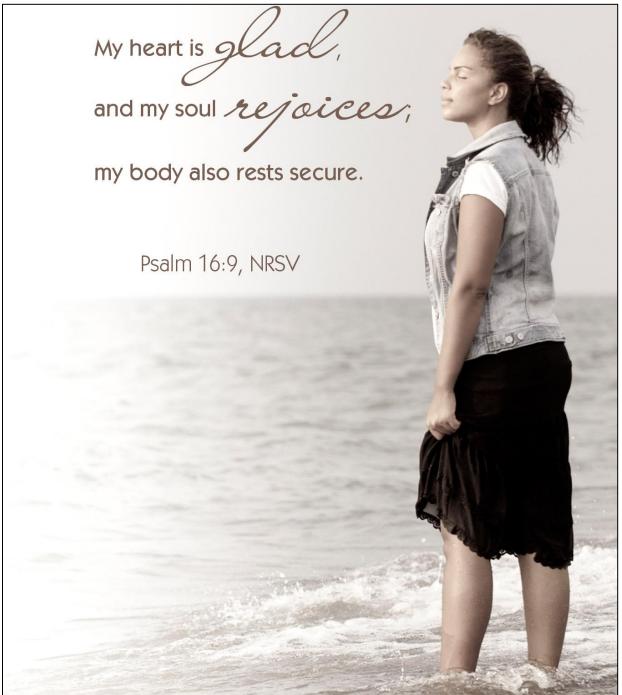
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



SEPTEMBER 15, 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

Abide With Me

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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.

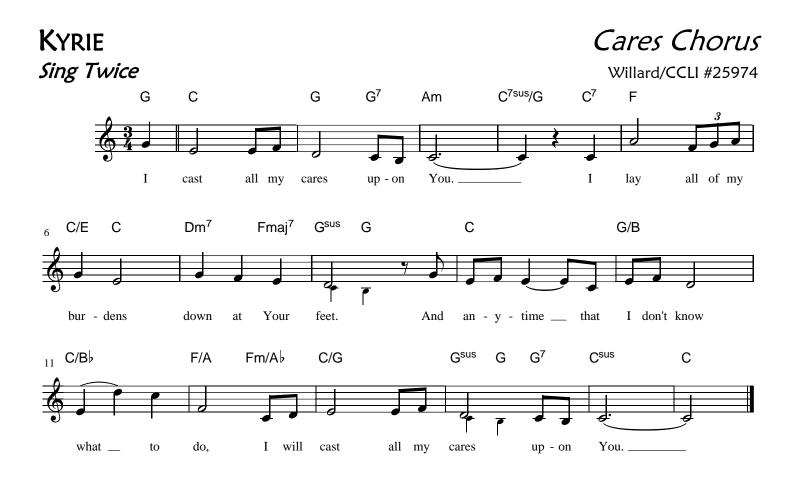
God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ⁺ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. *Amen.* As fully forgiven children of God, turn and face the altar as the cross passes you. HYMN God of Grace and God of Glory

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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.*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. We sit.

THE WORD

2 CORINTHIANS 7:6-16

A reading from 2nd Corinthians.

⁶But God, who consoles the downcast, consoled us by the arrival of Titus, ⁷and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was consoled about you, as he

told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more. ⁸For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it (though I did regret it, for I see that I grieved you with that letter, though only briefly). ⁹Now I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because your grief led to repentance; for you felt a godly grief, so that you were not harmed in any way by us. ¹⁰For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death. ¹¹For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves guiltless in the matter. ¹²So although I wrote to you, it was not on account of the one who did the wrong, nor on account of the one who was wronged, but in order that your zeal for us might be made known to you before God. ¹³In this we find comfort. In addition to our own consolation, we rejoiced still more at the joy of Titus, because his mind has been set at rest by all of you. ¹⁴For if I have been somewhat boastful about you to him, I was not disgraced; but just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting to Titus has proved true as well. ¹⁵And his heart goes out all the more to you, as he remembers the obedience of all of you, and how you welcomed him with fear and trembling. ¹⁶I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you.

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation. O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERMON

joy and repentence



We stand. HYMN

O God, Why Are You Silent

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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 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

Steal Away to Heaven

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We stand. Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful DFFERTORY Hillert/OneLicense #37488 Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be bless-ing. fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all: u of - fer now. nite them with the prayers we Grace our ta-ble with your



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.

