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April 2018, Volume XX Issue 4

**"Making, Maturing, Mobilizing
Disciples for Christ"**

WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY AT 8:30, 9:45 and
11:00 AM WEDNESDAY Nights @ 6:40 pm

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Dear disciples at Mt. Zion,

Our Holy Week and Easter was glorious at Mt. Zion. Thanks to scores of people whose extra effort made our services so meaningful – musicians (how blessed we are!), visual arts geniuses, worship chairs, sound technicians, communion stewards, dedicated and creative staff. So many people generously shared their gifts.....

Easter morning was just the beginning of a series of changes for the first disciples. If you re-read the end of each gospel, you see how long it took for the disciples for the good news of Christ's resurrection to sink in. Every year, the church commemorates Easter as a SEASON, not just a day. The disciples had a lot of spiritual work to do to grasp the good news.

They had to deal with their failures – denying and deserting Jesus. They had to deal with their fears after seeing such a horrible death. They had to forgive themselves and to follow Jesus in forgiving others. They had to wrestle with doubt and resist the temptation to go back to their old ways. They had to learn new ways of looking at things. They had to face changes – changes which unfolded one right after another.

Some of you remember that I said that people need

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and Silent Saturday to truly experience Easter? I say the same thing now – to truly grasp what God has done for us in Christ, we need the Easter time to understand what resurrection means in our lives.

The resurrected Lord moved disciples to a greater future than they could have imagined. From Passover to Pentecost, these disciples went through transformative, head-spinning change. Every year, the church gives us a gift by inviting us to experience resurrection.

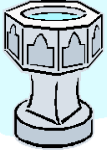
We can't help but think about change in this season at Mt. Zion. We are blessing two remarkable people, Margaret Langston and Joel Simpson, as they transition to new phases of their lives. Those are big changes. For April and May, we are changing the bulletin format to include all the worship services and more information about the church. And, anytime there is change, there is a ripple effect.

Join us in prayer and worship and study and fellowship to discover the fullness of resurrection in our life together this Eastertide. God is bringing new life, new power and new depths of redemption. The song of Christ's victory echoes well beyond Easter morning. We keep the celebration going! Gratefully watching God at work, *Mary John*

SMALL GROUP STUDY

You are invited to join others to live into the marvels of resurrection during Easter through a small group study: Re-stored: Finding Redemption In Our Mess. The study will be led by Dr. Mary John Dye and is based on the new book by Rev. Tom Berlin about how God redeems the messes of our lives. The study will be on Tuesday nights beginning April 10 through May 1. The study begins at 7:00 and will meet in Room 209 (upstairs in the Education Building where the Journey Class meets). Please sign up in the church office and you are welcome to come by and pick up a book there as well. It is a great study of God's redemptive power!

MT. ZION FAMILY CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS!



MARCH BAPTISM:

Kaylie Annette Janawsky was baptized at the 11:00 am service on March 18th.

She is the daughter of Aime and RJ Janawsky and the sister to Chase and Blake.



THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO Tim Starnes and Family on the death of his mother, Sybil Starnes, on March 21st, and John Langston and Family on the death of his mother, Myrtle Langston, on April 2nd.

When they say "it takes an army" or in this case Disciples for Christ is better put!! We really mean it!! We had over 126 people from Mt. Zion to assist with this years Room In the Inn! What a blessing we had. They all served with love in their hearts! The outpour of Support was so wonderful. We also had those that gave toiletries for the guests. Our preschool children gathered items to give as well! What love! We had small van issues and David Maines was there to help us on more than one occasion, as well as one of our members to provide a van for us!!

We provided dinner, lunch and breakfast the next day as our Inn Keepers did their laundry. We also had members to clean up the next day and do the linens as well.

We served 80 guest this year with an overwhelming appreciation from them! It touched all of us as well! Our team that headed this ministry up thanks you from the bottom of our hearts. We hope next year we will be able to provide more than just 2 times per month!

