A MESSAGE FROM MT. HERMON

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The season of change!! It always amazes me how we go from warm and muggy to cooler and drier so quickly in September. It reminds me of the changes that we all go through during the year and throughout our lives! Change is something that is inevitable for all of us. Sometimes we pick up and move because we feel the need for a change. Maybe it's a new job, a new home, or a major life event—like getting married.

But whenever we make a big change in our lives, there's often a little anxiety and apprehension that comes with it. We wonder, *What will this new chapter look like? Will we be okay?* And then, after a while, we begin to settle in. We develop new routines, get comfortable with our surroundings, and before long, what once felt so unfamiliar begins to feel a little more familiar.

In our spiritual life, we go through changes as well. As we experience life through the years, we may look at our relationship with God in a different way.

When we are younger, we are just learning about what comes at us in this life. Maybe thinking about what is best for us… and what can we do for *us*. Then, as we progress through the years, we may get married, have children, advance in our careers… and we recognize the word responsibility is more important than we thought it would be.

We are reminded in chapter 3 of Ecclesiastes… **For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven** (Eccl. 3:1).

Quick side note… I am reminded of Kevin Bacon in the movie *Footloose* citing Ecclesiastes in order to have a school dance! 😊

I digress… with this reminder of the seasons that we go through in life, please remember that God is there with us no matter what happens.

As we grow older, God's love remains the same.

As our body begins to wear out, God's strength remains the same.

And as we become emotionally or spiritually weary, God's comfort and grace will remain the same.

I pray that your transition into fall is a beautiful one.

Please remember…

Words Matter and Actions Matter!

I pray that you are all safe and healthy at this time.

Peace, Paul

In our prayers we continue to pray for:

Dan (Paul B's brother) **Jeanie** (Marlene's sister), **Amanda** (Genevieve's grandniece), **Beeb**(Genevieve's sister-in-law), **Tyler**, **Marlene** (member of Mt Hermon), **Dwayne**(friend of Belinda and Paul), **Frank** (friend of Belinda and Paul), **James** (friend of Betsy), **Paul and Mary Ann** (members of Mt Hermon), **Kathy** (Mother of Jenna), **Elijah** (Friend of Betsy), **Yvonne** (Lois's sister-in-law), **Lois** (member of Mt Hermon), **Holli**, **Dave** (friend of Paul and Belinda), **Bernie** (friend of Paul and Belinda), **Lori** (friend of Paul and Belinda), **Dawn** (sister-in-law of Jenna), **Tim, Doug** and those we name in our hearts.



On Sunday, September 6th, Abraham Alden Nowak,
son of Adam and Kayla Nowak,
was joined to Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Abraham's baptismal sponsors are
Cody Alan Graff and Abigail Larson.
Welcome, Abraham, to the family of Jesus.

Our Church Website

We're excited to share that Mt Hermon has a new and updated website! We've been working on giving our old site a new look, and whether you are near or far, we hope this new site will make it easier for our church family to stay connected.

You can visit us at mthermonannandale.org to find information about upcoming events and worship services. We also know that many of you generously support Mt Hermon in so many ways, and we've made it easier to do that online as well. There is a link where you can make donations and offerings to the general fund, building fund, memorial fund and any other special collections we may be taking.

And because this is our church website, we'd love for it to include the things that are meaningful to you! Do you have a favorite memory of Mt. Hermon? A special story, thought, or picture you'd like to share? We'd love to include those things on the website and make it a reflection of the people and memories that make Mt Hermon so special.

For now, if you have something you'd like to share as a public post on the website, simply send it to Pastor Paul and we'll get it posted for you. We're hoping that, in the near future, we'll be able to make it possible for you to post your own memories and thoughts directly to the site. In the meantime, please keep those stories and pictures coming!

Pastor Paul has a new church email address: PastorPaul@mthermonannandale.org. Feel free to drop him a note for any reason - He'd love to hear from you!

We hope you'll take a few minutes to visit the site, look around, and let us know what you think. The website is still a work in progress, but we're getting there!

We're thankful for the Little White Church On The hill and for all those who call Mt Hermon "home". The pieces of your heart that you have placed here over the years continues to bless the tie that binds us together.

……and…….

Our New Logo

Mt Hermon has a new logo! While it may look simple at first glance, there is actually quite a bit of meaning tucked into its design.

Our logo was created by Zach Arvidson, who came up with the design on his own and then reached out to us to see if it was something we might like to use. When Zach shared the idea with us, he also explained the meaning behind the different elements of the design - and we thought you might enjoy knowing the story behind it, too.

The entire icon is shaped like an “H” for Hermon. Within that H, the shape of our church steeple is formed, reminding us of the steeple that has stood over our own Little White Church on the Hill.

The peak of the steeple takes the simple shape of a mountain, representing Mount Hermon, the mountain that lies along the border of modern-day Syria and Lebanon and is mentioned in the Bible. Mount Hermon is traditionally associated with the area of Jesus’ Transfiguration, making it a meaningful connection to the name we carry as a church.

And if you look at the bottom of the logo, you’ll notice the negative space that forms the doorway of the church. Zach designed that space with another important meaning in mind - it also represents the empty tomb.

So, within one simple symbol, Zach has brought together Hermon, our church, our biblical namesake, and the empty tomb - all reminders of the faith and the hope at the heart of who we are.

We are grateful to Zach for creating something that captures so much of Mt Hermon in such a simple and meaningful way.

We hope you enjoy seeing the different pieces of meaning in our new logo. It’s more than just a new look for Mt. Hermon - it’s a little picture of who we are, where we came from, and the faith that brings us together.



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