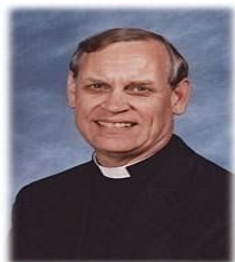


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December 2020



A message from Pastor Michael...

Question: Why Advent? The stores and other public places are playing Christmas carols; Christmas decorations are everywhere; neighbors seem to be frantically outdoing one another with lights and fancy lawn decorations; so why spend is the church taking its time getting into the spirit of Christmas?

These are some good questions that you may or may not have thought about, and they deserve an answer. By its very nature, Advent invites us to slow down from the busyness of the season. This slowing down gives us the opportunity to explore the things that we value most in our lives, as well as where God fits into our priorities.

The most important message we can receive during this Advent season is that God is about to come, not as an angry judge but as a human among us. This is good news upon which to linger and for which we patiently prepare. Allowing the time to pause here in Advent will reap the rewards of patient, thoughtful, prayerful preparation for God's coming among us.

Because of the ongoing Covid 19 crisis, our Advent/Christmas celebrations will not resemble those of past years. We will still worship at 10:00 AM each Sunday, both in the sanctuary and via live streaming. Those of you who wish to attend in person are welcome. We will continue to observe social distancing, wearing masks, and temperature checks. Our live streaming has been a little sporadic as we are getting used to a new video camera and equipment, so please be patient with us as we smooth things out.

We will not be doing midweek worship the same way this year as in the past. We are still determining the best delivery platform (live stream or Zoom), so midweek worship will begin on Wednesday, December 9, and will continue on December 16 and 23. We will give you the details for joining us for these services in an email message prior to December 9.

As I have said to you before, please do not hesitate to call upon me in the event of illness or other needs for pastoral care. I continue to pray for each of you as we navigate these uncertain times. The Lord be with you.

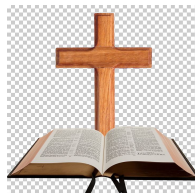
Yours in Christ,

Pastor Michael



Worship Services:

Worship Update: We will continue with one service at 10:00 AM, which will also be live streamed on Facebook for the benefit of those who are unable to attend in person. Social distancing of at least six feet will be enforced. Temperatures are taken and masks are required.



Bible Study

Our Monday night **Bible Study** group meets each week at 6:00 pm on Zoom. Please contact the office for Zoom sign in information.

VETERAN'S FLAGS - Thank you to everyone who helped place new flags on veteran's graves in our cemetery. There are 35 veterans of various services and wars buried in our cemetery.



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING on the first Saturday in December, **December 5, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.** at Sam's Club in Kannapolis was a success! Thanks to our volunteers who came out: Mark and Nancy Jones, Laurie Gleason and Danielle Labrinki, Tim and Ann Bolick, Joyce Cook and Mary Fudge, Jo Ann and Brian Foster, Shelley Cooke and Darlene Gayan, Monica Rager and Nathaniel, Stan Carpenter (with the Salvation Army), Ross, Brett and Michael Gosse. God's work, our hands!

FELLOWSHIP QUILTERS

The Fellowship Quilters meet the 4th Tuesday of each month. On November 17th Pastor Michael blessed 58 beautiful quilts. They were taken to hospice where the need is great!





Virtual Christmas Program

We are planning to have a "virtual" Christmas Program with our children this year. If you would like your child or grandchild to participate in this, please contact Nancy Jones or Barbara Linker by December 1. This will be fully virtual (no gatherings for practice, production, etc.).

Contact Nancy Jones or Barbara Linker.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to grow with your child in God's word.
Blessings and Thanksgiving!
(Nancy and Barbara)

WELCA

WELCA would like to say THANK-YOU for all who contributed to VETERANS' FOOD DRIVE last Saturday (Nov 7th). We had a very successful turnout. THANK-YOU...

Our December 6th Quarterly meeting has been cancelled due to Covid restrictions. We will have our regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, December 3rd @ 10:00 am and 6:30 pm**. Please bring an ornament for an exchange and finger food. We will have a regular meeting then some fun. Remember, we are keeping the same Prayer Partners for 2021 so keep secret until next year. We invite you to a meeting...we have a great time through our fellowship and devotion.



