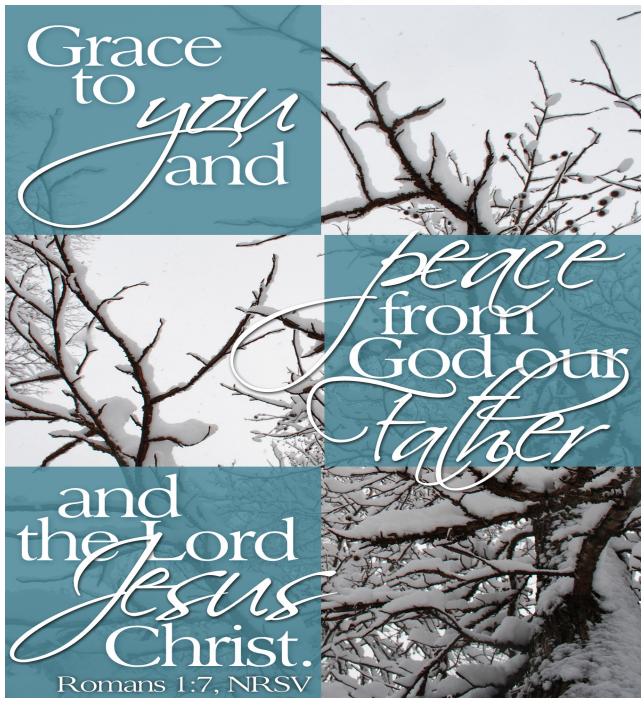
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AUGUST 4, 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**Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

Hudson/CCLI #26564

Awesome God

Mullins/CCLI #41099

THE GATHERING

We stand.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **†** one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. *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

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, we confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, **†** the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. *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

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

Chorus

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

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.

Chorus

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon the cross. And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon the cross.

Chorus

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 Glorify Thy Name Adkins/CCLI #1383 CM^7 G^7 Dm^7 C C 1 Fa - ther, Je - sus, 2 we love wor-ship and you, we a dore you, 3 Spir - it, C^2/E G⁷sus F G 0 glo ri - fy in all thy name the earth; E^7 $F # m^{7(b5)} E^{7}/G #$ F^2 F C Am 0 0 glo ri - fy thy name, glo ri - fy thy name, G^7 CM⁷ F/C C F C O 0 ri - fy thy glo in all name the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

ROMANS 1:1-17

A reading from Romans.

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, 7To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. ⁹For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, ¹⁰asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you — ¹²or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴I am a

debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish ¹⁵— hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome. ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

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

We sit.

BLESSING OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS, & STAFF

(All teachers, students, staff, and others involved in education please come to the front of the sanctuary.)

God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Let us ask him to bless those who seek to learn and their teachers. *Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.*

For students as they begin this new school year, that the Spirit of God may grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding, let us pray to the Lord. *Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.*

For teachers, that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience, and concern for their students, let us pray to the Lord. *Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.*

For those who seek knowledge of the things of this world, that they may always pursue God's wisdom, let us pray to the Lord. *Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.*

For parents, the first teachers of their children, that their faith and love may be an example to us always, let us pray to the Lord. *Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.*

PRAYER OF BLESSING

We pray.

Eternal God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, you formed us in your image and gave us the ability to reason and learn. In your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. As we begin this new school year, bless all those who seek to learn: Children, youth, adults, and teachers.

Bless those who prepare the learning environment: Teachers, teacher's assistants, principals, counselors, coaches, secretaries, tutors, cooks, custodians, nurses, bus drivers, and crossing guards. Bless those who support students: parents, grandparents, and this church community. Bless each with travel mercies and make each school a place of compassion and safety.

Teacher and Redeemer, we consecrate these backpacks, ... in your Holy Name and to your glory. We pray your blessing upon those who give them and those who will receive them. May generation upon generation be blessed by these gifts. Let each person who stands before us now feel the love and support of this congregation and grant us all the wisdom and means to meet their needs throughout the coming year.

