

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



SEPTEMBER 1, 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

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

Hudson/OneLicense #600034-32

## 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.

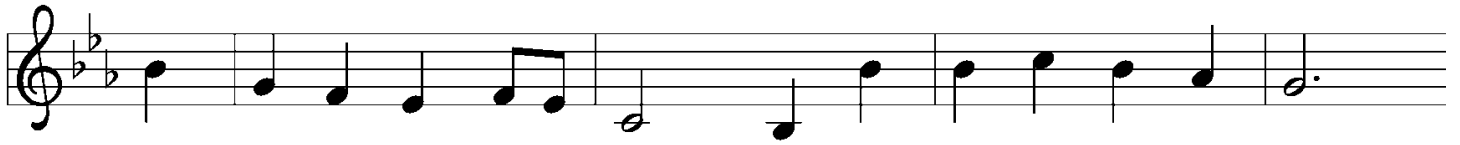
*Amen.*

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

## HYMN

## *We All Are One in Mission*

*Finnish Folktune/OneLicense #58549*



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

## 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 G<sup>7</sup> Am C<sup>7sus</sup>/G C<sup>7</sup> F

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

6 C/E C Dm<sup>7</sup> Fmaj<sup>7</sup> G<sup>sus</sup> G C G/B

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

11 C/B<sup>b</sup> F/A Fm/A<sup>b</sup> C/G G<sup>sus</sup> G G<sup>7</sup> C<sup>sus</sup> C

what \_\_\_ to do, I will cast all my cares up - on You. \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We pray together.*

***O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

*We sit.*

## THE WORD

### 1 CORINTHIANS 14: 1-12

*A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.*

<sup>1</sup>Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup>For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God; for nobody

understands them, since they are speaking mysteries in the Spirit. <sup>3</sup>On the other hand, those who prophesy speak to other people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. <sup>4</sup>Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who prophesy build up the church. <sup>5</sup>Now I would like all of you to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. One who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. <sup>6</sup>Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you in some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? <sup>7</sup>It is the same way with lifeless instruments that produce sound, such as the flute or the harp. If they do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is being played? <sup>8</sup>And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? <sup>9</sup>So with yourselves; if in a tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is being said? For you will be speaking into the air. <sup>10</sup>There are doubtless many different kinds of sounds in the world, and nothing is without sound. <sup>11</sup>If then I do not know the meaning of a sound, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. <sup>12</sup>So with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the church.

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*Jesus loves you*

# 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

*church language*

*We stand.*

## HYMN

### *Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue*

*English Traditional/OneLicense #109310*



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my  
2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er  
3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions  
4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are  
vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -  
end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now  
one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.  
dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.  
see: then we will see love face to face.  
mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

## 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](http://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

*Beloved, God's Chosen*

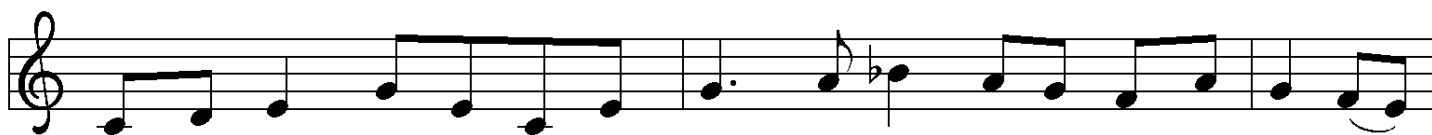
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*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

Hillert/OneLicense #37488



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

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
*Irish Tune/CCLI #1037600*

*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

## *You Are My Hiding Place*

Ledner/CCLI #21442

Am Dm' G G/B

You are my hid - ing place; you al - ways

Csus C G/B F/A Dm

fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance. When -

Esus E Am

ev - er I am a - fraid I will trust in you,

Dm<sup>7</sup> G Dm<sup>7</sup> G/B C G/B

I will trust in you. Let the weak say,

F/A Dm *To repeat* Esus E

"I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

*Last time* Esus E Am

strength of the Lord, I will trust in 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 Ms. Dot Mathias by Debbie and Rick Duval.



**The next He-Brews Dinner is September 14<sup>th</sup>**

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 September 7<sup>th</sup>.



