

ABIDING



³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35

Early in my ministry at Mt. Hermon, I introduced a concept of centering ourselves around prayer for one minute each day. The verse we used was John 6:35. During Covid, it was an intentional time to connect and have a devotional time together. After 4 years of nightly devotions, I took a time to abide. Abiding is a time to intentionally step back and assess the ministry which was used to connect us as people of God when we could not gather in person. I missed our intentional time together and I heard from many of you that you missed the time together too. After just two days of beginning the devotions again, more than 300 people have watched the devotions from Sunday evening! Abiding has proven that we have missed our time together.

Luke wrote in Acts 17, ²² *Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way...”* Disciples of Christ who call Mt. Hermon “home,” I know and have continually seen how extremely spiritual you are too! We will continue the devotions and ask for God’s blessings as we continue this ministry of putting His word on social media through our FaceBook page.

Spiritual Seekers – we have many opportunities for you to increase your spiritual journey: Sunday morning worship, Sunday school, bi-monthly mid-week worship, reading with us through the new testament. VBS has been a blessing to me as we learned together about the sources used by the writers of the gospels, a brief entrance into the thoughts of the writer of the gospel of John, the words of different translations of bibles, the woman at the well, and then the calling for our lights to continue to shine in the world!

Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gina

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Reading through the New Testament in one year:

7/1	Acts 15:1-21	8/1	Romans 6	9/1	1 Corinthians 14:1-25
7/2	Acts 15:22-41	8/2	Romans 7	9/2	1 Corinthians 14:26-40
7/3	Acts 16:1-15	8/3	Romans 8:1-17	9/3	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
7/4	Acts 16:16-40	8/4	Romans 8:18-39	9/4	1 Corinthians 15:12-34
7/5	Acts 17:1-15	8/5	Romans 9:1-15	9/5	1 Corinthians 15:35-58
7/6	Acts 17:16-34	8/6	Romans 9:16-33	9/6	1 Corinthians 16
7/7	Acts 18	8/7	Romans 10	9/7	2 Corinthians 1:1-22
7/8	Acts 19:1-20	8/8	Romans 11:1-24	9/8	2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
7/9	Acts 19:21-41	8/9	Romans 11:25-36	9/9	2 Corinthians 3
7/10	Acts 20:1-12	8/10	Romans 12	9/10	2 Corinthians 4
7/11	Acts 20: 13-38	8/11	Romans 13	9/11	2 Corinthians 5
7/12	Acts 21:1-14	8/12	Romans 14	9/12	2 Corinthians 6
7/13	Acts 21:15-40	8/13	Romans 15	9/13	2 Corinthians 7
7/14	Acts 22:1-29	8/14	Romans 16	9/14	2 Corinthians 8
7/15	Acts 22:30-23:11	8/15	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	9/15	2 Corinthians 9
7/16	Acts 23:12-35	8/16	1 Corinthians 1:18-1:31	9/16	2 Corinthians 10
7/17	Acts 24	8/17	1 Corinthians 2	9/17	2 Corinthians 11:1-15
7/18	Acts 25	8/18	1 Corinthians 3	9/18	2 Corinthians 11:16-33
7/19	Acts 26:1-18	8/19	1 Corinthians 4	9/19	2 Corinthians 12
7/20	Acts 26:19-32	8/20	1 Corinthians 5	9/20	2 Corinthians 13
7/21	Acts 27:1-26	8/21	1 Corinthians 6	9/21	Galatians 1
7/22	Acts 27:27-44	8/22	1 Corinthians 7:1-16	9/22	Galatians 2
7/23	Acts 28:1-16	8/23	1 Corinthians 7:17-40	9/23	Galatians 3
7/24	Acts 28:17-31	8/24	1 Corinthians 8	9/24	Galatians 4
7/25	Romans 1:1-17	8/25	1 Corinthians 9	9/25	Galatians 5
7/26	Romans 1:18-32	8/26	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	9/26	Galatians 6
7/27	Romans 2	8/27	1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1	9/27	Ephesians 1
7/28	Romans 3:1-20	8/28	1 Corinthians 11:2-16	9/28	Ephesians 2
7/29	Romans 3:21-31	8/29	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	9/29	Ephesians 3
7/30	Romans 4	8/30	1 Corinthians 12	9/30	Ephesians 4: 1-16
7/31	Romans 5	8/31	1 Corinthians 13		

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CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Congregational Council Motions from June 2024

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee recommends that the Easter, Christmas, and Mother's Day designated offerings be given to support the Heart to Home Ministry. **PASSED unanimously.**

Congregational Council Minutes May 2024

ATTENDANCE: Absent – Frankie Jackson, Jennifer Miller, and Jeff Price

CARES AND CONCERNS: The graduates that were celebrated today, those in Texas after experiencing severe weather, the staff and students of the Seminary during this time of change, and all the cares and concerns listed in the bulletin.

