



August 2021 Newsletter

For four weeks in a row we will have dealt with the Gospel of John's passages on Jesus as the "Bread of Life". This description of Jesus is most appropriate, since feeding has taken prominence in both the Old and New testaments as signs of God's caring for the people.

At Mt. Hermon, we also see feeding as an important aspect of worship, since we celebrate Holy Communion weekly, and as we literally feed the hungry by collecting food for distribution to those who are hungry in our community.

One of my favorite hymns for this season of the year is ELW 485, the text and music by Suzanne Toolan. I will share two of those verses with you which, is based on John 6:

I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.
And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, who have come into the world.
And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up, on the last day.

It is up to us to make the words of the scripture and in that hymn come to fruition in our world today. We feed each other with the Word of God in worship and in study; we feed each other through prayer and fellowship with one another and with our neighbors; we feed each other by reaching out to those who are in peril or distress and assuring them that they are not alone; because we know that Christ, not only will raise us up on the last day, but he raises us up each and every day so that we may love and serve him and one another.

In his Small Catechism discussion on the words of the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread", Martin Luther wrote: "What, then does "daily bread mean?" "Everything included in the necessities and nourishment for our bodies, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, farm, fields, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright members of the household, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like." In other words, pretty much everything in this world.

As ones who have been called by God to be caretakers and guardians of one another, especially the poor, let us make wise use of all that God has given us, be respectful of one another, cheerfully worship and fellowship together, and reach out in love to the community.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Michael

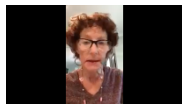


WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

9:00 AM – Adult Sunday School Class...Coffee House...contact Ron Smith with questions
9:00 AM – Children's Ministry...Children's Building...contact Barbara Linker or Nancy Jones
10:00 AM – Worship... Sanctuary or Live on YouTube

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

7:00 PM on Zoom
Call Linda for sign-in requirements



Council Minute for June Council Minute - Thursday, July 15, 2021

Kitty Smith, President, called the meeting to order. Pastor Frye did the Invocation. Quorum was verified. The June minutes were unanimously approved. Pastor Frye gave his report. Kitty informed us that the new copier has been installed with a savings of approximately \$113.00 a month or \$1360 per year. Administrative team of Greg, Mike and Steve will continue work on contracts with cleaning service, church insurance and landscaping.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mark. Our unrestricted income has dropped to \$13,576.00 while our projected budget was \$16,698.00, leaving a deficit of \$3,122.00. Our expenses were \$11,451.00 versus our income of \$13,576.00 resulting in an actual net gain of \$2,124.00 for the month. If members or friends of Mt Hermon want to donate online they can do so by going to [TITHE.LY](https://tithely.com) and setting up their own account.

Mike gave the property report. The stumps beside the office have been removed. The paving has been rescheduled for the 19th of July. The Sanctuary doors will be refinished in the near future.

The call committee has had initial interviews with six candidates and a second interview with one of those.

Ross gave a report on Evangelism. The 4th of July parade was a huge success. It was enjoyed by all. They are now planning on the church picnic for October, Concord's Christmas parade and the 2022 July 4th of July parade. Barbara Linker reports that the Children's Ministry will have Vacation Bible School in August. This year's theme is "Concrete and Cranes" with the motto "Jesus! Our Strong Foundation!"

Kairos is still in limbo because of the pandemic.

Gathering guidelines were discussed and no changes were made at this time. The council also discussed the future of two services and no decisions have been made at this time.

November 14, 2021 will be the Congregational Meeting to change to the fiscal year.

The council will pray for every member and friend of Mt Hermon each month.

We closed with prayer. The next council meeting will be August 19, 2021. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Bonnie Walsh



A.T. ALLEN SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE...

The AT Allen School Supply Drive starts on Sunday, August 1st and runs through September 12th. Supplies will be delivered to the school on Monday, September 13th.

Due to students learning online last year, they do not need PENCILS or NOTEBOOK PAPER. (they are fully stocked)

Teachers have requested BLACK & WHITE MARBLED COMPOSITION BOOKS instead of notebook paper

Also: Crayola crayons (2 pack)

Crayola markers

Kleenex

plastic rectangular pencil boxes

Lysol wipes, hand sanitizer, paper towels

glue sticks

dry erase markers

book bags are welcomed (rolling book bags are not permitted at school)



Homebound: John & Brenda Thompson, Bob Chertok

In Special Facilities: Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living), Peggy Morgan (5 Oaks), Sylvia Faggart (Concord Place)

Continued Prayers for Dan Gleason, Lisa McKinnon and her family, Eileen Sousley, Virginia Motley (Harold Cook's sister), JJ Brava, Junior Barringer, Tom Kennedy, Michael Elmore, Julia Cox, Chad Hamilton's sister, Heather

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES/ANNOUNCEMENTS...

