



## Mount Hermon Baptist Church

*Enewsletter* – January 31, 2019

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### Sunday, Feb 3

After worship this Sunday, youth will be at the worship center doors to receive contributions for the **Souper Bowl of Caring**, a special effort in churches across the nation to help feed people in need. Our collection goes to **Richmond Friends of the Homeless** for their continuing feeding program in three locations in Richmond. (Make checks payable to the church) – Come to worship this Sunday morning to hear about this great ministry!

#### **In 2018 Richmond Friends of the Homeless provided:**

- Over 174,000 meals to those who were hungry
  - Food for the pantries of 40 families who moved into permanent housing
  - 413 food baskets sent home to children with inadequate food
  - 377 backpacks with school supplies for children in need
  - Took 55 children back-to-school shoe shopping
  - Taught 30 middle school students basic cooking skills for healthy eating
  - 82 birthday cakes for children who otherwise would have been forgotten
  - Kept 7 families (representing 31 children) from becoming homeless
  - Served a Christmas Day Feast for 152 souls who have no one in this world and nowhere to go
  - Distributed hundreds of blankets, warm winter coats, shoes and clothing
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#### **Miss Anne's Music & Movement**



**for preschoolers** This Saturday, Feb 2

9:30 am or 10:30 am at church

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**Forever Young Friends** will meet at church **Monday, Feb. 11 at Noon**. This is a free soup lunch with Bingo and prizes and is for everyone. Add the date to your calendar so you don't miss this time of fun and fellowship.

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**Find your place in a Bible group, Sundays - 9:30 am!**



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**This Sunday at church**



**9:15 am – Coffee fellowship**  
**9:30 am – Adult Bible groups**  
**10:30 am – Worship and Children’s Church**  
**(No Youth Gathering this Sunday)**

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**Box Tops for Education** help local elementary schools and **aluminum can tabs** help support Ronald McDonald Houses. These items can be placed at the table in front of the offices.

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**Prayers appreciated for...**

**Brooks Whitehurst**, Anita Southard’s father, in New Bern, NC  
**Ray Condrey**, friend of Vickie Robben, in Duke Medical Center  
**William Keim’s sister, Caroline**, recovering from neck surgery  
**Tony LaRocco**, Jason LaRocco’s father, recovering from heart surgery in Florida  
**Rhonda Carter**, Janet Mustian’s sister, very ill with cancer in Florida

**Visitation for Phyllis Woody**, Jim Woody’s mother, today at Bliley’s Chippenham Chapel, 2:00-4:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm. Graveside service: tomorrow, 11:00 am at Maury Cemetery.

**Graveside Service for Frances Manley**: Saturday, Feb. 9, 2:00 pm at the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the music ministry of MHBC.



**Congratulations to Derek & Stephanie Pratt** in the birth of a son, Ryker Lee, on Jan. 25, and to proud grandparents, Rick & Tina Pratt; great-grandmother, Jane Snellings; and great-great grandmother, Marguerite Bendall

Thank you so much for the prayers for Ray Condrey. He is in Duke and has had the last of three surgeries to repair his broken back, broken ankles and feet, and his neck. He is doing well and is still in critical but stable condition. Prayer works wonders as he is expected to make a full recovery. Ray and his wife Phyllis have asked me to thank you so very much for your prayers and your continued prayers. – **Vickie Robben**

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***Happy Birthday!* February**

4 Bill Hall, Jr.	7 Embrey Catlett
4 Rick Witt	9 Monnie Kesler
7 Sarah Perrot	9 Brandon Garrett

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**Sunday – January 27, 2019**

9:30 groups – 30    Worship – 108

Children – 9    Nursery – 4

Contributions – \$6,038.50

Avg. weekly need – 4,504.00

Average need to date: \$18,016.00

Contributions to date: 23,685.00

**Special Gifts** in memory of Hugh Woodle from:

Wayne & Rachel Boothe, Charles Andolino

**To contribute online go to...** [www.mt-hermon.org](http://www.mt-hermon.org)

and click the ONLINE GIVING bar

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**I think everyone has the potential to be creative, but they have to find the avenue or avenues that work for them. -- Julian Lennon**

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**From the Pastor...** *Avoiding or Engaging?*

**You cannot find peace by avoiding life. -- Virginia Woolf**

Have you ever been tempted to just get away from it all? You know, live somewhere far away from anyone and everyone, completely disconnected from problems and worries? That's what hermits and recluses do; they avoid life. While that seems attractive, the downsides are numerous. One misses out on a multitude of blessings.

Jesus doesn't call his followers to avoid life but to live it to the fullest. We know that Jesus took vacations. You should, too. There are many times in the gospels where Jesus took off and got away from everybody to pray and rest. You should, too. He was one busy man; everyone wanted his time, attention, and energy. And he gave them as much as he could, not avoiding life's hassles.

Modern life makes it easy for us to escape life by cocooning in our comfortable homes and living detached lives from neighbors and community. Passive inaction is not peace. Working to help others... as messy as that can be... leads to a fulfilling peace of mind and heart.

At the Judgement seat of Christ, he won't be impressed or pleased when all we can tell him is: "Well, I didn't hurt anybody." What he wants to see is how we engaged life by helping those who need help. And there are many ways to do that, aren't there?

God's best to you today,

*Lee*

