September 2024



THANK YOUS & STANDING FIRM

⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

In a recent book that I was reading, a volunteer at the school said she wasn't going to volunteer anymore because

the principal never told her, Thank you! She explained that she began doing things like making his coffee, straightening the office chairs and cushions each day as she tried to make the office space more calming and conducive to learning each day. But she said, "He just doesn't seem to be appreciative!" A few days later, the principal asked why no one as making coffee in the morning anymore. No one answered him, simply because no one knew the volunteer made him a pot of coffee every day.

A few days later, he asked, "Why is the cleaning staff not cleaning up my office any longer?" Again, no one answered, because they didn't know the volunteer, and not the custodial staff, was tidying up the principal's office every day. Simply, no one knew, until it stopped happening.

Church work can be allot like this elementary school office. Volunteers do so much and no one really knows what all the volunteers do! As much time as I spend in my office studying and preparing for worship, I don't know all that you are doing either! One thing that I do know is that I don't say, "thank you" enough to those of you who show up and I never see you doing the ministry which is essential in furthering the kingdom of God. Sure, you may not hear it enough and sometimes, I don't even know who to thank, but I do know something, you are the recipient of that Paul writes in 1st Corinthians: 13 Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done in love.

I say to each of you, **Thank You** and continue to do the work in love and for the sake of the one who sent us into the world. I appreciate all that you do to make the love of Jesus grow and bear fruit at 3011 Leaphart Road.

Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gina

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Reading through the New Testament in one year:

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9/1	1 Corinthians 14:1-25		10/1	Ephesians 4:17-32	11/1	Titus 2
9/2	1 Corinthians 14:26-40		10/2	Ephesians 5:1-14	11/2	Titus 3
9/3	1 Corinthians 15:1-11		10/3	Ephesians 5:15-33	11/3	Philemon
9/4	1 Corinthians 15:12-34		10/4	Ephesians 6	11/4	Hebrews 1
9/5	1 Corinthians 15:35-58		10/5	Philippians 1	11/5	Hebrews 2
9/6	1 Corinthians 16		10/6	Philippians 2	11/6	Hebrews 3
9/7	2 Corinthians 1:1-22		10/7	Philippians 3	11/7	Hebrews 4
9/8	2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17		10/8	Philippians 4	11/8	Hebrews 5
9/9	2 Corinthians 3		10/9	Colossians 1	11/9	Hebrews 6
9/10	2 Corinthians 4		10/10	Colossians 2	11/10	Hebrews 7
9/11	2 Corinthians 5		10/11	Colossians 3:1-4:1	11/11	Hebrews 8
9/12	2 Corinthians 6		10/12	Colossians 4:2-18	11/12	Hebrews 9
9/13	2 Corinthians 7		10/13	1 Thessalonians 1	11/13	Hebrews 10:1-18
9/14	2 Corinthians 8		10/14	1 Thessalonians 2	11/14	Hebrews 10:19-39
9/15	2 Corinthians 9		10/15	1 Thessalonians 3	11/15	Hebrews 11:1-22
9/16	2 Corinthians 10		10/16	1 Thessalonians 4	11/16	Hebrews 11:23-40
9/17	2 Corinthians 11:1-15		10/17	1 Thessalonians 5	11/17	Hebrews 12
9/18	2 Corinthians 11:16-33		10/18	2 Thessalonians 1	11/18	Hebrews 13
9/19	2 Corinthians 12		10/19	2 Thessalonians 2	11/19	James 1
 9/20	2 Corinthians 13		10/20	2 Thessalonians 3	11/20	James 2
9/21	Galatians 1		10/21	1 Timothy 1	11/21	James 3
9/22	Galatians 2		10/22	1 Timothy 2	11/22	James 4
9/23	Galatians 3		10/23	1 Timothy 3	11/23	James 5
9/24	Galatians 4		10/24	1 Timothy 4	11/24	1 Peter 1
 9/25	Galatians 5		10/25	1 Timothy 5	11/25	1 Peter 2
9/26	Galatians 6		10/26	1 Timothy 6	11/26	1 Peter 3
 9/27	Ephesians 1		10/27	2 Timothy 1	11/27	1 Peter 4
9/28	Ephesians 2		10/28	2 Timothy 2	11/28	1 Peter 5
9/29	Ephesians 3		10/29	2 Timothy 3	11/29	2 Peter 1
 9/30	Ephesians 4: 1-16		10/30	2 Timothy 4	11/30	2 Peter 2
			10/31	Titus 1		

CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Congregational Council Motions from July 2024

- The Executive Committee recommends that the One Body friends and travelers be allowed to spend up to \$2,000 for transportation rental for an apple picking trip with funds to come from the Travel Related Expenses earmarked fund. **PASSED.**
- The Executive Committee recommends that Joel Price, Sr. be appointed representative of Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church for Connor Eargle's Eagle Scout project. **PASSED unanimously**.

Congregational Council Minutes July 2024

ATTENDANCE: Absent – Connor Eargle, Sheila Eargle, Frankie Jackson, Mary Koon, and Joel Price, Sr. **CARES AND CONCERNS:** Prayers for Jane Sexton and Gene's other family members, Jennifer, Angie for healing, for love and to end division in America, for Pastor Gina's friend, Carla, as she awaits a liver transplant.