MEMBER CARE: Information was given in the council packet that can be shared with Member Care groups.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Accepted with the following changes: Care Team has a report attached; add Personnel Committee Update, Time and Talent Sheet Update, and Cemetery Letter Update to Old Business and add Rate Recommendation to the Parsonage Update to New Business.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Minutes for April 2024 were accepted as presented.

REPORTS:

- Pastor Gina: Report for May 2024 was submitted.
- Treasurer: Budget Report for April 2024 and Changes in Equity Report for April 2024 and January-April 2024 were submitted.
- Financial Secretary: Funds Report for April 2024 was submitted.
- Executive Committee: None

Team Reports/Recommendations:

Team for Ministry: The Team met this month. See the bulletin for activity dates.

Care: Written report submitted.

Outreach: Written report submitted.

Support: Written report submitted.

Finance: Written report submitted. The Committee is planning to look at possibly changing financial accounting software. Finance Committee recommends that \$700 be awarded to Matthew James Hansen for the January 2024 semester distribution from the Stephen Price Memorial Seminary Scholarship Fund. **PASSED unanimously.**

Teach: Written report submitted.

Worship: No report submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Personnel Committee Update – Frankie Jackson will set up a meeting with the existing committee and Executive Committee to determine a new Chairperson. They will then move forward with hiring a new Parish Secretary.

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2. Time and Talent Sheet Update - Diane Boulware is compiling the information from the Time and Talent sheets and will disseminate the information when she's done. Pastor Gina will do another round of sheets during VBS to try to get responses from as many people as possible.
3. Cemetery Letter Update – A letter was sent to a family who has a grave that is not marked. A family member contacted Pastor Gina saying that the marker has been ordered and the work will be completed by July 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Support Team: Parsonage Vacant and Rate Recommendation – The previous renter moved out in April 2024. Ben Bernstein, a student at the seminary who is a previous recipient of the Stephen Price Scholarship, is moving back to Columbia to complete his degree after doing his internship in New Mexico. He and his wife and child are possible candidates for renting the parsonage. The Support Team recommends that we increase the rental fee from \$900 per month to \$1,200 per month. This will cover the taxes on the parsonage. **PASSED unanimously.**
2. Synod Assembly: Terry and Allison Swygert will serve as Mt. Hermon's delegates.
3. Next Meeting: June 9, 2024, at 11:30am
4. Next Month's Devotions and Lock Up – Danny Scott

Sheila Eargle, Council Secretary

ATTENDANCE REPORT

	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Live Streaming</u>	<u>Total</u>
June 2	101	99	200
June 9	81	98	179
June 16	80	103	183
June 23	101	97	198

TREASURER REPORT

The Finance Team is currently transferring data into a new accounting program. As soon as the data is converted, all the reports will be brought up to date.

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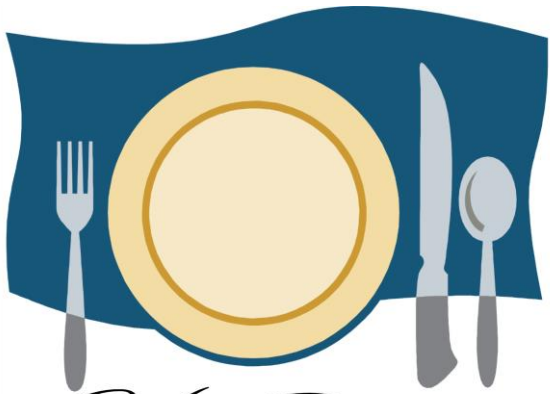
COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Here is a ministry opportunity for you – and it comes with perks! A corner office, with a view, wonderful conversations, or quiet time as well. Bring a book, your crochet, etc. Flexible hours too. If you are interested, please call or text Sherwood at 803.394.4652. Thank you!



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 Allison Swygert, or any team member and attend the next meeting!



