



IN TOUCH... The Newsletter of the Mt. Zion Family

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Jonathan's Journals

Thoughts and Thanksgivings

What a wonderful welcome we have had to Mt. Zion UMC! Thank you, everyone, for the gracious way you have offered us hospitality. On our first Sunday at Mt. Zion, July 8, it was great to reconnect with some of our old friends and be introduced to some new friends. On our second Sunday, July 22, we had a very nice welcoming reception in the Family Life Center at 12:00, with delicious food, beautiful decorations, and friendly people. The ice cream social on July 25 was another opportunity to have fellowship with our members, and the Sing-spiration on July 29 was a great way to meet not only Mt. Zion members, but also other members of our community from some of our neighboring churches.

We were especially glad to introduce you to our family at the reception on July 22. Our daughter Elizabeth Marlowe Novak lives in Matthews with her husband, John. Elizabeth has one more semester in her Master of Public Health degree at UNC Charlotte. She and John are members of Matthews UMC, but you might see them periodically at Mt. Zion. It is, after all, the church of her baptism.

Our daughter Rachel is a rising junior at Emory University in Atlanta. She was studying abroad this summer in Ireland and England, and at the end of her studies, Angela and I went to see her and spent a week with her in London during the second week of July. We also spent a day in Dover / Canterbury, and a day in Paris while we were over there. We saw some of the world's great Cathedrals during that trip, and the art, architecture, and music were beautiful and inspiring. We also saw Wesley's Chapel, the home and the meeting house of John Wesley during the latter years of his life. All of these visits strengthened my faith, but it is here in Cornelius, NC where our faith is lived out in our ordinary, daily lives.

We have been reminded in our first month in Cornelius of the many strengths of Mt. Zion, and most of those strengths are related to the people of the congregation. We have met so many devout Christian disciples who want to love God and serve their neighbors. Our hope and prayer will be for Mt. Zion to be like a city, set upon a hill (Matthew 5:14), so that we can be a beacon of light and hope for our community, nation, and world. We welcome everyone in the Cornelius area, people of every age, nation, race, and language to help us be the body of Christ in our community. Angela and I are so happy to be at Mt. Zion!

Peace,

Jonathan

August Worship Services

August 5 and 12, Angela and Jonathan will finish their sermon series "Road Trip."

On **August 12th** Heaven's Reign will provide the music for the 8:30 and 11:00 services and the Praise Team Youth Trio will provide the music for the 9:45 service.

On **August 19,** we will have the Blessing of the Book Bags at all three services as our students prepare for the beginning of the school year. All children and youth are encouraged to bring their book bags to worship.

On **August 26,** the youth will share about their recent experiences at ASP and Testify will sing at the 11:00 service.

MUSIC NEWS FROM MS. SHELLEY

Greetings, Mount Zion Family,

For those of you who volunteered behind the scenes and attended our 5th Sunday night Sing-Spiration on July 29th, **THANK YOU!** It was a wonderful evening filled with the love of our Lord, as three area churches joined us to sing praises to Him and share in fellowship during a reception in the Family Life Center.



Picture of 4 churches and community coming together to join in the Sing-Spiration

Mark your calendars for the following events:

-Heaven's Reign will provide music for the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services on August 12th. We are so blessed to have such a unique form of talent right here in our church family. These faithful men occasionally travel to area churches to spread the word of the gospel through song, and I am so excited to have them share with us on August 12th.

-Testify will lead us in worship on August 26th @ the 11:00 a.m. service. This youth ministry consists of an amazing group of youth who are "on fire" for the Lord, and their ministry touches lives through music, skits, and the sharing of real life experiences.

-Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on August 16th @ 7:00 in the Choir Room. Come Join Us!

-Babygarten will begin classes on Wednesday morning, September 5th and run through Saturday, October 6th. The classes will be held on Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in room 201 in the Education Building.

-I am in the planning stages for our Children's Music Program for the fall, so I will be making any announcements concerning that schedule closer to September. I look forward to getting that area of worship geared up so that the children will be excited about singing for the congregation later in the fall and for their Christmas Musical on December 9th.

-We will begin Hand Bell rehearsals on Thursday, September 6th @ 5:30 p.m. to prepare us for the holidays. This is open to teens and adults combined. Yes, we are talking about the holiday season!