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Patti Stuver is looking for volunteers. Training will be provided. This is not a weekly commitment.

CRUCIFERS NEEDED: While we would like this to primarily be a youth activity; adults are welcome. The requirements are simple. See or call Tim Bolick if you have any questions. Can this be the place you need to serve?

LIVE STREAMING VOLUNTEERS: Are you tech savvy? Well, that does not matter. Our Live Streaming crew will be happy to train! Contact Ross Gosse for more detailed information.

Youth Assistant... Would you like to help with the youth of Mt. Hermon? If interested, please contact Zach Fox.

August READINGS

Aug 1 Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29;
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Aug 8 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;
John 6:35, 41-51

Aug 15 Isaiah 61:7-11; Psalm 34:1-9; Galatians 4:4-7;
Luke 1:46-55

Aug 22 Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22;
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Aug 29 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27;
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



CONCRETE AND CRANES "Jesus - Our Strong Foundation" VBS - Join us for 5 Sundays (9-10 am) in August for lots of good fellowship and fun with our friends while learning about the special love Jesus has for us all. Each Sunday will have a special story, story point, related snacks, games, and crafts. We are asking parents to make an effort to bring their children to be a part of this in person. Masks and social distancing will be used to keep us safe.

The VBS curriculum will continue into our 2021-2022 SS year. We will use other Bible stories that follow the Bible points used in VBS. More information will be forthcoming.

A special thanks to WELCA for sponsoring a drive to provide supplies for our Sunday School program. We appreciate all the items, gift cards, and money that were donated. We will use our resources wisely in providing appropriate SS materials for our children.

See everyone Sunday for VBS.
Barbara Linker and Nancy Jones

JULY 4TH PARADE IN HARRISBURG



"God's work, our hands!" Mt. Hermon was blessed to have Mark and Nancy Jones, Christy and Caleigh Beaver, Monica and Nathaniel Matthews along with Brett, Michael and Ross Gosse at the Harrisburg July 4th Parade. A great time was had by all as our parishioners handed out 6,000 pieces of candy!





WELCA's LADIES NIGHT OUT...



WELCA would like to say "Thank You" to all who contributed to our many projects. We could not do what we do without your support. In July we did a Sunday School Supplies Collection and Ladies Night Out. In August we have My Father's House Dinner on the 16th, waiting for number count and if food allergies, will keep you updated. September 12th is our next meeting at 5pm, location to be decided...Enjoy the rest of your summer...

God is Good...

laurie gleason

Contact Laurie for the new address she and Dan have!



CCM Donations for August

The Kannapolis Fire Department held "Stuff the Truck" last week and they donated 4300 lbs. of food to benefit Cooperative Christian Ministry Food Pantry.

Barry delivered our donations Tuesday morning and was told that they still need the following items.

PEANUT BUTTER

JARS OF JELLY/JAM

BAGS OF PET FOOD (always have a lot of donations for cat food but are always **low on bags of DOG food**)

As always, BABY WIPES and TOILET TISSUE are always needed.

The items listed below have been received by Cooperative Christian Ministry. Please note that the mentioned value is assigned by the donor. No goods or services have been exchanged for this donation.

Donation Food 76 lbs

Date 7-20-2021

Signed David Springer

CCM | COOPERATIVE
CRISIS to RESTORATION | CHRISTIAN
MINISTRY

P.O. Box 1717
Concord, NC 28026-1717
704.786.4709

~ Putting God's Love Into Action ~



August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Sally Hurley	08/01
Gary Breckner	08/02
Eden Digirolamo	08/05
James Fink	08/06
Greyson Barrier	08/08
Barry Mizelle	08/10
Jim Doorley	08/11
Remington Doorley Goode	8/12
JoAnn Foster	8/14
Emma Gosse	08/14
Talia Poehler	08/16
Audrey Rose Opel	08/18
Cadence Olszewski	08/20
Kelly Tanner	8/21
Neal Fudge	08/22
Paxton Poehler	08/22
Mary Kuffner Sirakowski	08/22
Jeffrey Dalton	08/23
Ann Bolick	08/29
Kristina Cook	08/29

