

# DISCIPLES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

March 2026

## LENT 2026

Pastors in the conference will bring a message to Mt. Hermon on Wednesdays in Lent. We will worship at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall and then share a meal together. A listing of days and meals is included in the Worship Team report.



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## STEWARDSHIP



<sup>8</sup> Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Be hospitable to one another without complaining. <sup>10</sup> Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. <sup>11</sup> Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. *Amen. 1 Peter 4*

*All that we have is on loan and a gift from God! ~Pastor Gina*

Early in my discipleship journey I would hear the word “stewardship” and have no understanding of what it truly meant. What I knew was that the stewardship committee would ask us to tell the church how much money we planned to give to the church during the year. I associated stewardship with only financial offerings to the church; I associated stewardship only with financial offerings.

Later, I learned a fuller definition “*the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.*” Wow! Stewardship is about so much more than money. It is caring for *all that is on loan from God* and is placed in our care.

During the Wednesdays in Lent, Pastor Greg, Pastor Wade, and myself will visit St. David, Mt. Tabor, and Mt. Hermon to speak on topics of stewardship. We will reflect on what it means, as disciples, to practice a discipline of stewardship of money, talent, and time. Plan to join us each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to worship and hear God’s message for us. A meal will follow at 7:00 p.m.

On Ash Wednesday, we discussed the disciplines of giving, praying, and fasting as we began our Lenten journey. As we continue through this sacred season, I invite you to incorporate these practices of stewardship into your daily walk. We are traveling toward the place where our Savior carried all our sins to the cross so that we might be made whole and complete as we enter into eternal life.

*Sister in Christ,  
Pastor Gina*

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## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



The church collected funds and the council voted to use the funds for Community Outreach. This is how the dollars are being spent to make a difference in the world.

Jeff Jones wrote: So often we don't get to see the fruit of the seeds we sow for the kingdom of God. As people of faith, we just do our part and trust God for the result. Today the Mt Herman Lutheran men's group, the "bed Brigade," began building beds for the "rest on hope" ministry. We had received some donations for mattresses, so I was at "mattress man" picking mattresses up to put in the warehouse. Earlier a SW called about a family in need of 3 beds. It was all coming together to form a "divine moment" to bless everyone involved. We met at the warehouse and decided to take everything directly to the family. Once there the Mt Herman group assembled the beds and prayed with the family. This was something I wanted to happen so these men can see the fruit of their labor. God was able to arrange everything. Praise the Lord.



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## CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

### Motions from January 2026 meeting

- Executive Committee recommends that the Lenten/Ash Wednesday/Easter Offerings collected be deposited into the fund - Designated Outreach – 3204. PASSED unanimously
- The Finance Team recommends that the signers on the checking account be updated to include the treasurer, chair of Finance Team, chair of Support Team and one member of the Finance Team. The following members will be placed on the signature card: Frank Bouknight, Wayne Corley, Ronnie Fulmer and Danny Scott. –It was seconded. - PASSED unanimously.
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- Recommendation: Due to confidentiality issues with the Church Secretary position, it is the recommendation of Church Council that church members are not considered for this position, except under extenuating-extraordinary circumstances. For: 10 Against: 2 - PASSED

### Congregational Council Minutes December 2025

**ATTENDANCE:** Absent – Wayne Corley, Sherwood Garrett, Jennifer Miller, and Al Stevens. Also in attendance were newly elected Council members Jamie Addison, Diane Boulware, Melanie Jackson, Marion Leaphart, and Hayden Eargle. Wayne Eargle was also present for Hayden Eargle’s Eagle Scout project presentation.

**CARES AND CONCERNS:** Prayers for Sarah Bryant and her daughters after a car crash yesterday; Ann, Fran Bouknight’s neighbor who is in the end stages of cancer; Pam, Fran Bouknight’s friend who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer; and for Chris Carroll who hopes to participate in a clinical trial for a treatment for a heart condition.

#### **MEMBER CARE:**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Accepted as presented with the addition of a motion from Executive Committee under Treasurer’s Report

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Accepted as presented

#### **REPORTS:**

- Pastor Gina: Report for December 2025 was submitted.
- Treasurer: 1a Balance Sheet Last Month for November 2025, 1b Budget Comparison Last Month November 2025, and 1c Designated Funds Last Month for November 2025 were submitted. Executive Committee recommends that Designated Fund 3207 Landscape Project should move to the Building Improvement Fund. **PASSED unanimously.** This is because the bill for the landscape project was incorrectly posted to Building Improvement Fund. Moving these funds will correct this

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mistake. Executive Committee recommends that we consolidate Designated Funds 3210 Lenten Offering, 3212 Ash Wednesday Offering, 3213 Christmas Offering (2024), and 3214 Thanksgiving Offering plus what is received for 2025 Christmas Offering and use these funds to defray the cost of building materials needed for the Scooter Scott Rest in Hope bed building project. **PASSED unanimously.** Our men have built 26 beds since September, and they cost roughly \$100 per bed to construct. Frank Bouknight reported that we are down to a little over \$45,000 owed on our building loan.