God's Blessings on you all,

Barbara Broadway, Mary Isaacs, Richard Little and Sydney Broadway

Thank you all from the bottom of our heart!!



Christmas on San Antonio's Riverwalk!

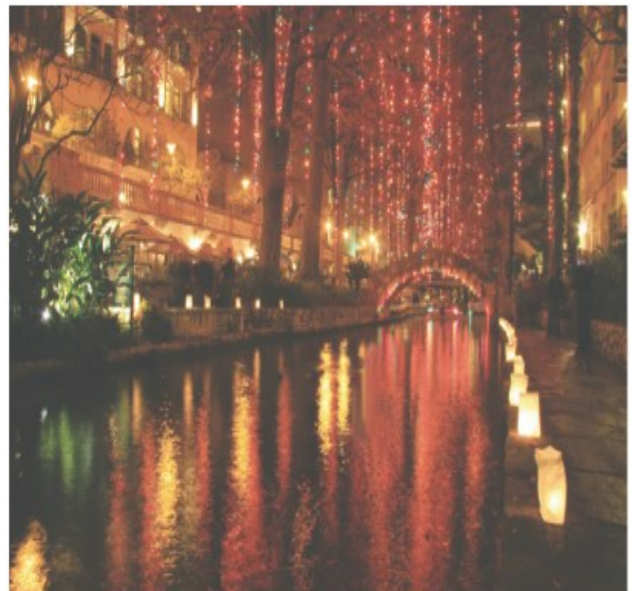
Nov. 30 - Dec. 3, 2018

San Antonio is a magical place to visit anytime of the year, but during the Christmas season, the city really puts on the charm! Included with our 3 night/4 day package is a Riverwalk hotel, round trip airfare, admission to activities, including a San Antonio city tour, barge cruise on the Rio, the historic Alamo, an excursion to Texas Hill Country with stops in Fredericksburg and LBJ's Texas White House, bus with guide, lots of free time and more!

Cost: \$1094 for double occupancy. Deposit of \$200 due **May 7**

This trip is limited to 28 passengers.

For more information or to be emailed a full brochure, contact Dora Dalmas at dalmas2@mi-connection.com or 704-737-4859 cell.



MUSIC NOTES FROM SHELLEY:



Babygarten classes will begin Wednesday, May 2nd, and end on Saturday, June 9th. These classes are held @ 10:00 on Wednesdays and Saturdays for parents/guardians and their newborns through 2 years old. The curriculum involves music, reading, rhymes and play time. We have a wonderful time interacting with each other. The classes are held in the Woody Washam Classroom #201, upstairs in the Education Building. Please enter up the ramp on the graveyard side of the building.

Children, ages 3-10 will practice on Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 in the Music Room downstairs in the Education Building, starting April 25th to prepare to sing during the 11:00 a.m. service on Mother's Day, May 13th. We will have two groups: Ages 3-6 and ages 7-10. As one group practices music, the other group will have a Bible Lesson and Activity with Ms. Stacey.

Do You Love to Sing? Come join the Chancel Choir!!! We practice on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:15 in the choir room, which is located on the basement level of the Sanctuary Building. There is plenty of room in the loft for additional singers, and we would love to have you!

Wednesday Night Worship at 6:40 pm

Pastor Joel will be leading a Wednesday night series on Dreams starting April 18th.

Dreams are powerful and transforming. They can motivate people and make big changes in the world. The Bible is full of ordinary people who had dreams. Their dreams changed the world. Their dreams became more than they ever imagined. Their dreams became more than their dreams. Their dreams became our dreams. They became dreams that changed the world. Join us Wednesday Nights as we dream dreams that will change the world.

One of our youth, Jackson Newton, will be doing the sermon on April 11th.



FUEL

FAITH USED in EVERYDAY LIFE

FUEL HAPPENINGS IN APRIL

We meet on Sundays at 4:30
in the Family Life Center

- April 8th: Fun Night
- April 15th: Regular FUEL
- April 22nd: JEDI Night
- April 29th: Service Night

Students and leaders are preparing for Appalachia Service Project 2018! 21 people are participating and we are so excited to prepare them for this memorable time of service and dedication to God. This trip is from June 17-23.

