



## Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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**No Dinner or activities at church tonight**

*Happy Thanksgiving to you tomorrow!*



### Christmas events schedule 2013

- Sunday, Dec 8 – Children present, *Christmas Hang-up's*, 11:00 am  
**Christmas Dinner** – 6:00 pm
- Saturday, Dec 14 – **Snow/Spraker Open House**, 3:00 pm till
- Sunday, Dec 15 – **Adult Choir presents, A Family Christmas**, 11:00 am  
**Gingerbread Houses**, 2:00 pm  
**Youth Progressive 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

### *Christmas Hang Up's* – Children's Practice Schedule

- Sunday, Dec 1** - 11:00 am, everyone during children's worship  
and after church using stage area
- Wednesday, Dec 4** - 6:30 to 7:30 pm, everyone on the stage
- Saturday, Dec 7** - 10:00 am, Dress rehearsal, lunch and mission project
- Sunday, Dec 8** - 11:00 am, **Program presented**, children arrive by 10:15



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 Dec 8. Please indicate...

\_\_ **Number** of poinsettias \_\_ **Name(s)** of donor(s)

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

## ***Holiday Dinner – Sunday, Dec 8, 6:00 pm***



A happy MHBC tradition... we gather at church for a huge **dinner**, then enjoy a light, fun **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! Start inviting family, friends, and neighbors to this warm, casual evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

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## **Youth Christmas Party!**

**Youth**, join us at Emilee and Tyler Kowalewski's house on Sunday, **Dec 15** from 5:00 to 7:30 pm for our **fun and wacky Christmas party!** – We will have dinner, exchange “White Elephant” gifts (\$15 or under) and, a new addition to our fun, a “Tacky Christmas Sweater Contest.” – Emilee & Tyler's address: 1003 Amber Meadows Court, Midlothian

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## **Wednesday – Dec 4**

**5:45 pm - Dinner: Chicken Divan with rice, salad and rolls** and desserts you bring

**6:30 pm** - Children's Christmas practice – everyone on stage

**6:45 pm** - Adult Handbells

Prayer Time & *The Letters of John*

**7:30 pm** - Choir rehearsal

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## ***Food for Thought...***

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more.

If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.

Oprah Winfrey

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## **Prayers appreciated for...**

- **Derek Pratt**, outpatient shoulder surgery today
- **Kristin Summers**, St. Francis Medical Center, 214

***Congratulations to Jonathan & Sarah Lindberg*** in the birth of a daughter, **Scotland Price**, on Nov 22, and to proud grandparents, Steve & Wendy Lindberg

**Joan Hudson** wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and food during her recovery time. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

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*Happy Birthday!* December

1 Rick Corbitt  
4 Debbie Ellison  
7 Matthew Nichol

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**Sunday** – Nov 24

Contributions – \$ 4,102.00    Worship – 77    Adult classes – 34  
Avg. weekly need – 3,881.00    Nursery – 7    Children – 14    Youth – 10  
Budget needs to date – \$182,407.00  
Contributions to date – 174,884.00

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**This Sunday**

**9:30 am** – Coffee fellowship  
**9:45 am** – Adult Bible classes  
**11:00 am** – Worship  
                  Children's Church  
**5:00 pm** – Deacons meet  
**6:00 pm** – Youth Gathering – *Echo Your Story*

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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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## From the Pastor

No profound insights to offer today.  
Just *heartfelt thankfulness* for you, my church family.  
I hope you enjoy a rewarding and pleasant Thanksgiving Day!

In gratitude to God and to you,

*Lee*

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**December 1, 2013** - 11:00 am  
**First Sunday of Advent**

*Advent: A Time of Preparation*

*Carol of the Bells*

Handbells

Scripture & Prayer

Ron Hatcher

Psalm 135:1-3,13

\* Song of Praise 79

Blessed Be the God of Israel

\* *A Great Light To See...*

from Isaiah 9

\* Greeting Time

Welcome & Church Highlights

The Bible Says... Romans 13:11-14

*The Advent Candle of Hope*

\* Offering Song 77

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

\* Offering Statement & Prayer

Ron Hatcher

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Handbells

Focal Verse

Romans 13:11

**Hey, Wake Up!**

Lee Ellison

The Lord's Supper

The Bread: the body of Christ in the flesh

The Cup: God's covenant agreement today

\* Commitment Song 76

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

\* Parting Chorus

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*