you. O God, you are my God, and

C/E C/D G G² G Em C/E Em



I will ev - er praise you. I will seek you in the morn -

Dsus D Am/E Am/C Am



- ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and

G G² G D/F# D C/D Am/D D⁷sus



step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my

¹G D(no3) | ²G G² G Em



days. O days, and I will fol - low you all of my

Dsus D Am⁷ F C D⁷sus



days, and I will fol - low you all of my days, and

G²/D D C/D G



step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

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 memory of my Mom and Dad on their birthdays by Sheila Starkey.

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.
GranDadApples.com



*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!**

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



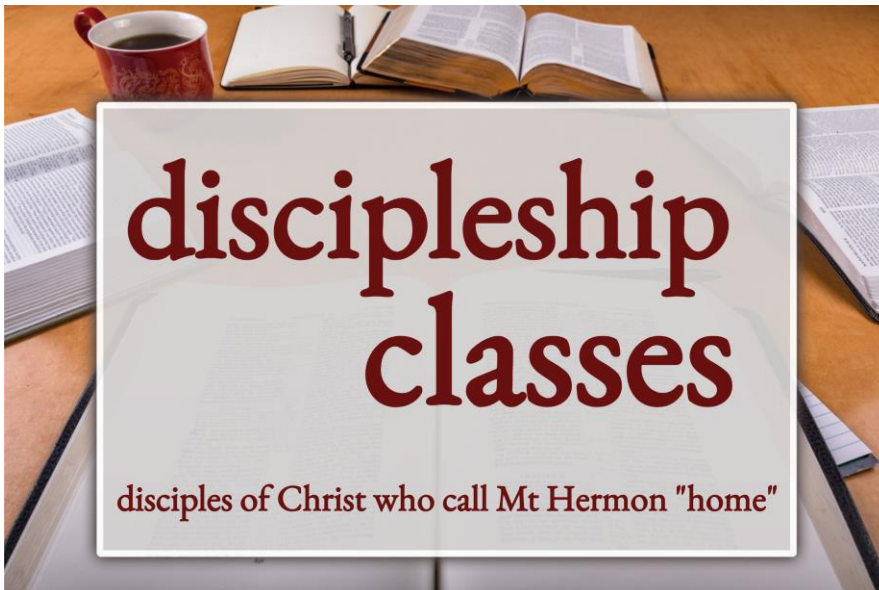
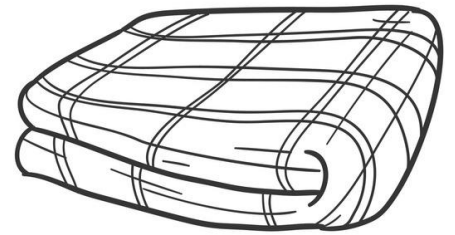
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Movies on the Mount
returns!
October 4th – November 22
7:00 pm
Watching "The Chosen"
Season 4

Wrap a Child in a Warm Blanket

Many of the students at one of the local elementary schools need warm blankets for this winter. They need twin blankets that are warm and a solid color or a simple pattern to help prevent jealousy among the children. We will be collecting these now through Thanksgiving. Please donate if you can. We will be collecting these also as a special offering at the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 24.



New Discipleship Class: If you are interested in becoming a “disciple of Christ who calls Mt. Hermon “home”, please meet on October 20th at 10:30 in Pastor Gina’s office.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

09/22/2024

In Person 91 + Live Stream Worship 128 = 219

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$2,586.54
Building Fund	Received	\$690.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$45.00

Honorariums and Memorials:

In memory of **Tom Roof** by Terry & Allison Swygert

In memory of **Alberta Berry** by Terry & Allison Swygert



FLOWERS ARE OPEN FOR DEDICATION NEXT WEEK

If you would like to honor a loved one next week, please email the church office.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Allison Swygert	Ronnie Fulmer
	Terry Swygert	Angie Hydrick
Crucifer:	Sam Koon	Tanner Addy
Acolyte:	Cameron Bucknam	Hayden Eargle
Lector:	Joey Koon	Ronnie Fulmer
Communion Assts:	Sam Koon	Ronnie Fulmer
	Cameron Bucknam	Angie Hydrick
	Diane Boulware	Tanner Addy
	Mary Koon	Hayden Eargle
	Joey Koon	Susan Busby
Nursery:	Leah Rawl	Melanie Jackson
	Brittany Allen	Katie Donaldson
Flowers:	Sheila Starkey	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 Dot Mathias*

Continual Prayer

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*

Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*

Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*

Shirley Cooper, *Lexington Medical*

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*

Bryson Johnson, *home*

Marie Gardner, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bonnie Bouknight

Parker Boulware

Chris Carroll

Mary Frances Sease

Jim Whitaker

Amanda Robinette

Erin Rose

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*

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*

Jane Baxley, *cousin of Michelle Gantt*

Mark King, *coworker of Michelle Gantt*

Joyce Davis, *grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik*

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, October 6th

- 9:00 am Worship HOMECOMING
- 10:30 am Combined Sunday School
- 11:00 am Homecoming Meal

Monday, October 7th

- 5:30 pm CR: Care Team

Tuesday, October 8th

- 5:00 pm Executive Team
- 6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

Wednesday, October 9th

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

Saturday, October 12th

- 9:00 am Food Pantry (Swygerts & Carrolls)



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Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, September 29th

9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Children's Choir
10:30 am Sunday School
3:00 pm FH: Reserved (Ryan Price)

Tuesday, October 1st

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group
6:30 pm Life Group at The Jacksons

Wednesday, October 2nd

9:00 am Food Pantry
(Mary Price, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett)
6:00 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 5th

9:00 am Food Pantry
(Jamie & Nancy Addison, Elaine Clawson)