Anniversaries

Tim & Becky Barrier
8/16

Ron & Nancy Wilcox
8/24

Greg & Jo-Ann Popham
8/25

Chris & Liz Detsch
8/27



AUGUST CROSSWORD PUZZLE

T	B	N	L	A	U	G	H	H	I	X	V	O	P
V	B	S	T	X	O	G	M	N	Q	U	A	X	C
N	N	U	Y	S	F	D	A	C	V	B	C	M	O
Y	H	G	P	V	N	M	J	D	G	F	A	S	Y
Y	U	E	J	R	M	M	D	E	C	V	T	W	R
H	L	G	H	N	A	U	G	U	S	T	I	C	A
P	S	D	C	G	V	Y	M	T	L	M	O	V	U
I	S	U	M	M	E	R	E	E	V	D	N	S	T
L	C	A	B	V	C	F	P	R	A	I	S	E	C
R	H	T	L	D	S	A	L	O	V	E	Z	O	N
K	O	J	H	M	G	T	T	N	E	W	S	S	A
K	O	M	N	H	G	P	R	O	V	E	R	B	S
F	L	I	V	E	T	B	N	M	M	J	U	G	F
E	F	V	G	S	A	A	G	Y	B	L	K	J	R

AUGUST	SUMMER	DEUTRONOMY	PROVERBS	PRAYER	SCHOOL	PSALM
SANCTUARY	GOSPEL	PRAISE	VACATIONS	LOVE	LAUGH	LIVE
VBS						

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS & COMMITTEES

Kitty Smith	President
Steve Sousley	Vice President
Mark Jones	Treasurer
Karyn Dalton	Secretary
Bonnie Walsh	
Elaine Vincent	
Greg Popham	
Jason Bumgarner	
Marie Grochoske	
Mike Faggart	
Rachael Kennedy	
Ross Gosse	

Evangelism Team

Ross Gosse

Finance Team

Mark Jones – Treasurer
Kitty Smith
Ann Bolick
Jo-Ann Popham
Eileen Sousley

Property Team

Danny Garmon
Keith Opel
Rachael Kennedy

Music 9:00 am service

JoAnn Foster - organist
Chris Beaver – piano
Brenda McCarn – piano & vocal
Diane Frank – vocals & liturgy
Valerie Frank – vocalist
Melissa Fox/Nancy Jones – PowerPoint
David Bowles - guitarist
Diane Olszewski – vocalist
Cadence Olszewski - vocalist

Daily Maintenance

Tim Bolick
Mike Faggart

Mission Team

Ron Smith

Social Ministry

Nanette Thompson

Visitation Team

Karyn Dalton

Children's Ministry

Barbara Linker
Nancy Jones

Anniversary Team

JoAnn Stowe

Fellowship Quilting

JoAnn Stowe

Hospitality Committee

Bonnie Walsh – 704-968-1087

WELCA

Laurie Gleason – 585-506-8075

Worship Service Coordinators...

Worship Assistants – Karyn Dalton
Altar Guild – Patti Stuver
Lay Readers – Ann Bolick
Communion Assistants – Patti Stuver
Crucifer – Tim Bolick
Acolyte – Cheryl Opel

Meeting Times...

Bible Study - Mondays @ 7 pm -- Zoom.com

Visiting Angels - First Thursday @ 2 pm – Coffee House

WELCA Meetings - First Thursday @ 10 am & 6:30 pm - Coffee House

Property/Safety Team Meeting - First Thursday of each month @ 6 pm

Social Committee - Second Tuesday @ 7 pm - Coffee House

Lutheran Men in Mission - Second Tuesday @ 6 pm - Parkway House (not currently meeting)

Fellowship Quilters - Fourth Tuesday @ 10 am- Coffee House

Congregation Council Meetings - Third Thursday @ 7 pm – Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Sunday School - 9 am in Coffee House

Children's Sunday School - 9 am in Children's Building

Youth Sunday School – 9 am in Pastor's Office

Congregation Council Leaders

Kitty Smith —President

Steve Sousley —Vice President

Karyn Dalton—Secretary

Mark Jones—Treasurer

Before You Go...

Remember...

*“With
GOD
All Things
Are
Possible!”*



Pastor Michael brought glow sticks in for the Children's Sermon this past Sunday because it glows in the dark and gives light. As Christians, we are called to be a light for people to see Jesus and God by the things we say and do. Pastor Michael then broke the glow sticks with the children to light them. This was to show that we are the light of the world and that God loves us. Our Heavenly Father wants us to be there for others by being the light of Christ. Amen