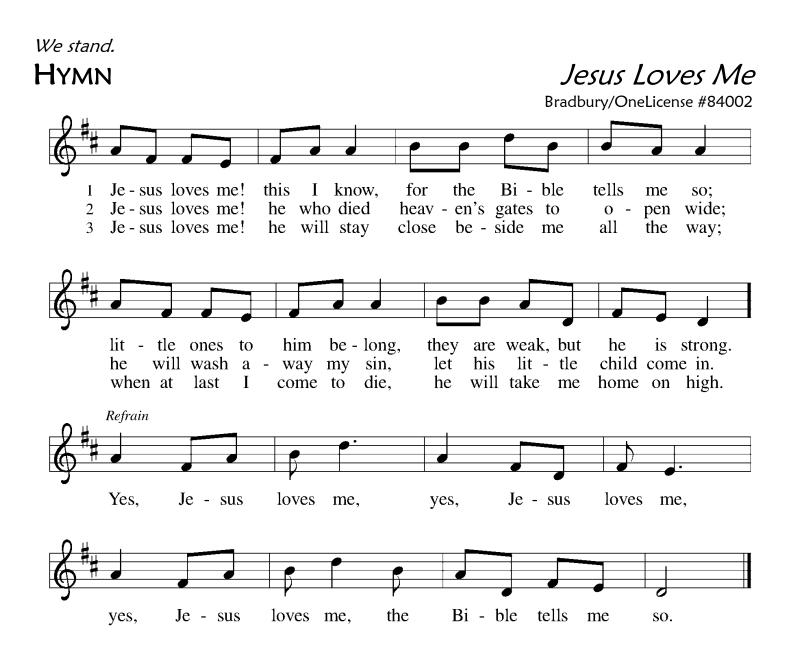
Sustainer of us all, help us to grow in your wisdom and in your ways. Remind us that your truth sets us free to learn and to love. Grant that, during this academic year, each student and each teacher may devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learned from others. By your Spirit of Wisdom, keep us open to your Word and ways. In the name of Jesus, we pray. *Amen.*

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

greetings



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

O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Received them into your holy keeping. *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.

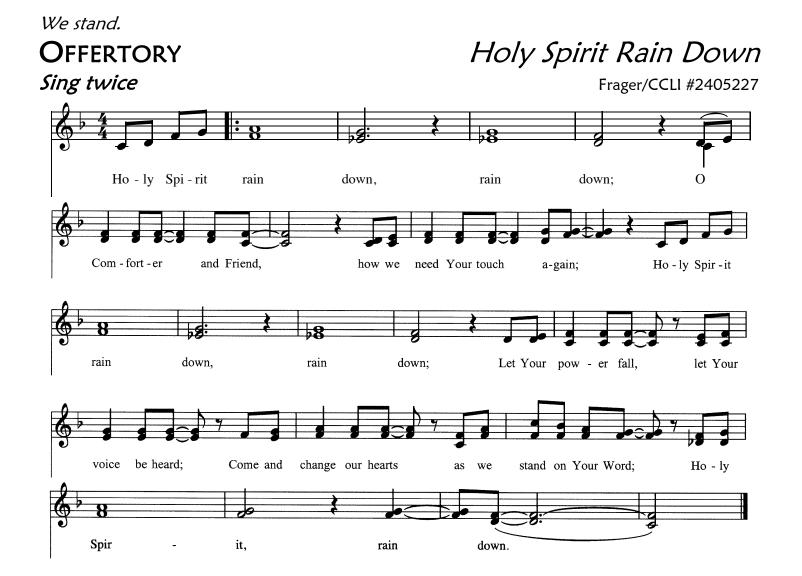
We sit. OFFERING

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

This is Amazing Grace

Wicham/CCLI #6333821



OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together. **Risen One,**

you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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...

As often as we drink of this cup and eat of this bread, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again and we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

In the mystery of this fruit of the vine and wheat of the field becoming your body and blood, we pray for your presence to come among us and give us this bread of life. *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Holy God, we long for your presence to remain powerful and strong among your people. Continue to gather your people to eat and drink of this meal. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. *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

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. 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 challis 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

I Received the Living God

Anonymous/OneLicense #87225

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. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

The Sending

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us \ddagger be upon you now and forever. *Amen.*

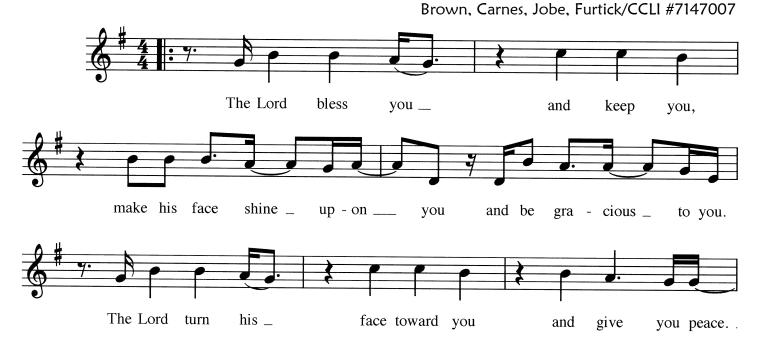
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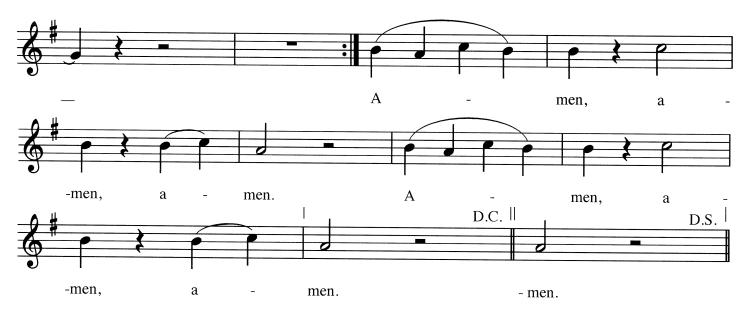
Sanctuary

Thompson, Scruggs/CCLI #24140

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you

As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary. **SENDING** *The Blessing*





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.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mt Hermon seniors starting their last first day of high school; Quentin Kinard, Tanner Addy, Lawson Morris, Zachary Head, Parker Greer, Alex Greer, Jake Dugan, Connor Eargle by Arron, Elyse, and Walker Kinard.