-We have a number of folks from our Chancel Choir going to New York in November to sing at Carnegie Hall, under the direction of Pepper Choplin. We will be singing his new Christmas Cantata, "Christmas Presence", which we will present to our congregation on December 16th during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.



Whew! That's enough from me for now. Please keep our music program in your prayers.

Blessings,
Shelley Little

MT. ZION FAMILY CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS!

WELCOME

New Member

Christopher Johnson

13137 Poetry Lane

Davidson, NC 28036

Pictured are Chris and Jessica along with their daughter Ivy at her baptism.



SPECIAL GIFTS WERE GIVEN...IN HONOR OF Jane Smith's 90th Birthday a gift was given to the budget. **IN MEMORY OF** Nancy Little a gift was given to the budget. **IN HONOR OF** Wendell Fox a gift was given to the budget. **IN HONOR OF** Shelley Little a gift was given to the music fund. **IN MEMORY OF** Doris Lundy a gift was given to the budget. **IN MEMORY OF** Mary Kulpa a gift was given to the budget.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO

the family of Mike Gil on the passing of his Mom, Connie Gil, on July 13th, to Bob and Charmaine Gibson and family on the death of their son, Curtis Gibson, on July 25th, and to Kay Archer and family on the death of her husband, Sandy Archer, on July 30th.



July Baptisms

Theodore John Schoepke was baptized at the 11:00 service on July 8th. He is the son of Krystal and Michael Schoepke and the grandson on John and Claudia Kepner.



Ivy Josephine Johnson was baptized at the 11:00 service on July 15th. She is the daughter of Chris and Jessica Johnson and the granddaughter of Kenny and Suzie Inman.

WELCOME HOWARD HARRIS

Message from Staff Parish Relations Committee

After interviewing many candidates, we are thrilled to announce that we have hired **Howard Harris** to be our new Director of Youth Ministries, with a **start date of August 12**. Howard was interviewed by the Staff Parish Relations Committee, Reverend's Angela and Jonathan Marlowe, and youth parents. His final interview was on-site after the 11:00 service with youth parents and our FUEL youth participants. The response was unanimous that Howard was the right person for the job.

Howard comes to us with a strong background. He has a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, creating and designing context-specific Biblical and theological competencies. He studied Communications, Christian Counseling, and Business at Liberty University, and has a Master of Arts in Religion and a Masters of Divinity in Christian Leadership and Church Ministry.

Howard has a strong history of growing youth programs and has served the United Methodist Church in numerous ways, beginning as a youth himself. His work history includes youth minister, associate pastor of worship, music pastor, director of discipleship, and therapeutic behavioral specialist. But his passion remains in working with youth.

Howard will be relocating from Ohio with his wife and five children. Please look for an announcement for a welcome reception for Howard and his family, date to be determined.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to thank Conor Mooney for his interim leadership. Conor will work with Howard through the month of August to make the transition as smooth as possible.



Howard and family

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANK YOU!! A big thank you to all the volunteers and people that helped anchor 100+ children in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms! We also appreciate all the families that brought their kids to VBS and donated to our Operation Kid to Kid mission that raised over \$300 that will be sent to families in Haiti. We are thankful to the groups that provided dinner for the volunteers each night: The Woody Washam Sunday School Class, The Journey Sunday School Class, The Sonseekers Sunday School Class and the Women of Zion.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Mid Week @ the Mt.:

The second session of this event in July was a lot of fun! Thanks to all that came and helped with it!



August 12th -Promotion Sunday - This is the Sunday that the children move to their new Sunday school classes for the upcoming school year and meet their teachers. All classes will first meet at 9:45 a.m. on the playground.

Blessing of the Book Bags: Children can bring their school book bags to any one of the three services on **Sunday, August 19th** and they will be blessed by one of the Ministers during Children's Time.

M.O.M.S. Meeting (Mothers Offering Mutual Support) will take place on Tuesday, August 21st in the Parlor at 7:00 PM. All moms are invited!

It's hard to believe the preschool year is just around the corner! We have been working hard during the summer to prepare for the precious, little ones coming to learn, play and grow in God's love. As we look ahead, Sonshine Preschool is looking for some extra loving hands to help hold and console our twos during the first two weeks, September 4 – 13, 10:15 am – 1:00 pm. If you have a lot of love to share and want to help make the first few days for our twos less stressful, please contact the preschool office. We promise, you will be blessed by these sweet little disciples!



