

HAPPENINGS @ THE MOUNT



Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church, Chapin, SC

October 2023

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAT

This time of year conversation often turns toward stewardship considering treasures, talents, and time. As I've grown older, I've come to understand that among them, the gift of time is indeed precious.

When I was growing up, a favorite pastime I picked up from my dad was reading what he called the Sunday funny paper (better known as the comics). Our newspaper the Virginian-Pilot carried the cartoon strip about Snuffy Smith from the Southern Appalachian hamlet of "Hootin' Holler". If you remember Snuffy his catch phrase is, "Times a wastin!!" That phrase now carries a different meaning than it did when I was a lad.

In 2020 the average American lifespan was 77.28 years. When viewed in the light of eternity our human lifespan seems all too brief.

The real issue of course is not the length of life nor the quantity of minutes that God has given us. The basic question is how do we faithfully **spend** the gracious and generous gift that God gives to each of us?

Every person must decide how he or she will manage the time that God has bestowed. The following is not the only way but rather some suggestions to ponder.

Patrick W. Riddle, Interim Pastor
Bob Hawkins, Interim Parish
Musician
Camille Joseph, Admin
Lisa Smith, Treasurer
Peggy Miller, Preschool Director

WORSHIP, LEARN, WITNESS SERVE,
SUPPORT

Newsletter **Deadlines**

The Monthly Happenings @ the Mount
*deadline is the **18th of***
each month.

Consider your 168 hours per week allow time to:

Give thanks and praise to God who has given you the gifts of time, talents, and resources.

Time to see and react to the beauty of God's creation.

Time to say I love you to others, just as God has said it unto you.

Time to be sensitive and understanding to those who you encounter each and every day.

Time to share with others to being grace filled presence.

Time to proclaim with our lips and lives God's good news.

Time to use your God-given gifts to help others period.

Time to live responsibly and responsively.

Let us each pledge to make the most of the gift of time God has given us as a wide steward enjoying his gift praising God by living life fully and faithfully!

Grace be with you,

Pastor Pat



WE CARE Look in your October bulletins for We Care food needs for this month. As always, they need toiletries, paper products and cleaning supplies. They also accept pet food.



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE meets October 20th at 11:30am.



APPLE PICKING is October 3rd for the Leisure Timers.



FRAMED PUZZLE RAFFLE The framed puzzle is on display in the Narthex. Tickets are **\$5 each or 3 for \$10** with ALL proceeds donated to the Boys Farm in Newberry, with Agape Circle paying for the framing.

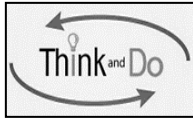


THANK YOU for your prayers, cards and calls during my illness. Also to Pastor Pat for his visits and for his attendance at my mom's funeral. With Love, *Bill Stockdell*



TO MY CHURCH FAMILY Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and visits during my recuperation from a stroke. I am still in rehab in Aiken at Pruitt Health, 830 Laurens St NW, Aiken SC 29801. I so appreciate all of your kindness.

Love, *Vie Wilmot*



BIBLE STUDY meets every Monday for six weeks. It began September 25th. Join us. We are discussing the book, *Christianity and World Religions, Question We Ask About Other Faiths*, by Adam Hamilton. This bible study includes a brief video from the author and class discussions as we grow and learn about other faiths and our Christian response. Do we have common ground? Do we have confidence in our responses to support our beliefs? What do we really know about the others...Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam? We live in a time and place where no longer are most people we know "Lutheran" and no longer is everyone "Christian". We meet at 10am and 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome and it is fine to invite friends!

Please order your book. If you have questions or need help contact Pam Shear at pambshear@gmail.com. Looking forward to the opportunity to learn and grow as we study these world religions.



AT MT HOREB The Fellowship Team is hosting a Trunk or Treat Event. It will be held on **Sunday, October 29 from 4:30 to 6:00** in the **Alewine parking lot**. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center for those that wish to participate. A box for donating candy to be given out to the children will be in the Narthex.

All participants are asked to decorate the trunk of their vehicle and dress up! The more vehicles we have the better! We have room for 25 – 30 cars!

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the sights and sounds of Halloween. Bring a yard chair, wear a costume, sit around the decorated cars and enjoy the fun of Halloween!



GIVING MOMENT—WHY DO YOU GIVE? Let us this fall take time and revere all that we have. If we see life with its treasures and relationships as being blessings from God then we may grow to view them as gifts. It is not a good thing to clutch, cling, and overly grip relationships or to hoard earthly treasures. Rather revere all that you have been given with gratitude and hold everything in open hands. During prayer open your heart and surrender all the treasures and relationships of your life unto God spending time expressing your gratitude for each gift and relationship.