Pastor Joel, Percy, and Wednesday Night

Pastor Joel will be leading the Wednesday Night Worship services on April 18th, April 25th, May 2nd, May 9th and May 16th. A church-wide farewell-a Penguin Party-will be held Wednesday night, May 16th, his last day at Mt. Zion. Come join us on Wednesday nights as we hear Pastor Joel's last sermons at Mt. Zion on Dreams.



HAPPENINGS AROUND MOUNT ZION

Women of Zion annual Parade of Tables will be Saturday April 14 from 11am-1pm in the Family Life Center. The Parade of Tables event is in its 21st year raising money for Children's and Women's Ministries. This year's theme is "Fictional Locations"! We are looking for 2 more table hostesses. Please contact Felicia Davis at mzwoz1@gmail.com for more information and to volunteer to help out! We have 10 tickets available for \$15 each. Email mzwoz1@gmail.com to reserve a seat!

The Bereavement meal committee needs help. Volunteers are needed to prepare a dish and/or serve a meal to church members during their most difficult time. If you are willing to serve in this manner, please call Theresa Schwab at 704-661-3310 or email tschwab.m@gmail.com.

HELP NEEDED FOR SENIOR LUNCHEON TO BE HELD APRIL 17 IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

We are in need of Teams to help serve and honor our seniors on April 16 and 17th. Needed are:

- Dining Room Set-up and Decorations
- Greeters
- Servers
- Kitchen Service
- Clean up
- Shut-In Delivery of lunches to homebound seniors
- Drivers needed to pick up guests who need a ride.

Contact Jan Sipe at 704-453-4677 or at paisipe@bellsouth.net to help!

Thank you from the Nurture Committee

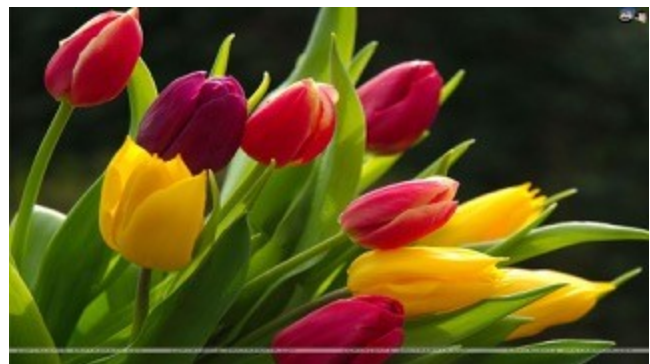
Tuesday, April 10, we will be having a farewell lunch for Margaret and John Langston at the Port City Club. This is Margaret's last official day of working at Mt. Zion. Anyone who would like to come to wish the Langstons well are welcome to come. The lunch is dutch treat and we need a reservation for the restaurant. Please call the church office 704-892-8566 to make your reservation.

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY—SONSHINE PRESCHOOL will be leading us in Worship on Sunday, April 22nd at the 11:00 Worship Service. Join us for worship and song and Praises to God with our preschoolers!



Senior Luncheon

to be held April 17 from 11 - 1 pm in the Family Life Center. If you or your spouse were born in 1948 or earlier, please let us know that you can attend by April 10th. Doors open at 11, lunch served at 11:30. If you need a ride, let us know that too! RSVP to Sebra Maines 704-895-7716 or sebramaines@yahoo.com





So God created mankind in
His own image, in the image
of God He created them; male
and female He created them.

Genesis 1:27

His ministry was created to promote awareness, inclusion, accessibility, advocacy, and additional opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

His opportunities for April include:

Just As I Am –	4:30	April 8– Hut	Fellowship, Devotion, Fun – He Lives!
The Feast –	11:00	April 15– Youth Room	Modified Worship Service for Families
Sustain –	6:30	April 24 – Parlor	Support Group for Caregivers
JEDI Night-	4:30	April 22 – FLC	Fellowship with Youth
Agape Sunday School –	9:45	Every Sunday	Modified Sunday School Class
A Place For Us –	11:00	Every Sunday	A quiet, dedicated worship

Livestreaming space dedicated for times when

privacy is needed/desired



Did you know....there are many ways to volunteer for *His*? Here's how.