Are you or someone you know looking for a great preschool experience for your child? Sonshine Preschool has a few spots available in our three and four classes for the 2018 – 2019 preschool year. Please contact the preschool office for more info (704)892-0654 or sonshinepre@mtzionumc.net.

Sonshine Preschool Preciousness:

A three year old has been visiting the preschool to get "acquainted" with us before preschool starts. As she was leaving one day, she said, "I can't wait to meet my new friends." As she turned back, she gave us a BIG thumbs up!

"Let the children come unto Me, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14



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

Genesis 1:27



The *His* Ministry of Mount Zion United Methodist Church was created in September 2017 to promote awareness, inclusion, accessibility, advocacy, and additional opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. We served 61 different individuals and their families our first year and are very excited to kick off our second year September 9th! We are actively recruiting volunteers. How can you help?

ATTEND any/all of our monthly programs.

VOLUNTEER – You would be surprised how God can use you! Be a leader or a behind-the-scenes volunteer – we need it all.

SHARE information about this ministry with others. We are still looking for people who may need just what we can offer.

PRAY that this ministry provides spiritual growth, loving support, and fellowship opportunities for those that we serve.

Contact Information: Gigi Williams, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
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E-mail: His@mtzionumc.net



His Ministry 2018-2019 Schedule

Just As I AM

2nd Sunday every month 4:30 – 6:15 - Hut

Fellowship, Worship, Music, Fun

RSVP due 5 days before each meeting – His@mtzionumc.net

Sept. 16 – Flip Flop Hop

Oct. 14 – Are You Ready for Some Football?

Nov. 11 – It's Fall Ya'll!

Dec. 9 – He is Born!

Jan. 13 – 2nd Annual Winter Ball

Feb. 10 – It's All About Love!

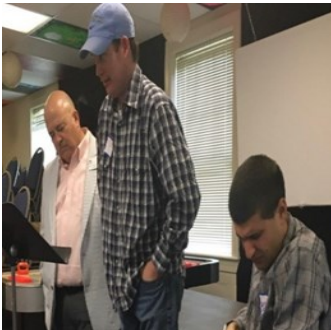
Mar. 10 – Let's Go Camping

Apr. 14 – Spring Fling





- **The Feast**
A Modified Worship Experience for families
3rd Sunday every month 11:00 – Youth Room Family Life Center
No RSVP required
- **JEDI Night**
Fellowship with Youth
4th Sunday every month 4:30 – 6:15 – Family Life Center
No RSVP required
- **Sustain**
Support Group for caregivers, families, etc.
Date/Time TBD Will meet in the Church Parlor
No RSVP required
- **Agape Sunday School** EVERY SUNDAY YEAR ROUND 9:45 – Room #2 Family Life Center
No RSVP required **Contact: asherman@mtzionumc.net**
- **A Place For Us** A Quiet, Dedicated Worship Space with livestreaming
EVERY SUNDAY YEAR ROUND – available upon request
Contact: tmoreau@mtzionumc.net



HAPPENINGS AROUND MOUNT ZION

ADULT TRAVEL MINISTRIES

Join us as we go see *Steel Magnolias* at America's oldest running dinner theater in Greensboro, NC. We will grab a glass of sweet tea, the table wine of the south, and gather with the ladies at Truvy's beauty shop where these ladies celebrate the life-affirming power that love and friendship can have over the blessings and tragedies of life. As part of the package price, we will have a wonderful buffet lunch before the show begins. Cost of this trip is \$48.50 per person and is due on August 26 to the church office. Please put *Steel Magnolias* in memo section of your check. For more information, please contact your group leader, Dora Dalmas at 704-737-4859 cell or dalmas2@mi-connection.com

Here are some pictures from our recent trip to the Canadian Rockies:

In front of Olympic Rings in Whistler



Raft ride down the Bow River in Banff National Park



Red Jammer car in Glacier National Park



Ada Jenkins Back to School Supply Drive

Ada Jenkins' LEARN Works program is gearing up for a new school year to support our local children attending Davidson Elementary, Cornelius Elementary and Bailey Middle School. Please consider helping these students start the year right with a backpack full of supplies. Ada Jenkins is seeking 44 backpacks for their elementary school students, but also support for their middle school and 9th grade students. They are happy to accept any quantity of school supplies donated. If you prefer to make a monetary donation for supplies, just put "Ada Jenkins School Supplies" in the memo line of your check made out to Mt. Zion. Please bring in donations by **August 19th** to the church office. For questions, contact Christa Johnson at cjbjandtasha@hotmail.com.