*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*

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>





# Remember when ...



## Homecoming

October 6, 2024

9:00 worship

10:30 remembering

& covered dish

*3011 Leaphart Rd  
West Columbia*



# 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



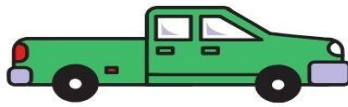
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803.794.6430

**DRIVE THROUGH PRAYER**

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



Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church  
3011 Leaphart Rd



**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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# TITHES AND OFFERINGS

08/25/2024

In Person 84 + Live Stream Worship 123 = 207

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,255.74
Building Fund	Received	\$590.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$105.00

## Honorariums and Memorials:

In memory of **Gene Sexton** by Dot Mathias

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of **Tom Roof** by Friendship Sunday School Class

In memory of **Tom Roof** by Angie Hydrick, Lynn Bouknight, Diane & Parker Boulware, Herb Bucknam, Ann Addy, Jeff & Alyson Price

In memory of **Alberta Berry** by Angie Hydrick, Diane & Parker Boulware, Herb Bucknam, Ann Addy

YTD July 2024	Income	Expense	Over (Short)
Current Mission Plan	\$136,644.42	\$134,139.48	\$2,504.94
Building Fund	38,043.00	34,681.36	3,361.64
Bldg Improvement	14,610.00	8,988.76	5,621.24

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Herb Bucknam	Danny Scott
	Randy Clark	Jenny Scott
Crucifer:	Sydney Bucknam	Quentin Kinard
Acolyte:	Jacqueline Hawlik	Walker Kinard
Lector:	Jennifer Miller	Charlene Corley
Communion Assts:	Sydney Bucknam	Quentin Kinard
	Larry Amick	Walker Kinard
	Kay Bryant	Charlene Corley
	Angie Hydrick Jennifer Miller	Arron Kinard
	Cyndi Leaphart Marion Leaphart	Elyse Kinard
Nursery:	Melanie Jackson	Cassie Swygert
	Katie Donaldson	OPEN
Flowers:	Rick & Debbie Duval	Andy & Beth Jordan

## 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

## *Continual Prayers*

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*  
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, <i>grandson of Dan &amp; Shirley Cooper</i> Paula Miller, <i>friend of Brittany Allen</i> Derwin Rish, <i>friend of Michelle Gantt</i> Trea Ocheltree, <i>teen in car accident</i> Dawn McIlwain-Merck, <i>friend of Robin Ellisor</i> John Catoe, <i>family of the Ellisors</i> Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn), <i>friends of Marion &amp; Cyndi Leaphart</i> Iris Wellborn, <i>sister of Earl Sease</i> Mrs. Cruz, <i>teacher of Abbey Carroll</i> Carla Thompson, <i>friend of Dion &amp; Pastor Gina</i> Katy Madigan, <i>friend of Marie Carroll</i> Phil Dennis, <i>brother of Lavonne Roof</i> Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family, <i>friends of Debra &amp; Dave Butts</i> Billy Huckabee, <i>friend of Danny Scott</i> Sandra Watson, <i>aunt of Courtney Bucknam</i> Sarah Harmon, <i>friend of Courtney Bucknam</i> Quentin Oswalt, <i>Angie Hydrick's nephew (Iraq)</i> Jaimie Womack, <i>friend of Ryan &amp; Jennifer Price</i> Cynthia Rabon, <i>friend of Ryan &amp; Jennifer Price</i>	Blase Rhine, <i>grandson of Frank &amp; Bonnie Bouknight</i> Cynthia Mallard, <i>friend of Sheila Starkey &amp; Beth Jordan</i> Lucas, <i>friend of Hayes Wingard</i> Jeslyn, <i>friend of Scarlett Bryant</i> Tom Shaul, <i>friend of the Kinard Family</i> Debbe Dearman, <i>neighbor of Kathy Cooper</i> Ashley Liimatainen, <i>niece of Sheila Starkey</i> Jillian Stover, <i>friend of Erin Rose</i> Joyce Davis, <i>grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik</i> Bryce McKelvey, <i>friend of Regan Gross</i> Max Schronce, <i>friend of the David &amp; Scottie Marsh</i> Faye McCartha, <i>mother of Debra Butts</i> Hayes Wingard, <i>grandson of Sam and Kathy Cooper</i> Kamryn Williams, <i>friend of Sheila Starkey</i> Robbie Rector, <i>friend Jennifer Miller</i> Amy Morrison, <i>friend of many</i> Bill Geddings, <i>father of Allison Swygert</i> David Busby, <i>brother of Susan Busby</i> *Robin Wilkes, <i>Friend of Kinard and Corleys</i>
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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](mailto:office@WeAreMtHermon.com)

# NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

## Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

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

## Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

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

## Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

- 6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

## Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

- 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 14<sup>th</sup>

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



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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 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 am Worship  
10:30 am Sunday School

### Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

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 7<sup>th</sup>

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