Pray for this ministry, for the volunteers, and for every individual we serve.

Sign up to volunteer for one event or more. His@mtzionumc.net is the contact for Just As I Am, The Feast, and the Winter Ball volunteers. Share your talents and gifts.

Our monthly **Just As I Am** program is always looking for individuals to lead devotions, crafts, games, songs, dances, etc. Each month's program is centered around a theme and we share a devotion, worship music, pizza and a dessert, a craft, dancing, and enjoy fellowship.

Agape Sunday School always welcomes individuals with a heart for teaching. Asherman@mtzionumc.net is the contact for Sunday School.

Our **Winter Ball** event can use whatever talent or gift you are willing to share! We need greeters, volunteers, escorts, food and beverage servers, florists, photographers, hairdressers, nail and make up experts, shoe shine experts, etc. and supplies for all of the above and more. This event involved over 160 individuals this year and it was a wonderful night for everyone!

Tell others about this program. Our goal is to provide programs and opportunities to meet the needs of individuals in our church and in our community- everyone is welcome at *His*.

Our older adult travelers enjoyed a trip to Wilmington, NC on April 2nd and 3rd. Here is a few pictures of the group fun at Airlie Gardens.



THANK YOU! The Children's Ministry Team really appreciated all that helped make our Easter Egg Hunt a success. We especially wanted to thank the Nurture Team, the youth and adult volunteers, our ministers, and the childcare staff.



M.O.M.S.(MOTHERS OFFERING MUTUAL SUPPORT) Meeting will take place on April 17th in the Parlor at 7:00 p.m. All moms are invited!

Kids Club: Will meet April 11th and April 18th at 6:30 in room 107 after breaking for one week during Spring Break (no meeting on April 4th). Childcare is provided for those three and younger in room 101.



CHILDRENS CORNER



Save the Date: Music and Art Camp will be June 18th – 21st.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School will be July 9th – 12th.

Childcare needs your help! We are looking for several new staff members, 21 years old or older. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Ashley Sherman at (704) 807-3757 or asherman@mtzionumc.net.

Music with Ms. Shelley: Will meet on Wednesday, April 25th at 6:30 p.m. in room 107 through May 9th to prepare to sing during the 11:00 service on Mother's Day, May 13, 2018. Childcare is provided for those three and younger in room 101.

Sonshine Preschool is still growing. God is GREAT! We have a few spots available in our three and four classes for the 2018 – 2019 preschool year. If you know of anyone looking for a great preschool where young children play, learn and grow in God's love, please tell them to contact the preschool office.

Two year olds are very special little people. Sonshine Preschool is currently accepting applications for a two year old teacher for the 2018 – 2019 preschool year. If you or someone you know would be a great addition to our team and has a strong desire to help children learn and grow in God's love, please call the preschool office or email Patti Goforth, pgoforth@mtzionumc.net.

During the month of March, our preschoolers filled two small wagons with items for the Cornelius Animal Shelter. Our little disciples love to share!

Our April mission is St. Jude Children's Hospital. Our preschoolers will be participating in a Trike-A-Thon, Thursday, April 19, to collect money to donate to St. Jude's. If you would like to sponsor one of our riders, please call the preschool office. The children would love this! We are asking families to make cards for the children getting treatment at the hospital. If you and your family would like to make cards for children who are ill, please place them inside our wagon or on a desk in the preschool office area. All cards must be gender neutral. Thank you for sharing God's love to little ones fighting big health issues!

Sonshine Preschool will be holding a Spring Scholastic Bookfair April 29 – May 3, Room 107. Our Bookfair will be open Sunday, April 29, 8:30am – 1:00pm for your browsing pleasure in between services and before and after Sunday School. Pass along the love of reading!