MEMBER CARE: Discussed that some members are still unaware that everyone has been assigned to a Care Group.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Accepted as presented.

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

REPORTS:

- Pastor Gina: Report for July 2024 was submitted.
- Treasurer: No written report submitted; transferring systems currently and will be using new system soon.
- Financial Secretary: Funds Report for July 2024 and January-July 2024 were submitted.
- Executive Committee: No report

Team Reports/Recommendations:

Team for Ministry:

Care: Written report submitted. **Outreach:** No report submitted.

Support: Written report submitted. The Support Team recommends that Tree Top Flyer Climbing Service remove three fallen and dead/dying trees from the Parsonage property at a cost of \$1800 with funds to come from the Facilities Use Fund. **PASSED**.

Finance: No report submitted. **Teach:** No report submitted. **Worship:** No report submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Personnel Team – Members of the Executive Committee have been communicating with a potential Interim Chair of the Personnel Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Next Meeting: August 11, 2024, at 11:30am
- 2. Next Month's Devotions and Lock Up Joel Price, Sr.

Sheila Eargle, Council Secretary

ATTENDANCE REPORT

	<u>In-person</u>	Live Streaming	<u>Total</u>
August 04	111	99	210
August 11	118	101	219
August 18	108	119	227
August 25	84	123	207

TREASURER REPORT

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

THANK YOU!



THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!! Words can't convey the gratitude we feel for the many BLESSINGS of meals, visits, cards, prayers, phone calls, text messages, conversation and all the love that you have shared with our family during the past several weeks, during my recovery!!!! Thank you for sharing the healing power of Jesus with

us!!! May God continue to richly bless us all!!!!

Love, Jennifer and Ryan Price

Thank you, Mt. Hermon family, for all the prayers, texts, visits, meals, and cards during my recent surgery and recovery. I am so thankful for you all! I am blessed!!

Love you all...

Bonnie Bouknight



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



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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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!

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



The next He-Brews Dinner is September 14th

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 $7^{\rm th.}$

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.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Harvest Festival! Saturday, October 26 from 5:00 – 7:30! We need volunteers, candy, trunks, musicians, cooks, support staff and did I say CANDY? If you are interested in

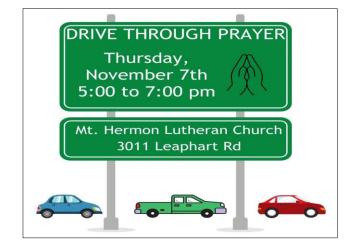


helping in any way, a sign-up sheet will be in the breezeway, or you can reach out to Melanie or Frankie Jackson!



October Meal Outreach planned for October 12, 2024. Please see Charlene Corley if you are interested in helping in any way.

Prayer Warriors needed for our **drivethru prayer** event scheduled for Thursday, November 7 from 5 – 7.



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.

We welcome Ben Bernstein and family as residents of the parsonage. Ben is a senior student at LTSS (Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary). Ben, his wife and new baby will be in the parsonage as he continues his studies at the seminary.

Three trees, either fallen or dying, have been removed from the parsonage property, carpets were cleaned, and outside grass was mowed.

You may have noticed the lines in the parking lot are fading. The Support Team will be addressing this soon, along with replacing the mulch in the beds around the building.

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!

Thank you to all of the Sunday School teachers and assistants for continuing to teach classes. The Teach Team is looking towards Christmas and the Children's Christmas program.

Svetlana will begin Children's Choir on September 8th. Rehearsals will take place from the end of worship until 10:30. We will dismiss the children at the very end of service so that they can go to the Music/Craft room for rehearsals with Ms. Svetlana.

Youth events will be starting up. If you are a rising 6th grader and have not completed the safety and permission worksheets with the youth leaders, please contact DJ Corley at youth@WeAreMtHermon.com

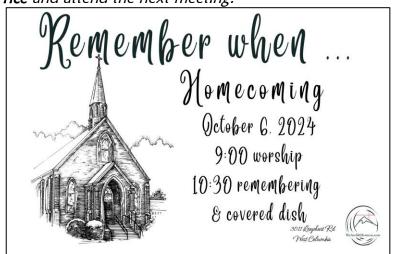
If you are a rising 6th grader, its time for us to discuss you taking responsibility for your faith life and moving forward with "Affirmation of Baptism" (Confirmation classes). You and your parents will receive an email for Pastor Gina soon with upcoming meeting times and a class schedule. Adults – you are also welcome to "go through confirmation classes again" too. Many adults have experienced confirmation over the past several years and they have been blessed by the youth as they studied together.

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!

Communion at the Rail

An additional communion station will be at the rail on the first Sundays of each month.



We have a t-shirt to wear for Homecoming 2024!

Please don't hesitate to order your shirt. We will purchase extras so that everyone joins in the celebration of REMEMBER WHEN. After all, your name will be on the shirt!

