



Mount Hermon Baptist Church

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Gingerbread Houses

This Saturday, Dec. 3 – 10:00 AM at church

Children & Youth create Gingerbread Houses

Please bring \$5.00 for supplies. Parents with very young children need to assist their little ones, and the help of many parents is appreciated. – For info contact Kitty Snow, 794-2603



Christmas Events – 2011

Saturday, **Dec. 3**, 10 AM – **Gingerbread Houses** for children

Sunday, **Dec. 4**, 6 PM – **Christmas Dinner**

Saturday, **Dec. 10**, 10 AM – Children's Christmas **dress rehearsal & party**

Sunday, **Dec. 11**, 11 AM – **Children's Christmas Presentation**

5 PM – **Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner**

Sunday, **Dec. 18**, 11 AM – **Choir Christmas Presentation**

5 PM – **Caroling**

Saturday, **Dec. 24**, 4 PM – **Children's Christmas Eve Service**

7:30 PM – **Christmas Eve Service**

Sunday, **Dec. 25**, 11 AM – **Christmas Day worship**

(No Sunday School or other activities)

Friday, **Dec. 30** – **Youth Winter Break Event (Lock-In)**



MHBC Christmas Dinner

This Sunday, Dec. 4 at church, 6:00 PM

Bring food and friends for a fun evening. Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy & dressing, tea and coffee will be provided, **so please bring vegetables, salads, & desserts.** We'll enjoy a little program after dinner, featuring Christmas songs by *The River City Sacred Singers*.





This is the last week to place poinsettias orders. You can email ellisonmhbc@aol.com ... leave a **phone message** at church... or use a **form** in Sunday's bulletin. **\$7.00 per plant.** Indicate the **number** of poinsettias ordered, **who they are in honor/memory of,** and the **name(s) of the donor(s).** Order deadline is **Dec. 4**



Now available at church

Mount Hermon Cookbooks... **\$12.50**

Christmas ornaments... **10.00**

175th Anniversary Plates... **10.00**



Thanks to everyone who helped note **National Adoption Month** by contributing to **The Laila Rose Foundation.** Your assistance to families of children with medical needs is greatly appreciated!



The 2012 Offering Envelopes will be available to pick up in the commons area beginning Sunday, Dec 11.

If you do not receive a packet and would like one, please contact the church office, 794-2049. I encourage everyone to use envelopes as it is helpful to the Counting Team and provides better record keeping. Thanks to each of you for being so faithful in your giving so that we can continue our ministry in the community and around the world.

Linda Meyerhoeffer, Financial Secretary

Quotes for Today

**I've learned to become adaptable to the coming of each season
for every leaf that changes color, changes for a reason. - Linda Ellis**

Some days there won't be a song in your heart. Sing anyway. - Emory Austin

Wednesday – Dec 7



5:45 pm – Dinner: Spaghetti, tossed salad, bread (bring desserts)

6:45 pm – Children’s Music & Missions,
Handbells, Bible Study

7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday – Nov 27, 2011

Contributions – \$ 2,478.78 Sunday School – 40
Avg. weekly need – 3,836.00 Worship & Children’s Church – 120

Contrib. to date – \$ 172,682.37
Avg. needs to date – 184,128.00

Happy Birthday!

Dec 4 - Debbie Ellison 10 - Brad Eungard
7 - Matthew Nichol 10 - Kelly Agren
8 - Phillip Ranallo

Ushers: Dec 4 – Rachel Boothe, Bob Lanier, Barry Flora, Brett Thompson
Dec 11 – Ken Paul, Bill Hall, Anne Cox, Ray Fleming, Charles Payne



From the Pastor

December Already?

Hey, where did November go? It just seemed to evaporate on us! As a matter of fact, it seemed as if it was just summer, and now we are rolling into December.

Life requires us to think ahead, anticipate, plan. Being lazy, those are often things we really don’t want to do, unless the plans concern activities or events we really enjoy, such as vacations, parties, family outings, or pleasant experiences. If you anticipated Christmas and have all your shopping and decorating done already, you are feeling good. If not, you are starting to get a bit anxious.

Still, it’s possible to think so much about the *future* that we miss whatever (and whoever) is in front of us here and *now*. Remember, it is never the future, it is never the past; it is *always* right now. And this is where God lives and expects us to live. Now! Jesus is coming again, for sure, but He doesn’t want us sitting around passively waiting for Him to fix things. He told too many stories urging us to be busy doing Kingdom work... NOW! When He does come back, He expects to find us immersed in acts of kindness, compassion, and caring.

Christmas is all about the Christ who is *always* with us. He owns the whole calendar, not just December. He owns Monday through Saturday, and not just Sunday. So, let’s live with Christ in charge of right now.

Blessings to you today,
Lee



This Sunday

- 9:30 am — **Coffee fellowship** in the commons
9:45 am — **Sunday School**
11:00 am — **Children's Church** in children's wing for
preschool thru grade 5
11:00 am — **Worship** in worship center
Brief practice of Children's program after worship
6:00 pm — **Christmas Dinner!**
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December 4, 2011
Second Sunday of Advent

- Call to Worship Handbells
Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace
Scripture & Prayer Karen Blankenship
* Song of Praise 100 Angels We Have Heard on High
* *His Name Shall Be Called...* Isaiah 9:6-7
* Greeting Each Other...
Welcome and Church Highlights
The Bible Says... Isaiah 9:1-7, John 14:27
Prayer
* Offering Song 118 What Child Is This
* Offering Statement & Prayer Karen Blankenship
Solo Dana Heath
Scripture Mark 1:2-3
Message **Constructive Preparations** Lee Ellison
The Lord's Supper
Solo *Breath of Heaven* Katie Ranallo
The Cup of a fresh covenant of God's loving presence
* Commitment Song 117 As With Gladness Men of Old
* Parting Song Blest Be the Tie, v.1 everyone
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Big thanks to Gina Thompson for coordinating the wonderful Christmas decorations in the worship center, and to all the great helpers: **Lee Thompson, Macy & Joan Hudson, Roger & Mary Ann Mann, John & Linda Meyerhoeffer, Ron & Pam Hatcher**

