



## Mount Hermon Baptist Church

Enewsletter – December 5, 2013

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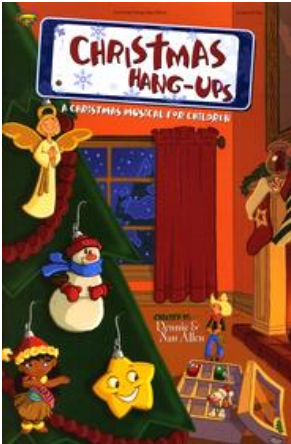
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### Children's Presentation

This Sunday, 11:00 am

*Christmas Hang-Ups* is a humorous, engaging story with delightful songs and a salvation message reminding us what Jesus' coming is all about and that Christmas is truly a time to celebrate!



### *Christmas Dinner* - This Sunday, Dec 8, 6:00 pm at church

A happy MHBC event where we share a great big dinner, then enjoy a fun little program to start off the Christmas season. **Turkey, ham, creamed potatoes, and beverages** will be provided. **Please bring covered-dishes of vegetables, salads and desserts.** We eat at 6:00! Invite family, friends, and neighbors to this warm, casual evening of food and fun.



### Christmas 2013

Saturday, Dec 7 – Children's program rehearsal 10:00 am

Sunday, Dec 8 – Children present, *Christmas Hang-Ups*, 11:00 am

**Christmas Dinner** – 6:00 pm  
 Saturday, Dec 14 – **Snow/Spraker Open House**, 3:00 pm till  
 Sunday, Dec 15 – **Adult Choir, *A Family Christmas***, 11:00 am  
**Gingerbread Houses**, 2:00 pm  
**Youth Dinner**, 5:00 pm  
 Sunday, Dec 22 – **Caroling**, 5:00 pm  
 Tuesday, Dec 24 – **Children’s Christmas Eve Service**, 4:00 pm  
**Christmas Eve Service**, 7:30 pm



*From Kitty Snow...*



**Two house events add to my Christmas joy...**

**Open House** on **Dec 14** starts at 3:00 PM, which is good if you don't drive at night or have evening plans. It continues until the last person leaves, as late as 11 PM some years, so come as your schedule permits to 3010 Mount Hermon Road, first house on the left coming from Genito Road. It's casual and there is lots of food. Extra parking in the back yard and someone will assist the elderly or parking-challenged. Kids love my tacky Christmas decorations, inside and out, so bring the whole gang.

**Gingerbread Houses:** at church **Sunday, Dec15** - 2:00 PM. We've been making them since 1984, and this fun event has no age limit. I'm delighted to have our "experienced builders" (teens and college kids) come, too, as they're great "supervisors". Donations of \$5 per house for materials are appreciated. Parents with young children are asked to stay, but the houses are assembled already and I've made it simple so even little ones can do them. – *Kitty*



in memory or in honor of loved ones by... **emailing** information to [ellisonmhbc@aol.com](mailto:ellisonmhbc@aol.com), or **calling** the church office (794-2049), or **using forms** available at church or in Sunday bulletins. – Cost is only **\$7.50 per plant**, and you may place as many orders as you wish by this Sunday, Dec 8. Please indicate...

\_\_\_ **Number** of poinsettias \_\_\_ **Name(s)** of donor(s)  
 \_\_\_ **Name(s)** of person(s) being remembered/honored



**Sunday, Dec 15** from 5:00 to 7:30 pm  
 at Emilee and Tyler Kowalewski's house: 1003 Amber Meadows Court, Midlothian

**A fun and wacky Christmas party** where we have dinner, exchange “White Elephant” gifts (\$15 or under) and have a **Tacky Christmas Sweater Contest**. – Be there!

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**Wednesday – Dec 11**

No dinner or other activities at church,  
except **Adult Choir rehearsal, 7:00 pm**  
(Next Wednesday dinner will be January 8)

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**Food for Thought...**

Do give books - religious or otherwise - for Christmas.  
They're never fattening, seldom sinful, and permanently personal.  
- Lenore Hershey

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**Prayers appreciated for...**

- **Kristin Summers**, St. Francis Medical Center, 214
- **Debi Hansen**, health concerns

**Congratulations to Michael & Kristin Summers** in the birth of a son, **Charles Holden**, yesterday; and to big sister, Joy, and proud great-grandparents, Burley & Nancy Spivey



**Congratulations to Erin Kunkel & Jeff Kmetz** who were married Nov 30. Erin is the daughter of Doug & Belinda Kunkel and granddaughter of Ilene Rutherford.

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**Happy Birthday! December**

8 Phillip Ranallo	10 Kelly Agren
10 Brad Eungard	14 Debbie Heath
10 Heather Dix	

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**Sunday – Dec 1**

Contributions – \$ 3,028.00	Worship – 86	Adult classes – 37
Avg. weekly need – 3,881.00	Nursery – 10	Children – 18
Building Fund – 200.00	Youth – 11	
Budget needs to date – \$186,288.00		
Contributions to date – 177,913.00		

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**This Sunday**

**9:30 am** – Coffee fellowship  
**9:45 am** – Adult Bible classes  
**11:00 am** – Worship – everyone in worship center

(No nursery or Children's Church)  
**6:00 pm** – Christmas Dinner

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You are cordially invited to a...

## **Holiday House Tour**

To benefit **Richmond Friends of the Homeless**

**Saturday Dec 14**

**Sunday Dec 15**

**5pm – 8pm**

The Hansens, 4600 Jaydee Drive, Moseley, VA 23120  
(in Summerlake)

- Entrance admission by donation
  - Proceeds provide nourishing meals and services for men, women, and children in need in our community throughout 2014
  - Checks may be made payable to: *Richmond Friends of the Homeless*
- For more information, contact Shawnee Hansen: 608-0971
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**December 1, 2013** - 11:00 am

**Second Sunday of Advent**

*The Advent Candle of Joy*

Scripture & Prayer

Ron Hatcher

Psalm 9:7-10

\* Song of Praise 103 Away in a Manger

\* Greeting Time

Welcome & Church Highlights

The Bible Says... Matthew 2:1-6, 19:13-15

Prayer

\* Offering Song 107 Oh, Come, Little Children

\* Offering Statement & Prayer Ron Hatcher

Offertory Music

### ***Christmas Hang-Ups***

\* Parting Song 101 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

\* Parting Prayer