- Financial Secretary: Funds Report for November 2025 was submitted.
- Executive Committee:

## Team Reports/Recommendations:

**Team for Ministry:** Will meet on February 2, 2026

**Care:** Written report submitted.

**Outreach:** Written report submitted.

**Support:** No report submitted. A leak in the choir room was discovered and Stannic Roofing came to inspect and reported that we will need a new roof in the next year or so and we will receive a quote soon.

**Finance:** No report submitted.

**Teach:** No report submitted.

**Worship:** No report submitted.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Director of Music Search Team – Things are going well with the team. They will begin looking for a permanent replacement after Christmas. Currently twelve Lutheran churches in the Midlands are looking for music directors.
2. Stage Curtain – The curtain was installed this week, and the stage floor will be painted soon.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Hayden Eargle, Eagle Scout – Hayden proposes to build two benches and a trash receptacle near the pickleball court for his Eagle Scout project. A motion was made to accept Hayden's project as presented. **PASSED unanimously.**
2. Election 2026 Officers – Elected were: Terry Swygert – President; Ronnie Fulmer – Vice President; Diane Boulware – Secretary; Frank Bouknight – Treasurer; Parker Boulware – Financial Secretary.
3. Installation of Council, December 21<sup>st</sup> Worship
4. Council Retreat January 9-11, 2026 – Isle of Palms – The cost will be \$120 per person or \$240 for a couple. Cost includes three meals.
5. Next Meeting: Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 11:30am.
6. Next Month's Devotions and Lock Up – Pastor Gina (Devotions) and Dion Metze (Lock Up)

Sheila Eargle, Council Secretary

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## ATTENDANCE REPORT

	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Live Streaming</u>	<u>Total</u>
February 1	SNOW	236	236
February 8	92	153	245
February 15	108	127	235
Ash Wednesday Noon	14	n/a	14
Ash Wednesday Evening	54	n/a	54
February 22	87	117	204

## TREASURER REPORT

Loan Balance	36,099.04
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2026 January	Actual Income	Actual Expense	Difference
Current & Benevolence	25,980.96	18,671.32	7,309.64
Building Improvement	4,070.00	2,240.00	1,830.00
Building Fund	3,930.00	4,954.48	(1,024.48)

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## CARE TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The Care Team meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 5:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Sherwood Garrett or any team members and attend the next meeting, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm!*

**He-Brews Dinner** will be March 14. Look for the sign-up sheet in the breezeway. You can also sign-up online.

**The Travelers** are planning a trip to the **SC State Museum and Planetarium** to see the production of “Aurora.” Come and spend the day browsing the museum and see this wonderful show about the Northern Lights on March 21 at 1PM. Admission to Museum and Planetarium is \$15 per person. A signup sheet will be located in the Breezeway for those wishing to attend. Afterward we can meet up at a local establishment for fellowship and food. For questions, contact Frank Bouknight or any travel committee member.

The following trips have been scheduled by the Mt Hermon Travel Committee for 2026.

March 21 ~ Aurora Lights at State Museum

July 18 ~ Lexington County Blowfish game

August 17-22 ~ Ark/Amish Trip

September 30 ~ Apple Picking at Sky Top Orchard

October 17 ~ Family Apple Picking at Sky Top Orchard

November 4-5 ~ Christmas Show at Alabama Theater and Shopping at Myrtle Beach’s Tanger Outlets

December 5 ~ Mepkin Abbey

Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets!



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## OUTREACH TEAM HAPPENINGS

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

The Outreach Team will be hosting a

**Drive Thru Prayer Friday** March 6th in an observance of World Day of Prayer. We will be in the parking lot from 8:00am until 10:00am and 4:30pm until 6:00pm. We would love for anyone to join us in praying with others.



### Food Pantry Frozen Meals

The Outreach Team is sponsoring a new Ministry. We are asking for your assistance to prepare homemade freezer meals to distribute through the Food Pantry. We will keep these items in the freezer in the Food Pantry. Examples are spaghetti, lasagna, vegetable soup, chicken pot pie, fettuccine alfredo and meat and veggie casseroles. If you are interested in helping please reach out to Diane Boulware or any Team member. There is a sign-up sheet in the breezeway.

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## SUPPORT TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The Support Team meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

The Support Team meets on Tuesday, February 24.

The Support Team is working on various projects around the church. One of the items is working to make the church more handicap accessible.

The following motions were recommended and approved by church council at the February 2026 meeting.

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## TEACH TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The Teach Team meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at 11:30am in the Education Wing. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Mary Koon, or any team member and attend the next meeting.*



**YOUTH  
SUNDAY**

Join us as our Youth Group leads worship and hear the Good News from our teenage disciples!