Sonshine Preschool Preciousness: The children prayed for Pastor Tony during a Chapel he missed due to not feeling well. Two weeks later, a smiling two year old boy came up and asked, "Is Pastor Tony all better? I prayed for him!" So sweet and genuine!

"God is good to us." Psalm 71:3 April Favorite Bible Words



Easter Parade

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

3/1/2018-3/31/2018

2018 General Fund Budget: \$1,262,630

Budget Gifts: \$240,230

THANK YOU!

Budget Expenses: \$278,472

Capital Fund Gifts Received: \$1,614

Capital Fund Expenses: \$0

Funds Received for Helping Hands
(Pastor's Discretionary Fund) \$1,802

Please contact Patti Loner if you have
questions.

Please note: These figures are based on
funds received at time of publication. The
monthly Treasurer's Report may be differ-
ent due to funds postmarked by the end
of the month but not received until after
publication.

SPECIAL GIFTS WERE GIVEN...IN HONOR OF Shelley Little a gift was given to the music fund. **IN HONOR OF MATT SHERRIL** a gift was given to Appalachia Service Project. **IN MEMORY OF Carol Ann Cooke**, a gift was given to the budget. **IN MEMORY OF Virginia Ainslie**, a gift was given to Appalachia Service Project. **IN MEMORY OF Elizabeth Westmoreland**, gifts were given to the budget and to Sonshine Preschool. **IN MEMORY OF Ann McCarthy's mother** a gift was given to Appalachia Service Project.

Reminder:

Please send any articles you would like to have included in the newsletter to the church by May 1st. They may be emailed to kfellows@mtzionumc.net



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MARCH 2018 ATTENDANCE

March 4th: 8:30: 89; 9:45: 105; 11:00: 183 = 377

March 7th: 41

March 11th: 8:30: 62; 9:45: 93; 11:00: 195 = 350

March 14th: 39

March 18th: 8:30: 88; 9:45: 92; 11:00: 228 = 408

March 21st: 25

March 25th: 8:30: 107; 9:45: 125; 11:00: 227 = 459

March 28th = 54 March 29 = 85

March 30 = 125 March 31 = 9

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"MAKING, MATURING, MOBILIZING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST"

MEN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME to attend a weekly **MEN'S COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST** now meeting on Wednesdays, 7 am at Bethel Presbyterian Church: 19920 Bethel Church Road, Cornelius, NC 28031. Breakfast will be provided.

MOMS – Mothers Offering Mutual Support meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the church Parlor at 7:00 pm. Young moms from pregnancy through preschool age children are welcome.



All women of the church and community are invited to join the **WOMEN OF ZION** small group! Our group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Galway Hooker Restaurant in Cornelius. We meet at 7:00 pm for fellowship and a devotional program. Please contact us at mzwoz1@gmail.com if you would like more information and to get the monthly meeting reminders. We look forward to seeing you the first Tuesday of each month!

NEW BEGINNINGS... We bowl, go to movies, take tours and just have friendship with others that have lost a spouse.

We have something going on all the time! **TO RECEIVE OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

Barbara Broadway: email: bbroadway47@gmail.com 704-996-7000 or
 Shirley Ranson: email: Shirley@ransonteam.com 704-904-0973

YOU ARE INVITED...SEWIN' LOVE (FORMERLY DRESS A GIRL) MEETS THE SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH in the Youth Room at 6:30. Everyone is welcome!! We will teach. **No experience necessary.** Bringing your own sewing machine is welcome, but not necessary. You may contact Robin Lambert for information. rllambert96@gmail.com.

The ladies of the **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** invite you to join them on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 to knit/crochet prayer shawls and baby blankets. No matter what your skill level may be, there is a place for you. If you are interested in learning how to knit, they can help with that, as well. (Yarn is provided.) They meet in the church Parlor (located on the upper level of the Family Life Center) and hope to see you soon!