Your generosity in offerings (through PayPal, Tithe.ly, or the offering plate) makes an enormous difference in our mutual ministry.

Thank you for your joyful and generous support. Be on the look out for a spending plan, time and talent sheets, and pledge cards for the coming year.



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. We continue to support our brothers and sisters in time of crisis through the ELCA and Lutheran Disaster Response. Forms are on the Welcome Center.



LUTHERAN MEN SUNDAY is October 1st. Monthly meeting is October 9th at 6:30pm. Furman Miller has agreed to meet with us and give us a report and update of the Palmetto Trail.



HELP THE WITNESS TEAM update Mt. Horeb's website and social media accounts by emailing any recent church gathering photos to Cameron Prince at shortcn1@gmail.com.

Fall Is Here!

We are off to a great start. September has flown by and Fall is finally here. We are looking forward to the falling leaves and the cooler weather. October is a busy month for us.

Here is our schedule:

Oct. 13 & 16 – Holiday (No School)

Oct. 26 – Fall Art Show (7pm)

Oct. 31 – “Trick or Treat on Beaufort Street”



Come join us as we walk around the block and visit the Chapin area businesses for Tricks and Treats! They are very good to our little ones.

October is Fire Prevention Month. (Check those smoke detector batteries!)

We will have a visit from the Chapin Fire Department and Police Officers from Chapin and Lexington County will visit as well.

Happy Fall Y'all,
Ms. Peggy





CARD MINISTRY – HANDMADE CARDS Pick up a handmade card today from the card rack in the Fellowship Hall! \$3 donation and \$5 for two cards. All donations support local, regional and global missions!



PROGRAM Mt. Horeb has committed to provide cans of pasta each week. This program continues through the school year, so we need your support. If you can help, please leave your donations at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS 2024-2026 Each year, Mt. Horeb's Congregational Council is tasked to nominate a slate of new council members to replace the members who are completing their term. Council is working on nominations now and this slate will be submitted for approval during the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 19th.

If desired, members of Mt. Horeb can also nominate an "at-large" council member to serve the 2024-2026 term. Voting members may submit to the council secretary (Trina Free) a letter of nomination of another voting member, along with a letter of acceptance from the member stating their willingness to serve as a congregational council member. In addition, the nominated member must provide to the secretary a biographical sketch. These "at-large" nominees will be presented to congregation, along with the nominee slate made by Congregation Council. If there are no "at-large" nominees, the council submitted slate will be accepted by acclamation. **The deadline for "at-large" nominations is October 20th.** The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19th. Nominations forms are located on the Welcome Center.



Congregation Council Highlights for September 2023

The Council met on September 10th and discussed or voted on the following items:

- ⇒ The Call Committee is continuing in the interview process.
- ⇒ Approved Lotus Mind and Body Spa to use the Alewine Parking Lot on Saturday, September 16th.
- ⇒ Forms for nominating an "At Large" member for 2024 Council nominee will be in the Welcome Center on September 20th.
- ⇒ Great turn out for the Labor Day Bake Sale. \$836.75 was raised to be used for Witness projects.
- ⇒ The first reading of the 2024 Church Budget was presented to council.
- ⇒ Pastor and Ministry Team Reports were received and discussed.

ON GOING PRAYERS FOR:

- +Vie Wilmot
- +Jim Johnston
- +Nancy Hess
- +Nancy Crogen
- +Charlie Shealy
- +Margaret Greene
- +Henri Bishop
- +Jane Ramsey
- +Aubrey Metts
- +Pauline Wodtke
- +Brady Amick
- +George Wessinger
- +Steve Cartin
- +Audrey Fulmer
- +Bob Irwin
- +Anne Mitchell
- +Bill Stockdell
- +Holly Knight
- +Randy Bundrick
- +Herbert Lindler
- +Phyllis Barton
- +Lois Bundrick



ALSO PRAYING FOR:

- ⇒ Bill Stockdell on the death of his mother, Ruth

PRAYING FOR FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

- + Marie Fulmer, niece of Loretta Griffin & family
- + Amelia Kinard, sister of Billy Griffin
- + Sue Carver, friend of Joanne Hill
- + Tyler Grubbs, friend of Lillie Free
- + David Owens, friend of Tommy Hill
- + Lorraine Revels, daughter of friend of JoAnne Hill
- + Al Zaback, cousin of Jerry & Vicky Shealy
- + Sally Thompson, sister-in-law of Susan Addy
- + Evren Ray, great-niece of Susan Addy
- + Eddie Shealy, son of Gene & Ann B. Shealy

