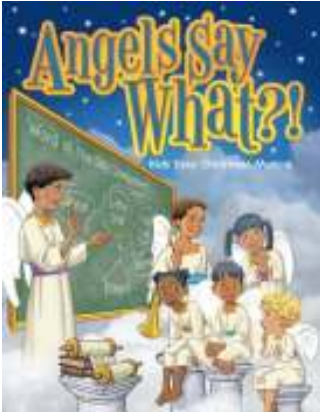


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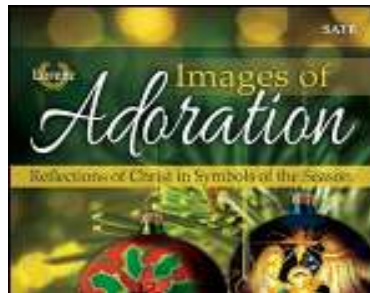
Enewsletter – December 6, 2018



A Children's Christmas Musical

This Sunday, Dec 9, 10:30 am

Follow the angels as they deliver the good news to Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. Listen as they reflect on what it means to be part of the greatest story ever told!



Sunday, Dec 16, 10:30 am

Our choir presents... *Images of Adoration*

Coming up...

Dec. 9, Children's Christmas program, 10:30 am

Dec. 10, Lunch Out, 12 noon at *The Flying Pig*

Dec. 16, Adult Choir Christmas presentation, 10:30 am

Youth Christmas Party, 4:30 pm

Dec 20, Youth Trip to Christmas Town, 12 noon

Dec, 23, Caroling, 5:00 pm

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 pm

Dec. 30, Worship, 10:30 am in the Chapel

No Youth Gathering this Sunday, Dec 9

Youth Christmas Party, Dec 16, 4:30 pm. Bring an appetizer to share and a White Elephant Gift for the gift exchange (\$15 or less).

Dec 20- Youth trip to Christmas Town @ Busch Gardens. Leaving Mount Hermon at 12:00 noon, leaving the park at 9:00 pm. A fun-filled afternoon and evening at Christmas Town; we will see the show "Gloria", enjoy the rides, light shows and visit the shops. -- The admission ticket is free to Mount Hermon youth; to take advantage of this offer you must confirm with Susan by Dec 9 to attend: prather1957@gmail.com or 804-937-2392. -- Advance tickets are \$35.00 and \$54.00 at the door.

In Children's Worship, our children have been learning about giving their very best to God. They did a special giving project for three weeks and collected \$71.35 to give to **Back Packs of Love**, an organization providing food for children in our community who normally would not have enough to eat over the weekend.

(www.backpacksoflove.org) We are very proud of our children and their generosity towards this project!



2019 Offering Envelope Packets

are now available in the commons. Please use the offering envelopes as this is helpful to the Counting Team and is more efficient when keeping a record of giving. If you don't find a packet with your name, please contact Linda Meyerhoeffer. Mount Hermon is blessed with a church family that's loving, caring, generous, kind, and always willing to support financial efforts to further our Bible study, worship, mission projects while expressing our desire for a closer and more personal relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Thank you for your generous support.

Linda Meyerhoeffer, Financial Secretary



Christmas Open House

Everyone is invited to the **Snow/Spraker Open House**

this Saturday, December 8 – 3010 Mount Hermon Road

2:00 pm until the last person leaves. Come casual, bring friends, eat, visit.

If you have **Gingerbread Houses** at church from last Saturday, remember to take them home at your earliest convenience. We thank Kitty Snow for this fun holiday event!



If snow or icy weather impose a change to our schedule of church activities, **we will send an email** and ask you to phone members who do not have email.

We'll also post on Facebook.



Remember, we are collecting **Box Tops for Education** to help local elementary schools and **aluminum can tabs** to help Savannah Wright's sorority support Ronald McDonald Houses. These can be placed at the table in front of the offices.

Deacons Meet immediately after worship this Sunday, Dec 9

As someone who has been wrong often, I can tell you one thing for sure: hindsight reminds you of your follies every day. -- Om Malik

Prayers appreciated for...

Jim Bernard, came home yesterday
Debi Hansen, home recovering from surgery

Happy Birthday! **December**

10 Brad Eungard	10 Charlotte Lindberg
10 Heather Dix	14 Debbie Heath
10 Kelly Agren	15 David Goode
	15 Waverly Winn

Sunday – December 2, 2018

9:30 groups – 34 Worship – 98

Children – 13 Nursery – 6

Contributions – \$4,912.00

Avg. weekly need – 4,172.00

Budget needs to date: \$200,256.00

Contributions to date: 193,831.00

Gifts to the Youth Ministry in memory of Steve Van Cleef from: Pat & Delores Bentley, Wayne & Rachel Boothe, Joan Hudson, Steve & Dawn Jones, Mary Ann Mann, Brian & Susan Prather

Special Gift from the Golden Circle Class in honor of Ron Hatcher

To contribute online go to... www.mt-hermon.org

and click the ONLINE GIVING bar



From the Pastor

The Book

The key thing about a book is that you lose yourself in the author's world. -- Jeff Bezos

Who wrote the Bible? Many authors over the course of many centuries, yes, but the real author is GOD. From the creation stories of Genesis to the stirring visions of Revelation, God share HIS-story and His will for the world and our individual lives.

Why would we neglect such an important book? God intends for us to lose ourselves in His world. To ignore God's blueprint for humanity leads to an evil distortion and causes untold amounts of suffering and pain.

Yes, the Bible is not always easy to understand. Some parts are clear to us, while other parts leave us scratching our heads. That's why knowing the background stories is helpful. We can't jerk verses out of context to build our personal petty theology. We cannot read into the Bible and make it what we wish; we need to let the Bible read us and make us what God wishes.

So, don't take your Bible for granted. Don't miss the drama, passion, honesty, and wisdom of God's Word. – Read it, know it, live it. Just a little each day is a boost to the mind and heart. Reflecting on its meaning with others allows us to discover new truths. Lip-service to the Bible is nothing, so let's open our eyes to the pages and our hearts to the message.

God's best to you,

Lee



December 2, 2018 – 10:30 am
Second Sunday of Advent

Call to Worship *Angels We Have Heard on High*

The Advent Candle of Peace

Advent Invitation: Gina Thompson

Reading & Lighting: The Garrett family

Scripture & Prayer

Ed O'Neill

* Praise Songs 82 Emmanuel

O Come, All Ye Faithful, chorus

Let's Worship and Adore Him

94 Angels From the Realms of Glory, vv.1,4

100 Angels We Have Heard on High, vv.1,4

- * Greeting Each Other
 - Church Highlights
 - God's Word Luke 2:8-14
 - Prayer
 - * Offering Songs 85 The First Noel, v.1
 - 107 O Come, Little Children, vv.1,3
 - 115 Worship the Lord, v.1
 - * Offering Statement & Prayer Ed O'Neill
 - Offertory *Christmastime*
 - Angels Say What?**
 - * Hymn 103 Away in a Manger, vv.1,3
 - * Prayer
 - Postlude *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*
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No Children's Church or Nursery this Sunday