*He-Brews
Dinner*

The next He-Brews Dinner is July 13th
This gives 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 sheets are located in the breezeway or with the online link. A contact person will coordinate with their group to set a time and destination to meet for dinner. The groups will change for each date so that each time you meet you are with a different group of people. Deadline to sign up is July 7th

OUTREACH TEAM HAPPENINGS

The Outreach Team meets on the 3rd Monday 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.

Make a Difference Day was a huge success, spreading lots of joy to our community.

Thank you to everyone who came out to volunteers their time and their gifts to spread God's word out into the world!

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SUPPORT TEAM

*The Support Team meets on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Ronnie Fulmer**, chairperson, and attend the next meeting.*

- The Support Committee has completed repairs and modifications to the sprinkler system.
- Weeds have been sprayed in the landscaping areas.
- Made various minor repairs.
- The cleaning of the carpets in upstairs sanctuary, education building, and hallways has been completed.
- Future plans to add mulch in front of the church and additional pine straw.
- Sunday School classrooms need painting, plus the pantry.

TEACH TEAM

*The Teach Team meets on the third Sunday at 11:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Mary Koon** or **Cyndi Leaphart** and attend the next meeting!*



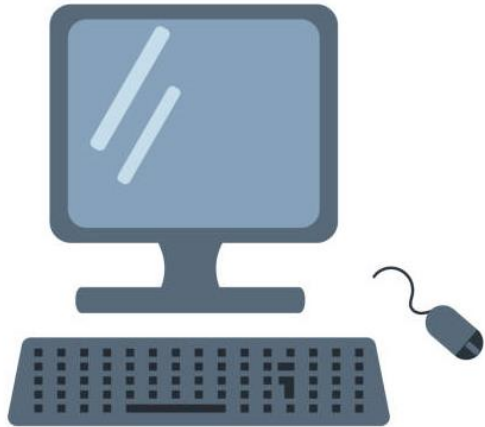
August Rally Day
Mark Your Calendars for
August 4th

**Thank you to everyone who helped make
VBS 2024 a success!**

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WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team meets on the 4th Sunday at 11:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Wynne Price and attend the next meeting!



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!

Time and Talent Sheets

The time after Pentecost – the colors are green on the altar and the season is focused on being disciples and growing in our discipleship. Please take time to complete a sheet so that we will know your passions for areas of serving.



Communion at the rail will be continued! The first Sunday of every month communion at the rail will be offered.

Worship team is taking a break meeting during the summer. Their next meeting will be August 25th at 11:30 for those who would like to join.

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

July 2024

	7/7/2024	7/14/2024	7/21/2024	7/28/2024
Ushers	Blake / Jack Allen	Randy Clark	Mary Price	Allison Swygert
	Jeff Price	Ronnie Fulmer	Angie Hydrick	Terry Swygert
Crucifer	Hayden Eargle	Quentin Kinard	Brayden Rutherford	Spencer Price
Acolyte	Dylan Whitaker	Walker Kinard	Chanler Coppens	Sam Koon
Lector	Jennifer Miller	Elyse Kinard	DJ Plummer	Sam Koon
Comm Assts	Hayden Eargle	Quentin Kinard	Brayden Rutherford	Spencer Price
	Dylan Whitaker	Walker Kinard	Chanler Coppens	Sam Koon
	Jennifer Miller	Elyse Kinard	DJ Plummer	Mary Koon
	Kay Bryant	Arron Kinard	Angie Hydrick	Joey Koon
	Larry Amick	Susan Busby	Charlene Corley	Devona Price
	Joel Price, Sr	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Daryl Leigh Anthony	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nursery	Leah Rawl	Noah Swygert	Katie Donaldson	Alyson Price
	Brittany Allen	Cassie Swygert	Melanie Jackson	Brittany Allen
Flowers	Open	Diane Boulware	Jan Schofield	Jamie & Nancy Addison

SERVING IN JULY

COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP: Jerry Price

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price & Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Ann Addy, Mary Frances Sease

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

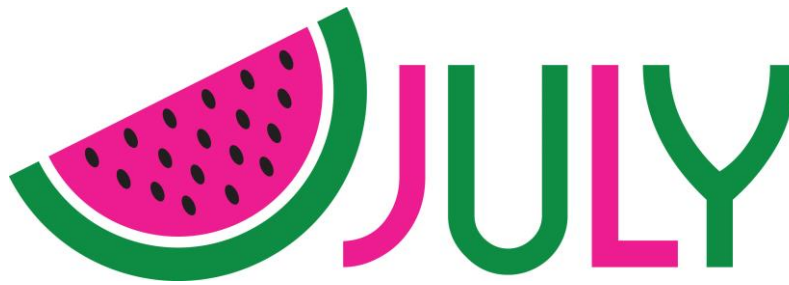
AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Brandon Donaldson, Marie Gardner

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

Please also notify the church office of the change.