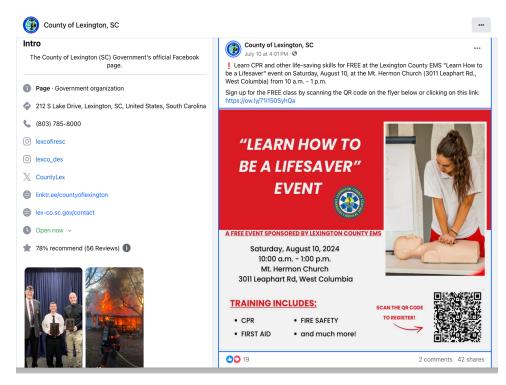
OOL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It is back to school time and the Outreach Committee is sponsoring a back-to-school drive. The list of supplies and return buckets will be in the breezeway. Supplies are due by Today.

TODAY is Rally Day! There will be information about Sunday school classes and teachers and there will be BINGO! Worship



will include a blessing of backpacks. Plan now to attend and bring your items for blessings!





The Care Team is trying out 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 Meal Train[®] 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. Food and time preferences will be included in the information. You may also choose to send a gift card to a restaurant or delivery service through the link if you prefer.

Our first meal train will be for Jennifer, Ryan, and Jerry Price as Jennifer faces surgery this week. If you would like to participate, please see your email correspondence or call Alyson Price.

Our second meal train will be for the Johnsons. See your constant contacts for a link. Or you may call Alyson Price.

Thanks for helping take care of our own flock at Mt. Hermon!

TITHES AND OFFERINGS 07/28/2024 In Person 100 + Live Stream Worship 93 = 193

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,099.31
Building Fund	Received	\$390.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$110.00

Honorariums and Memorials:

In memory of **Gene Sexton** by Mary Frances and Earl Sease, Jeff and Alyson Price, Nancy and Jamie Addison



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Tom Stahl	Ricky Bouknight
	Jamie Addison	Fran Bouknight
Crucifer:	Mackenzie Burns	Connor Eargle
Acolyte:	Jacquelynn Hawlik	Bryson Johnson
Lector:	Ronnie Fulmer	Parker Boulware
Communion Assts:	Mackenzie Burns	Connor Eargle
	Ricky Bouknight	Parker Boulware
	Fran Bouknight	Diane Boulware
	Lynn Bouknight Marie Gardner	Sheila Eargle
	Ronnie Fulmer Debbie Fulmer	Kirby Johnson
Nursery:	Charlene Corley	Leah Rawl
	DJ Plummer	Brittany Allen
Flowers:	The Kinards	The Marshs

SERVING IN AUGUST

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP:</u> Joel Price, Sr. <u>ALTAR GUILD:</u> Angie Hydrick <u>TABULATORS:</u> Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight <u>USHERS:</u> Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman <u>AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM</u>: Sheila Starkey, Breanna Metze

MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms* Alberta Berry, *home* Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place* Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home* Shirley Cooper, *Still Hopes* Georgianna Gray, *home* James Hallman, *Lakeside Place* Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*

Dot Mathias, *home* Gloria Mathias, *home* Tom Roof, *home* Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living* Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place* Cyndi Thurman, *home* Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home* *Bryson Johnson, *Prisma Children's*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bonnie Bouknight	Parker Boulware, <i>Lex Medical</i>	Chris Carroll
Jennifer Price	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 Brannon Yonce, friend of Michelle Gantt 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 Stetson Cooper,

grandson of Dan & Shirley Cooper 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 Ashley Liimatainen, niece of Sheila Starkey Jillian Stover, friend of Erin Rose Joyce Davis, grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik 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 Kamryn Williams, friend of Sheila Starkey

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, August 11th

9:00 am Worship10:30 am Sunday School11:30 am Council Meets

Monday, August 12th

6:30 pm FH: Lutheran Men & Women Meeting

Tuesday, August 13th

6:00 pm CR: Finance Team 6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

Wednesday, August 14th

9:00 am Food Pantry
12:05 pm FH: OneBody Worship
6:00 pm Handbells
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 17th

9:00 am Food Pantry

9:00 am Adopt-a-Highway

6:00 pm FH: Jesus and Java



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, August 4th

9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Rally Day / Sunday School

Monday, August 5th

5:30 pm CR: Care Team 6:30 pm Team for Ministry

Tuesday, August 6th

5:00 pm Executive Team6:00 pm GR: Grief Group6:30 pm Life Group at The Jackson's

Wednesday, August 7th

9:00 am Food Pantry6:00 pm Handbells6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 10th

9:00 am Food Pantry 10:00 am FH: Lexington County Life Saving Event