

## Mount Hermon Baptist Church

*Enewsletter – September 24, 2020*

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### THE FRIAR'S FRAGMENT

I believe, if the church truly follows our Lord, it will be unafraid of change. Jesus continually was confronted by the scribes and Pharisees as he challenged their tradition and narrow rigidity about religion. “I have come that you might have life and have it abundantly,” Jesus declared. “It has been said unto you, but now I say to you.” Jesus came to give a new birth, a new song, a new commandment, and a new covenant. He cut through the religious rigidity of his day to bring new and fresh insight into God's love and way. Jesus challenges his followers to move into the future to follow God no matter where he might lead and not to be anchored to the past.

The Christian insight is to see that we are committed not just to a dead past and what used to be but to the God who is marching on before us toward tomorrow. Let us seek to follow the God who is leading us into that which is yet to be. God's Spirit is guiding us forward to realize the potential as his people and his Church that God has for us to be. Change is the nature of the Christian faith. Christianity has at its center an understanding of the newness of life. Repentance is at the very heart of our faith. We are challenged to turn from the old and turn to the Christ who gives us a new direction in life.

Soon the Pastor Search Team will present the name of a new pastor to lead Mount Hermon. This will be a change and challenge to move forward with a new leader. My prayer is that you as a congregation will welcome this change and new pastor and move forward with enthusiasm into the future which lies before you. You can be grateful for the fine leadership of your former pastor but look to this time of change as an opportunity to serve Christ and dedicate yourself to serving faithfully in the days ahead. Continue to pray for the Pastor Search Team as they look for your new pastor.

Bill Tuck  
Interim Pastor

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Join us for Bible Study Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. for a study of John from the book **“Markers Along the Way”** by Dr. Bill Tuck.

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**A Note from Marguerite:**

Marguerite Bailey Bendall has lived the past two years with her son Waverly & Joanne Winn. Now she has moved back home with her daughter Jane Winn Snellings. She thanks everyone for their continued support, cards, calls, etc. She is confined to her wheelchair; otherwise, she keeps up with everyone!

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**To the Members of Mount Hermon,**

Thank you very much for the cards and telephone calls regarding my ongoing illness. I was with the Virginia State Police for 39 years and assigned several locations through the years and attended many churches, but none of them compare with the concern, warmth and the support, which I received from the members of Mount Hermon. Dr. Tuck said in his sermon Sunday, we may have to take some detours throughout our life but through faith and a loving God, I am very hopeful God will steer me back to the main highway. God bless each and everyone.

Ken Paul

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September 20, attendance: 42  
Contributed: \$ 3,010.00  
Average weekly need: 3,686.00  
Average needs to date: \$152,366.00  
Given to date: \$147,880.00

To contribute online go to... [www.mt-hermon.org](http://www.mt-hermon.org) and click the ONLINE GIVING bar  
Mount Hermon Online Giving Instructions using the Mogiv app.

1. Go to [www.mt-hermon.org](http://www.mt-hermon.org)
2. Click the online giving tab.
3. Register for account.
4. Select credit, debit, or bank account for payment method.
5. Enter amount and time frame.
6. Please select recurring gift payment.

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*Happy Birthday!*

*September*

27 Tammy Capps  
27 Herman Morris  
28 Al Bethel  
28 Aidan Prather  
29 Carly Bare

*October*

1 Corey Hatcher  
1 Jane Wilkinson

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Worship Order-9-27-2020 - 10:30 am

Prelude		Barbara Gray
Call to Worship		
Leader: Come now and lift up your voices in praise to God.		
<b>People: We gather to affirm our love and devotion to the Lord.</b>		
Leader: We testify that we have experienced God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ.		
<b>People: May our assurance of this divine love strengthen us to love others as we have been loved in Christ.</b>		
Scripture & Prayer	Psalm 71:1-3	Belinda Kunkel
*Praise Song # 202	"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," vs. 1 & 3	
Welcome & Church Highlights		Rev. Susan Prather
Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Bill Tuck
God's Word	Numbers 22: 21-35; Luke 24: 13-16, 28-32	Rev. Susan Prather
*Offering Song # 405	"Have Faith in God," vs. 1 & 4	
*Offering Statement & Prayer		Belinda Kunkel
Special Music	To Make You Feel His Love	Heather Dix & Brian Nichols
Message	<b>"Lessons from the Narrow Places"</b>	Dr. Bill Tuck
*Commitment Song	Lord, I Need You	Praise Team
*Parting Blessing		Dr. Bill Tuck
Postlude		Barbara Gray

**\*Indicates to stand if you are able.**

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**Worship Guidelines to Reduce the Spread of COVID 19**

- Mask is required in the building.
- Practice social distancing and refrain from personal contact and handshakes.
- Seating is spaced for social distancing; family members may sit together.
- Worship Center is limited to 50% due to the spacing of chairs.
- Anyone who is feeling at risk is encouraged to stay home.
- 9:30 a.m., small groups will not meet.
- Children's Church and Nursery care are currently not available.
- An offering box is available; offering plates are not passed.

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**Information for the bulletin or email newsletter to be submitted to the church office each week by Wednesday at noon.**

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