<u>The Meal</u>

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 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

When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

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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

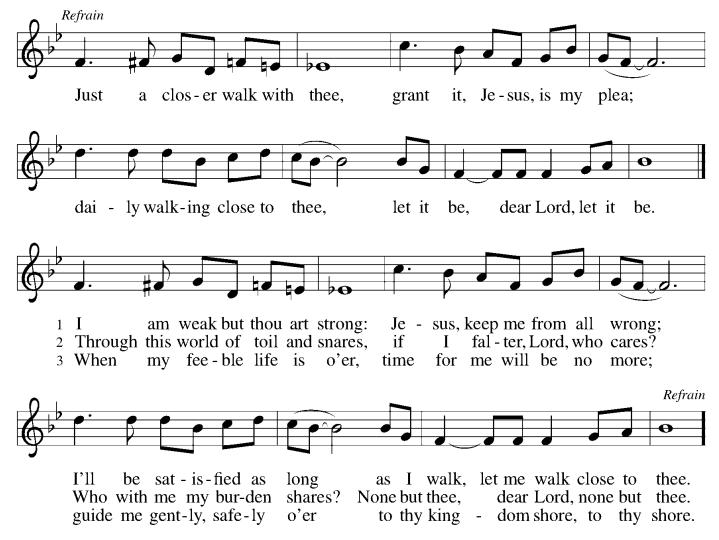
Blessing

God all mighty, God most merciful **†** bless you, keep you, and give you peace. *Amen.*

HYMN

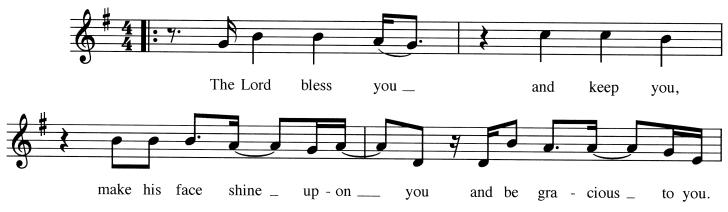
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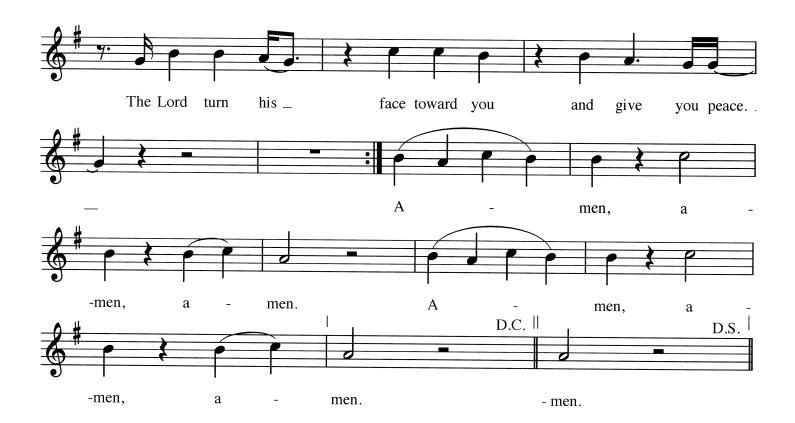
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As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary. **SENDING**The Blessing

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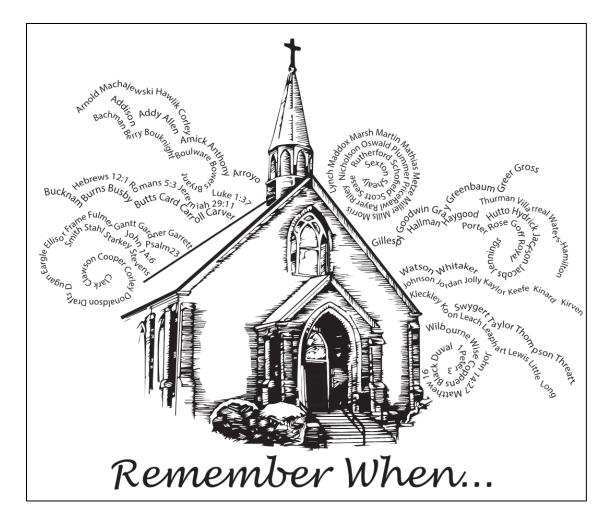




SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE We follow the light of Christ into the world. We are God's people on a mission. We have gathered. We have been fed. Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dad, Lyn Crout, by Kathy, Jim, Audrey, David, Brayden, Dylan, and Shanda.



Homecoming is October 6th

Homecoming T-shirts. Thanks to Danni Martin for this design. The shirts will be navy blue with white lettering. Orders are due by **TODAY** so that we will have them back by September 29 – just in time for our Homecoming Celebration on October 6th.

Please look over this design and make sure you can find your name! If you don't see your name, please contact the office so we can add your name to the cloud that joins at 3011 Leaphart Road!

The cost of the shirts will be \$15 adults /\$12 children. Please use the order forms in the breezeway, office, fellowship hall, etc. Checks can be placed in the offering plate or use Tithely (online) at your convenience.



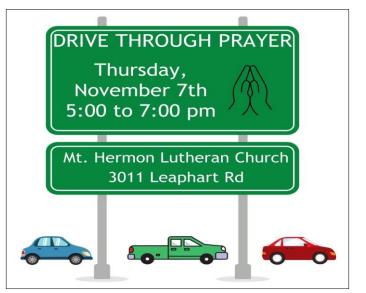
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Sign up sheets in breezeway or you may call the church office. Contact Frank Bouknight if you have any questions! We will be visiting Granddad's Apples Hendersonville, NC. Sign up in the breezeway to secure your seat for this trip. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Bouknight. Apples, bakery items, country store, donuts. *GranDadApples.com*



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



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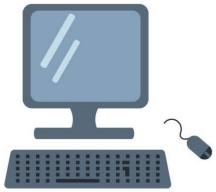
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LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL AGES! Harvest Festival



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!