**MARCH 15**

**9:00 AM**



**EGGSTRAVAGANZA!**  
**SAT. MARCH 28**  
**9:30 - 11:30**

Easter Egg Hunt  
Easter Story  
Spring Games  
Photo Booth  
Lunch

All ages welcome!  
Invite your friends & neighbors

**MT. HERMON LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**3011 LEAPHART RD**



**Eggstravaganza**  
**DONATIONS NEEDED!**

**Plastic Easter Eggs**  
**All colors and sizes!**  
**Donations accepted through**  
**March 22**  
**Drop in bins near the church office**



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## WORSHIP TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The Worship Team meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

### Wednesdays in Lent

Pastors from Zion, St David, Mt Tabor, and Mt Hermon will rotate through the churches bringing a message on Wednesdays in Lent. We will worship at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall and then share a meal together.

March 04	shrimp & grits	Support Team
March 11	tacos	Teach Team
March 18	pulled pork	Outreach Team
March 25	Greek chicken	Worship Team



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Maundy Thursday - 6:30 pm  
Good Friday - 6:30 pm

### **Resurrection Sunday**

Sunrise 6:30 am  
Breakfast 7:30 am  
Celebration Worship 9:00 am

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

	March 01	March 08	March 15	March 22	March 29
Ushers	Frankie Jackson	Terry Swygert	Ricky Bouknight	Herb Bucknam	Joey Koon
	Melanie Jackson	Allison Swygert	Fran Bouknight	Jamie Addison	Ronnie Fulmer
Crucifer	Mackenzie Burns	Sydney Bucknam	Chanler Coppens	Spencer Price	Sam Koon
Acolyte	Sam Koon	Walker Kinard	Bryson Johnson	Cameron Bucknam	Dylan Whitaker
Lector	Alyson Price	Jennifer Miller	Jamie Addison	Herb Bucknam	Sheila Eargle
Comm Assts	Mackenzie Burns	Sydney Bucknam	Chanler Coppens	Spencer Price	Sam Koon
	Sam Koon	Walker Kinard	Jamie Addison	Cameron Bucknam	Dylan Whitaker
	Mary Koon	Jennifer Miller	Kirby Johnson	Wynne Price	Sheila Eargle
	Sherwood Garrett Denise Thurman	Elyse Kinard	Cheri Coppens	Mary Price	Jerry Price
	Charlene Corley Wayne Corley	Courtney Bucknam	Nancy Addison	Angie Hydrick	Connor Eargle
Audio	Ryan Corley	Arron Kinard	Blake Allen	Brandon Donaldson	Arron Kinard
Video	Marie Gardner	Quentin Kinard	Breanna Metze	Marie Gardner	Marie Gardner
Flowers	Leaphart	Bouknight	Swygerts	Carroll	Bucknam

### SERVING IN MARCH

LOCK UP & COUNCIL DEVOTIONS: Ronnie Fulmer

ALTAR GUILD: Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease

TABULATORS: Ann Addy, Mary Frances Sease

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

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Mar 02	Sheila Frame
Mar 08	Ann Bouknight
Mar 18	Scarlett Bryant
Mar 20	Larry Amick
Mar 22	Dan Cooper, Lauren Donaldson
Mar 23	Marie Carroll
Mar 27	Baxley Rawl
	♥ Mar 27 Joe & Mary Koon
Mar 28	Joshua Ellisor, Kim Fulmer
Mar 30	Daryl Leigh Anthony, Sherwood Garrett

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## MT HERMON PRAYS

### *Continual Prayer*

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*  
Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*  
Doris Carver, *Presby Home*  
Georgianna Gray, *home*  
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Gloria Mathias, *home*  
Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*  
Cyndi Thurman, *home*  
Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*

### *Members in Special Need of Prayer*

Lauren Addy	Bonnie Bouknight	Sarah Bryant	Scarlett Bryant
Chris Carroll	Debbie Duval	Joye Haygood	Frankie Jackson
Elyse Kinard	Skyler Miller	Jim Whitaker	Dennis Thurman

### *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*  
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*  
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*  
Sam Lockridge, *friend of Scottie Marsh*  
Thelma Moyer, *mother of Diane Boulware*  
Randy Stonehill, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer*

Linda Bennett, *mother of Beth Jordan*  
Singley & Parisano families,  
*friends of Sam & Kathy Cooper*  
Joy Jordan, *friend of Michelle Gantt*  
Dorris Layton,  
*friend of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*  
Jody Harper, *friend of Kelli Goff*  
Tressa Oswald, *Angie Hydrick's sister*  
Wayne LaBounty, *friend of Herb Bucknam*  
Scarlett Redmon, *cousin of Kinard Family*  
Joe & Billy Corder, *friends of Ryan Price*  
Michael Williams,  
*son-in-law Georgianna Gray*  
Wayne & Kristen Watkins,  
*friends of Courtney Bucknam*  
Meredith Thorndike,  
*goddaughter of Wayne & Charlene Corley*  
Melissa, *niece of Ricky & Fran Bouknight*  
Anne Piercy, *friend of Kathy Whitaker*  
Addie, *granddaughter of Lavonne Roof*  
Elizabeth McKee, *aunt of Bonnie Bouknight*  
Frank Flinn, *friend of Ryan Price*  
Johnny Stevenson, *uncle of Laura Carroll*  
Bishop Ginny Aebischer, *bishop of SC Synod*  
David Stevenson, *brother of Laura Carroll*  
Cindy Maples

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