Be on the lookout for the order forms. Our plans are to have the shirts delivered to you on September 29th so that you might wear them and your jeans on Homecoming which is on October 6th. A joint Sunday School will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 and the luncheon will begin at 11:00. Mark your calendars now to attend Homecoming 2024 – Remember When. And don't forget to place your t-shirt order soon.

Handbell practice continues on Wednesdays at 6:00. There is room for you at the table. Remember – if you can count – you can ring handbells. Come and join the fun on Wednesday evening.

Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00. Svetlana would love to teach you to breathe and sing. Come and be taught by a professional teacher who both loves the Lord and would love to work with you to sing praises to God each week.



This may not be the final version of the shirt.

We are including all current disciples of Christ who call Mt Hermon "Home" as well as the list of active visitors. You are all part of the story of 3011 Leaphart Road! If you do not see your name, please contact the church office immediately!

The shirt will be navy blue with white lettering.

This design will be on the back of the church.

Shirts will be around \$15 and we ask that you have your orders: (size and money) into the church office by September 16th



Remember When...

SERVING IN WORSHIP

September

	9/01/2024	9/08/2024	9/15/2024	9/22/2024	9/29/2024
Ushers	Herb Bucknam	Danny Scott	Cyndi Leaphart	Blake Allen	Allison Swygert
	Randy Clark	Jenny Scott	Marion Leaphart	Jeff Price	Terry Swygert
Crucifer	Sydney Bucknam	Quentin Kinard	Sam Koon	Brayden Rutherford	Spencer Price
Acolyte	Jacquelynn Hawlik	Walker Kinard	Connor Eargle	Dylan Whitaker	Cameron Bucknam
Lector	Jennifer Miller	Charlene Corley	Joe Koon	Ricky Bouknight	Scottie Marsh
Comm Assts	Sydney Bucknam	Quentin Kinard	Sam Koon	Brayden Rutherford	Spencer Price
	Larry Amick	Walker Kinard	Connor Eargle	Dylan Whitaker	Cameron Bucknam
	Kay Bryant	Charlene Corley	Kathy Cooper	Lynn Bouknight	Diane Boulware
	Angie Hydrick Jennifer Miller	Arron Kinard	Joe Koon	Fran Bouknight	David Marsh
	Cyndi Leaphart Marion Leaphart	Elyse Kinard	Mary Koon	Ricky Bouknight	Scottie Marsh
Nursery	Melanie Jackson	Cassie Swygert	Alyson Price	Charlene Corley	Leah Rawl
	Katie Donaldson	OPEN	Brittany Allen	DJ Plummer	Brittany Allen
Flowers	Duvals	Jordans	OPEN	Prices	OPEN

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP:</u> Sherwood Garrett <u>ALTAR GUILD:</u> Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware

TABULATORS: Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick

<u>USHERS:</u> Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Mike & Leah Rawl

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

Please also notify the church office of the change.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Sep 04 Wayne Eargle Sep 07 Blake Allen Sep 12 Sarah Bryant Sep 12 George & Michelle Gantt Sep 12 Chris & Melina Threatt Wayne Corley, Shirley Riley Sep 13 Sep 14 Cyndi Leaphart Sep 15 Cameron Blakely Sep 17 Cassie Swygert Sep 19 Regan Anthony Sep 22 Karen Nicholson Bonnie Bouknight, Cameron Bucknam, Sep 23 Myra Kinard Sep 24 Grayson Anthony, Sonya Miller, Jerry Price **Sep 26** James Hallman **Sep 27** Dave Butts

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



MT HERMON PRAYS

*family of Alberta Berry *family of Tom Roof

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

Paula Miller, friend of Brittany Allen

Derwin Rish, 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

Robbie Rector, *friend Jennifer Miller* Amy Morrison, *friend of many*

Bill Geddings, father of Allison Swygert

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

September 2024	24					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	2 Labor Day	3 5:00pm Executive Team 6:00pm GR: Grief Support 6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's	4 9:00am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett) 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir Practice	Ω.	9	7 9:00am Food Pantry (Al & Laura Stevens)
8 9:00am Worship 10:15am Children's Choir 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Council Meets	9 5:30pm CR: Care Team 6:30pm Lutheran Men & Women	10 6:00pm GR: Grief Support	11 9:00am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon O'Keefe) 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir Practice	12	13	14 9:00am Food Pantry (Swygerts & Carrolls) 6:00pm Hebrews Dinner
15 9:00am Worship 10:15am Children's Choir 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am CR: Teach Team 1:00pm FH: Lyons Baby Shower	16 6:00pm CR: Outreach Team	6:00pm CR: Finance Team 6:00pm GR: Grief Support 6:30pm LIFE Group at 6	18 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Sherwood Garrett, Parker Boulware) 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir Practice	19	20	21 9:00am Food Pantry (Koon Family)
22 First Day of Autumn 9:00am Worship 10:15am Children's Choir 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am CR: Worship Team	23	24 6:00pm GR: Grief Support 6:30pm CR: Support Team	25 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Parker Boulware, Mary Price) 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:00pm FH: Amanda Mills HOA 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir Practice	76	27	28 9:00am Food Pantry (Koon Family)
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Svetlana Royal, Director of Music
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