- + Tommy Ward, friend of Jim Pope
- + William Eckley, cousin of Vicky Shealy
- + Payton Dominick, great-nephew of Glenda Lindler
- + Tyler Richardson, son-in-law of Pastor Dick & Jeannie Webber
- + Landon Derrick, Wes Hill's classmate & friend
- + Jimmy and Liane Talbert, uncle and aunt of Mattie Smith
- + Richard Gregerson, son of Vie Wilmot
- + Heidi Smith, wife of Lew Smith
- + Derald Edwards
- + Tom Naughton, father of Michael Naughton
- + Tyler Shepke, friend of Roger Lindler and Michael Naughton
- + Chris Shealy, son of Gene and Ann B. Shealy
- + Roy Talbert, father of Mattie Smith
- + Bill Plump, friend of Bill Stockdell
- + Alice Faye Bedenbaugh-Shealy, aunt of Robbie Koon DeFreese
- + All those serving in the military



October

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mallory McBride
Alice Teal
- 4 Gene Olsten
Joseph Rister
- 6 Charlie Davis
John Stoudemayer
Walter Hutchens
- 7 Freddy Heintz
- 8 Loretta Griffin
- 9 Ruthie Dasher
- 12 Cody McKie
- 16 Lois Bundrick
- 17 John Adams
- 19 Earline Comalander
Ava Williams
- 22 Kay B. Shealy
- 23 Ashley Wessinger
- 24 James Rister
- 25 Randy Bundrick
Betsy Edgerton
- 27 Louis Kolb
- 28 Susan Koon
- 29 Jenny Marks

ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Furman & Peggy Miller – 45



If you do not see your birthday or anniversary (or if our info is incorrect), please contact the church office. Thank you.

OCTOBER 2023 CALENDAR

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| Sun Oct 1 (green) LMM Sunday | 9:00 10:00 11:15 | Learn Livestream with Holy Communion Worship Team |
| Mon Oct 2 | 10:00 12:30 6:00 | Think & Do Chapin Chirpers Think & Do |
| Tue Oct 3 | 10:00 6:00 6:30 | Leisure Timers Jr. Women's DF Choral |
| Wed Oct 4 | 10:00 11:00 | Fiber Friends Dorcas Circle |
| Thu Oct 5 | 7:00 | Finance |

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| Sun Oct 15 (green) | 9:00 10:00 | Learn (Rally Day) Livestream with Holy Communion |
| Mon Oct 16 | 10:00 12:30 6:00 | Think & Do Chapin Chirpers Think & Do |
| Tue Oct 17 | 6:00 6:30 | LutheReaders DF Choral |
| Wed Oct 18 | 10:00 | Fiber Friends |
| Thu Oct 19 | 6:30 | Agape Circle |
| Fri Oct 20 | 11:30 | Friendship Circle |

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| Sun Oct 8 (green) | 9:00 10:00 11:15 3:30 4:00 | Learn Livestream with Holy Communion Council Girl Scouts MHLCY |
| Mon Oct 9 | 10:00 6:00 6:30 | Think & Do Think & Do LMM |
| Tue Oct 10 | 6:00 6:30 | Jr. Women's DF Choral |
| Wed Oct 11 | 10:00 | Fiber Friends |
| Sat Oct 14 | 9:00 -2:00 | Art Show/Amick Property |

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| Sun Oct 22 (green) | 9:00 10:00 3:30 | Learn Livestream with Holy Communion Girl Scouts |
| Mon Oct 23 | 10:00 12:30 6:00 | Think & Do Chapin Chirpers Think & Do |
| Tue Oct 24 | 6:30 | DF Choral |
| Wed Oct 25 | 10:00 | Fiber Friends |

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| Sun Oct 29 (red) Reformation Sunday | 9:00 10:00 4:30 | Learn Livestream with Holy Communion Trunk or Treat |
| Mon Oct 30 | 10:00 6:00 | Think & Do Think & Do |
| Tue Oct 31 | 6:30 | DF Choral |

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October's Youth Calendar at a glance:

--Sun., Oct, 8, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Fall Fun at Palmetto Trail! Short hike, campfire, cookout (hot dogs, s'mores, hot chocolate), camp songs. All 6th-12th graders invited and welcome! Meet at Alston Trailhead parking area in Peak.

--Trunk or Treat Oct. 29th 4:30-6pm. Come join in the fun! We will, once again, be providing mini-pumpkins to decorate and other fun activities at our table. Hope to see you there!

--All youth and families: If you are not on the email list for youth news, please send current contact info to Stephanie Stoudemayer: sjz85@sc.rr.com.

We hope to see you soon!!

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