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



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, Marie Gardner, Moises Arroyo
Jul 15	Parker Boulware
Jul 16	Joye Haygood, Dion Metze
Jul 18	Dylan Whitaker
Jul 21	Annette Price
♥ Jul 24	Gene & Jane Sexton
Jul 27	Diane Boulware, Jan Schofield
Jul 29	Randy Wise
Jul 30	Joe Koon
Jul 31	Thomas Martin, Mary Frances Sease

Please let the office know if your information is not printed in this listing.



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MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*
Alberta Berry, *home*
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*

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

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bonnie Bouknight Chris Carroll Mary Frances Sease Jim Whitaker

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Paula Miller, *friend of Brittany Allen*
Wayne Kneece, *uncle of Michelle Gantt*
Derwin Rish, *friend of Michelle Gantt*
Jody & Libby Ortmann,
 friends of Fran & Ricky Bouknight
Roger Spires, *friend of Chris Carroll*
Quentin Oswalt, *Angie Hydrick's nephew (Iraq)*
Phil Dennis, *brother of Lavonne Roof*
Sandra Watson, *aunt of Courtney Bucknam*
Joyce & Doug Gilbert,
 coworkers of Courtney Bucknam
Sarah Harmon, *friend of Courtney Bucknam*
Hannah Pierce, *friend of Jaquelyn Haulik*
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,
 friends of Debra & Dave Butts
Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*
Wes Hopkins, *nephew of Jennifer Miller*
Will Pickett, *friend of Jennifer Miller*
Paul Garner, *friend of Robert Haygood*
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),
 friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart
Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Cynthia Mallard,
 friend of Sheila Starkey & Beth Jordan
Blase Rhine,
 grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight
Cynthia Rabon, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Connie Furtick, *friend of Kim Fulmer*
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*

Louise Cooper, *friend of Kelli Mills*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*
John Catoe, *family of the Ellisors*
Jillian Stover, *friend of Erin Rose*
Debbie Dearman, *neighbor of Kathy Cooper*
Lillian Chimeal, *friend of Jacqueline Hawlik*
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*
Caroline Hair, *cousin of Fran Bouknight*
Betty Morris, *mother of Keith Morris*
Lynn Pearson, *mother of Emily Morris*
Mrs. Cruz, *teacher of Abbey Carroll*
Trea Ocheltree, *teen in car accident*
Stetson Cooper,
 grandson of Dan & Shirley Cooper
Carla Thompson, *friend of Dion & Pastor Gina*
Jeslyn, *friend of Scarlett Bryant*
*Tom Shaul, *friend of the Kinard Family*
*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
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July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	1 PG: Vacation	2 PG: Vacation 6:00pm GR: Grief Support	3 PG: Vacation 9:00am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett)	4 Independence Day PG: Vacation	5 PG: Vacation	6 PG: Vacation 9:00am Food Pantry (Wayne & Charlene Corley)
7 PG: Vacation 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	8 PG: Vacation 5:30pm CR: Care Team	9 5:00pm Executive Team 6:00pm GR: Grief Support 6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's	10 9:00am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe) 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:00pm Handbells	11	12	13 9:00am Food Pantry (Kinard Family) 6:00pm Hebrews Dinner
14 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Council Meets	15 6:00pm CR: Outreach Team	16 6:00pm CR: Finance Team 6:00pm GR: Grief Support	17 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease, Mary Price) 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Handbells	18	19	20 9:00am Food Pantry (Koon Family)
21 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am CR: Teach Team	22	23 6:00pm GR: Grief Support 6:30pm CR: Support Team 6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's	24 9:00am Food Pantry (Debra & David Butts, Andrea Bowers) 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:00pm Handbells	25	26	27 9:00am Food Pantry (DJ Plummer, Youth)
28 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am CR: Worship Team	29 6:30pm FH: MJS Homeowners	30 6:00pm GR: Grief Support	31 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane & Parker Boulware, Mary Price) 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Handbells	1	2	3 9:00am Food Pantry

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