



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

Enewsletter – March 19, 2020

<http://www.mt-hermon.org/>

Happy First Day of Spring!

Given the latest developments and guidelines issued by various government agencies, we will **not have activities at church this Sunday, March 22.** – It seems best to stay ahead of the spread of the present virus and the way it works through a population. We will assess the situation early next week and announce what steps we will take from there.

In the meantime, let's call each other, email, text, and keep in touch in caring ways. -- If you feel it best not to leave the house and you have an errand that needs to be run for food or medicine, there are folks who would be happy to do that for you. Just let us know.

To mail your contribution to the church or convey it some other way will be very helpful.

Take care of yourself and help others, as the Lord wants us to do.



Mount Hermon Mission Offering 2020

The MHMO will be received over the course of 8 weeks beginning whenever we can meet again for Sunday worship.



If you would be willing to produce the newsletters and bulletins during the transition period beginning May 31, please contact the church office. You will receive training for a process anyone familiar with Word and Publisher documents can do.

Men's Weekend... April 17-19: at a state park on Kerr Lake, Cost is \$54, with food costs added when known later. – Contact Lee Thompson to sign up.

The US Census 2020 is underway. You will receive a notice in the mail with instructions on how to respond to the census online. It's easy. I did it this morning and I hope everyone will participate because it is an important to the allocation of resources to our state and locality. – Lee

Prayers appreciated for...

Kevin Barden, friend of Joan Hudson, in ICU with double pneumonia
Stanley Ocon, Nancy Spivey's brother-in-law, in hospital in

Merritt Island, FL, with bad cellulitis in his foot
Sympathies to Phillip Ranallo & family on the death of his grandmother, Lucy Ranallo of NY

Happy Birthday! March

23 Sandra Payne 26 Dana Heath
23 Bruce Boyajian 26 Susan Prather

**You write your life story by the choices you make.
You never know if they have been a mistake.
Those moments of decision are so difficult. -- Helen Mirren**

Sunday – March 15, 2020
9:30 Groups – 18 Worship – 66
Nursery – 3 Children – 2
Contributions – \$13,832.00
Avg. weekly need – 4,245.00
Avg. needs to date – 46,695.00
Contributed to date – 57,673.00

Special Gift: in memory of Jo Ann Lind from Bob Lind, Sr.

To contribute online go to... <https://give.mogiv.com/app/giving/church07>



From the Pastor... *Did You See That?*

Whether you're trying to learn in hockey or trying to learn in life, I've always tried to be observant and tried to learn more, tried to evolve, whether it's as a hockey player or as a person. With each year, I try to do that. -- Sidney Crosby

On any given day, you and I miss seeing more things than we see. Our scope of vision is narrowed by what we choose to pay attention to. We just don't observe it all.

I think of the times that I have ridden as a *passenger* in a car traveling a route I have *driven* often, and I am amazed at how many things along that route I missed because my attention was always focused on the road and not what was on each side of the road. Staying focused while driving is good and distracted driving is dangerous. But when we can, we should look around and take in our surroundings.

Hunting has helped me be more observant. Sitting still in a tree stand for hours at a time... what is there to do but observe the countless details of nature? The shape of trees and leaves, the evidence of animal activity, the sounds of birds singing, insect sounds pervading

the woods, the flow of a breeze, or the effects of a passing cloud. – I should be so observant when I am with people.

Apathy keeps us from really seeing what is happening with our coworker, friend, or neighbor. Being self-absorbed limits our ability to see the hurt or need being experienced by others. The more we lose ourselves and our egos, the more we live helpfully to people around us. – Jesus was a guest in the home of Simon when a lowly woman anointed his feet with her tears. Jesus turned to Simon and asked, “Do you see this woman?” He obviously did not; but Jesus did, and he understood her feelings.

**So, look up! Look down. Look around. Listen carefully.
There is more to this complex world to see every day.**

God’s best to you today,

Lee