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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

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! <u>https://mealtrain.com/nwg2me</u>



<u>YOUTH LOCK IN ~</u> <u>September 21st @ 7pm</u>

-Please eat dinner before coming -Bring a snack to share

-Change of clothes, toiletries, pillow, sleeping bag, and anything else you need overnight

<u>NEW YOUTH SHIRTS ON</u> <u>SALE</u> -Cash or Check to MT Hermon LCY to DJ Plummer, Sheila Eargle, or Emily Morris.



Next Level Shirt Style

Cost: \$13 S, M, L, and XL. \$14 for 2XL and larger

**Money Due by September 20th **

TITHES AND OFFERINGS 09/08/2024 In Person 101 + Live Stream Worship 123 = 224

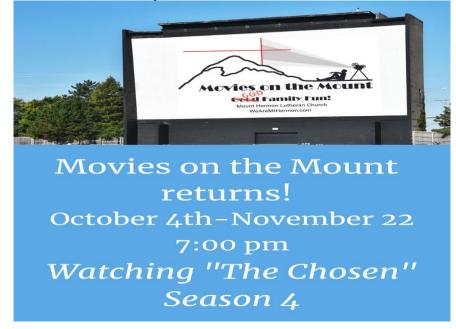
Current & Benevolent	Received	<mark>\$4,218.94</mark>
Building Fund	Received	<mark>\$1,005.00</mark>
Building Improvement	Received	<mark>\$195.00</mark>

Honorariums and Memorials:

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of Alberta Berry by Friendship Sunday School Class, Myra & Carl Kinard

In memory of **Tom Roof** by Danny & Jenny Scott, Annette Price, Joel, Devona, Jackson and Spencer Price, Rick & Daryl Leigh Anthony, Perry & Trudy Bouknight

In memory of Alberta Berry by Annette Price, Jeff & Alyson Price, Clint, Nan, Wells and Camp Carter



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday	
Ushers:	Cyndi Leaphart	Blake Allen	
	Marion Leaphart	Jeff Price	
Crucifer:	Spencer Price	Brayden Rutherford	
Acolyte:	Connor Eargle	Dylan Whitaker	
Lector:	Scottie Marsh	Herb Bucknam	
Communion Assts:	Spencer Price	Brayden Rutherford	
	Connor Eargle	Dylan Whitaker	
	Kathy Cooper	Lynn Bouknight	
	David Marsh		
	Scottie Marsh		
Nursery:	Alyson Price	Charlene Corley	
	Brittany Allen	DJ Plummer	
Flowers:	Whitakers	Rick and Daryl Leigh Anthony & Ryan and Jennifer Price	

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP:</u> Sherwood Garrett <u>ALTAR GUILD:</u> Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware <u>TABULATORS:</u> Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick <u>USHERS:</u> Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman <u>AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM</u>: Mike & Leah Rawl

MT HERMON PRAYS

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* 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 Jennifer Price Amanda Robinette Parker Boulware Mary Frances Sease Erin Rose Chris Carroll Jim Whitaker

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

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 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 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 Robbie Rector, friend Jennifer Miller Amy Morrison, friend of many Bill Geddings, father of Allison Swygert David Busby, brother of Susan Busby Robin Wilkes, friend of Kinard and Corleys Jane Baxley, cousin of Michelle Gantt

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, September 22nd

Thru 9:00 am Youth Lock in 9:00 am Worship (Deacon Deborah Poole) 10:15 am Children's Choir 10:30 am Sunday School 11:30 am CR: Worship Team

Tuesday, September 24th

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group 6:30 pm CR: Support Team

Wednesday, September 25th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Parker & Diane Boulware, Mary Price)

- 12:05 pm FH: OneBody Worship
- 6:00 pm FH: Reserved HOA (Amanda Mills)
- 6:00 pm Handbells
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 28th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Koon Family)



Pastor Gina will be out of town with a Women's Retreat Thursday September 19 through Monday September 23 Deborah Poole will be available for emergencies. Please call your council rep for any non-emergencies.



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, September 15th

9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Children's Choir
10:30 am Sunday School
11:30 am CR: Teach Team
1:00 pm FH: Reserved

Monday, September 16th

6:00 pm CR: Outreach Team

Tuesday, September 17th

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group6:00 pm CR: Finance Team6:30 pm Life Group at The Jacksons

Wednesday, September 18th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Parker & Diane Boulware, Sherwood Garrett)
6:00 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 21st

9:00 am Food Pantry (Kinard Family)7:00 pm Youth Lock in through 9:00 am Sunday am