Homebound: Louise Isenhour, Marilyn Sullivan **In Special Facilities:** Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living), Peggy Morgan (5 Oaks Manor)

Continued Prayers for: Dick Tolbert, Joann Foster, Dan Gleason, Jo-Ann Popham, Nancy Wilcox, Mitch Simpson, Kelly Tanner, Barbara Linker, Jan Almendinger (loss of her sister), Pastor Michael, Neal Fudge, Josh Crooks, Jeff Lorenz



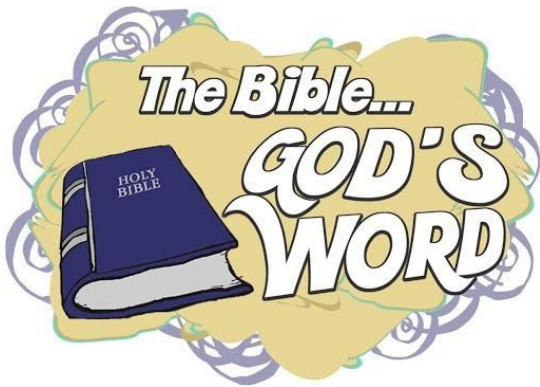
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Robert Barnhardt Jr	12/7
Kaelyn Honeycutt	12/7
Beth Coleman	12/8
Amanda Holder	12/8
Shari Smith	12/8
Pat Rietfort	12/9
Sawyer Poehler	12/9
Chris Beaver	12/11
Rod Stuver	12/12
Leah Cook	12/15
Jacob Foster	12/16
Beth Deal	12/19
Heather Hughes	12/19
Jennifer Barrier	12/20
Sandy Julian	12/20
Cody Smith	12/23
Kevin Drumm	12/24
Rick Chase	12/25
Olivia Tanner	12/28
Sylvia Faggart	12/30

Kevin & Kristina Cook
12/13

Mike & Sara Fink
12/20





December Scripture READINGS

Dec 6th Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8
Dec 13th Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28
Dec 20/2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55/Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26;
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
Dec 24 Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14(15-20)
Dec 25 Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2(1-7) 8-20

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINES

Sunday Bulletins --Thursday
January Newsletter...December 29



Mt. Hermon Standing Committees

Evangelism Team

Ross Gosse

Finance Team

Mark Jones – Treasurer
Kitty Smith

Property Team

Danny Garmon – Chair
Keith Opel

Daily Maintenance

Tim Bolick
Mike Faggart

Music 9:00 am service

JoAnn Foster – organ
Chris Beaver – piano & organ
Brenda McCarn – piano & vocal
Diane Frank – vocals & liturgy
Valerie Frank – vocalist
Melissa Fox/Nancy Jones – PowerPoint

10:25 Alive & Well Band

David Bowles

10:25 Alive Team

Becky Barrier
Bonnie Walsh –Power Point

Mission Team

Ron Smith

Social Ministry

Nanette Thompson

Visitation Team

Karyn Dalton

Children's Ministry

Barbara Linker

Anniversary Team

JoAnn Stowe – 704-701-2463

Fellowship Quilting

JoAnn Stowe

Hospitality Committee

Bonnie Walsh

ELCA

Laurie Gleason

Worship Service Coordinators...

Worship Assistants – Karyn Dalton

Altar Guild – JoAnn Stowe

Lay Readers – Ann Bolick

Communion Assistants – Patti Stuver

Crucifer – Tim Bolick

Acolyte – Cheryl Opel

Ushers – Jeff Lorenz

Tellers – Mark Jones



MINISTRY LEADERS AT MT. HERMON		
Education (K-5)	Barbara Linker	
Evangelism	Ross Gosse	
Worship	Diane Frank	
Property	Danny Garmon	
Faith Community Nurse	Open	
Finance	Mark Jones (Treasurer)	
Women of ELCA	Laurie Gleason	
	Patti Stuver	
Men in Mission	Danny Garmon	
	Tim Bolick	
Senior Fellowship Dinner Group	Open	
Social Ministry	Nanette Thompson	
Fellowship Quilters	JoAnn Stowe	
Visitation Team Committee	Karyn Dalton	

Congregation Council Leaders

Greg Popham—President
Keith Opel—Vice President
Rachael Kennedy—Secretary Mark
Jones—Treasurer

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JESUS	SNOW	ORNAMENTS	MANGER	PRAYERS	GIFTS
JOSEPH	MARY	CHRISTMAS	PIE	FIEST	SLEIGH
NATIVITY	LORD	GOSPEL	MERRY		



May it be an outstanding year!!

God Bless you all!

Thank you all for a wonderful year!
Linda