



Mount Hermon Baptist Church
Newsletter – November 21, 2019



December Events

- Dec. 1, First Sunday of Advent**
Children Practice, 11:30 am
- Dec. 7, Gingerbread Houses, 9:00 am**
Children Rehearsal, 10:00 am, then Lunch
- Dec. 8, Children's Christmas program, 10:30 am**
Christmas Dinner, 6:00 pm
- Dec. 15, Adult Choir Christmas presentation, 10:30 am**
Youth Christmas Party at Bares' house, 21429 Genito Road, 4:30 pm
- Dec, 22, Caroling, 5:00 pm**
- Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 pm**
- Dec. 29, Worship, 10:30 am in the Chapel**



Thank you for all the **Thanksgiving Food Bags, gift cards, and donations to the Christmas Store and to the youth and helpers** who went shopping on Sunday to prepare these mission gifts! You have greatly helped and blessed many families in our area this holiday season with 32 Thanksgiving bags, 42 gift cards, and Christmas Store gifts for 18 children! And we donated a total of 49 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child.

Gingerbread Houses

Saturday, Dec 7, 9:00 am, at church



Children (and folks of any age) can have fun building gingerbread houses for the holidays! A small donation of \$5.00 pays for supplies. Contact Kitty Snow for info, 794-2603 or kittysnow@comcast.net.



Marguerite Bendall turned 100 this week!

Please come celebrate with her family this **Saturday, Nov.23** anytime between **2:00 pm and 5:00 pm at church**. **Everyone is invited to bring one flower** for Marguerite as a surprise collection of something special for her. (Cards can be mailed to 2350 Westwood Pine Drive, Moseley, VA 23120)

Youth Gathering – Sunday, 4:30 pm

No Bible Study next week -- Wednesday, Nov. 27



Big thanks to all who mowed grass at church this summer!

Your work is appreciated!

Billy Bare, Wayne Boothe, Donnie Chilton, Lee Ellison, Ron Hatcher, Larry Hollister, Bill Green, Bob Lanier, Ken Paul, and Lee Thompson



We are still 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.

Happy Birthday! *November*

25 Harper Godsey	26 Karla Rowland
25 Lyric Ittner	28 Charles Maine
25 Kitty Snow	29 Scarlett Szczesniak
25 Rocson LaRocco	

True generosity is an offering; given freely and out of pure love. No strings attached. No expectations. Time and love are the most valuable possession you can share. -- Suze Orman

Prayers appreciated for...

Brian Prather, recovering from diverticulitis

Ann Crumley, the Ellisons' former neighbor, in hospice care at home

Sympathies to the family of Dave Sanders, who passed away Nov. 17. Dave was the head of the Chesterfield Camp of Gideons International and has spoken at our church several times.

Sunday – November 17, 2019

9:30 Groups – 30 Worship – 85
Children – 15 Nursery – 5 Youth – 15
Contributions – \$3,509.00
Avg. weekly need – 4,364.00
Average needs to date: \$200,744.00
Contributions to date: 177,073.00

To contribute online go to... www.mt-hermon.org
and click the ONLINE GIVING bar

Thank you

From the Pastor...  *The Essence of Giving Thanks*

Pride slays thanksgiving, but a humble mind is the soil out of which thanks naturally grow. A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves.
-- Henry Ward Beecher

How often do you say *thanks*? We receive things during the course of any given day: some help, a compliment, a word of insight, a reminder, a gift, or a host of other kindnesses. People don't have to give us any of these things, but they do. And a simple recognition of thoughtful consideration is expressed in the word *thanks*.

Do you know someone who never seems to say *thanks*? As Beecher says, a proud person is usually not a grateful person. He/she exudes an attitude of arrogance, as if he/she deserves whatever has been given. – On the other hand, a humble person, who has no inflated sense of self, puts himself in the mind of others and recognizes whatever consideration has been given. “She didn't have to do that, but she did, and I need to acknowledge it.”

The Thanksgiving holiday is not loaded with consumerism the way modern Christmas observances are. Its simplicity is appealing... we simply get together with family, friends, or loved ones and EAT. We connect... catch up... care. There is a lot of talking, listening, reflecting, remembering, and appreciating.

And whatever blessings we recall at Thanksgiving are all from God, the One who made us and provided for us in the past, the One who is provider of all we have and are today. Proud people may be grateful for what THEY have provided, but they simply fool themselves. Humble people know where are blessings REALLY come from... a loving, caring God.

Don't miss this Sunday's service of Thanksgiving,

Lee



November 24, 2019 – 10:30 am

A Service of Thanksgiving

We Give Thanks!

Call to Worship *You Say* Lucy Hansen

Scripture & Prayer 1 Chronicles 16:8-12 Brandon Garrett

* Praise Song 637 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

* *Give Thanks to the Lord!* Psalm 7:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:18

* Song 636 We Gather Together, vv.1-2

Greeting Each Other

Church Highlights

God's Word Luke 17:11-19

Thankfulness Defined

* Offering Song 638 Now Thank We All Our God

* Offering Statement & Prayer Brandon Garrett

Rescue Monnie Kesler

Did You Write a Thank-you Note? Lee Ellison

* Commitment Song 640 Let All Things Now Living

* Parting Blessing

* Parting Inspiration *O Come to the Altar* Praise Team

The children practice each Sunday during Children's worship for a Christmas program for the December 8 service