Elementary Shopping List:

- 1 large backpack
- 2 boxes sharpened #2 pencils
- 2 pink erasers (large)
- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 pack washable markers or crayons
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 pencil box or zipper pencil case
- 5 marble composition books (wide-rule)
- 1 pack wide rule lined paper
- 4 spiral 1-sub notebooks (red, blue, green, yellow)
- 5 2-pocket folders (red, blue, green, yellow, purple)
- 1 pack white or colored (pastel) copy paper
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 package disinfecting wipes or hand sanitizer
- 1 box gallon zip-lock bags
- 1 box quart or sandwich bags
- Refillable water bottle
- Ear buds or small headphones

Additional items for older students:

- Dry erase markers
- Index Cards
- 1" 3-ring binder
- Highlighters
- Pocket dictionary
- Tab dividers
- Folders
- Pencils - #2
- Pens (red, blue, black)
- Erasers
- Pencil sharpener
- Filler Paper - Wide rule
- Spiral note books (1,3,5 subject)
- Planner



From Pastor Tony

Friends,
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!
I am writing all of you today to invite you to assist in a local **Habitat for Humanity** build. I have included information below and contact information for Rick Carter who heads up the Mt. Zion team. Please consider offering your time and energy. You can also find out more information at <https://www.ourtownshabitat.org/>.

We have opportunities to assist with this build
September 8th - Flooring—Laminate
September 29th - Interior Hardware

Project Location: 310 Clover Street, Mooresville

Workday Schedule: 7:45 AM to 1:00 PM

Youth Volunteers – Construction – Age Guidelines-
Ages 12-13: landscaping (accompanied by an adult only), Ages 14-15: cleaning, painting, landscaping and installing soil-retention fencing (accompanied by an adult only), Ages 16-17: most construction tasks, except climbing ladders or operating power tools. Ages 18+ all construction tasks.

Contact info for Rick Carter

CCarter502@aol.com
Home 704-948-1642
Cell 704-770-6145

Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life begins September 12th

Beginning September 12th at 6:30 pm, in room 209 of the Education Building, Larry Horton will lead Disciple IV. The study concentrates on Old Testament Writings, the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, James, Jude, and finally, Revelation. Emphasis on the Psalms as Israel's hymnbook and prayer book leads naturally to an emphasis on worship in the study. Present through the entire study is the sense of living toward completion – toward the climax of the message and the promise, extravagantly pictured in Revelation. The image of the tree and the color gold emphasize the prod and promise in the Scriptures. The word *under* in the title is meant to convey invitation, welcome, sheltering, security, and rest – home at last.

Please contact Pastor Tony for more information.

College Adoption Program Kick-Off

It's that time of year again. Our Mt. Zion college students are packing up their cars with college necessities and gearing up for the school year. If you have never adopted or sponsored a student, here's your chance. If you **ADOPT** a college student, your job is to contact them once a month through a card or an occasional small gift from October 2018 through April 2019.

You will be given the student's adoption papers that have their name and mailing information on it. If you **SPONSOR** a student, the CAP committee will send cards for you and put your name as the sponsor.

Sponsoring a student is \$30.00 paid to Mt. Zion.

Adopting a student means you are responsible for the cards and mailings. Sponsors may be individuals, Sunday School Classes or church committees/circles. We typically have 45 students each school year. Please pray about this request and if you feel led, contact me by email at sherry.hawley.washam@gmail.com or call me at 704-651-1519. Thank you for caring about our college young adults and for helping to keep them connected to our church family.

College Students: Please contact me if you are interested in being adopted/sponsored for the school year. You must enroll each year before September 1st if you want to be part of the ministry. Please note that you can be a commuter student and be part of this ministry. (See email & phone # above)



August Gathering: Game Night

August 15th at 7 PM
in the Family Life Center

What is your favorite game to play with friends and family? Come join the Nurture Committee in Bingo, card games, Candyland, Trivia, board games, corn hole, and many others. You can also bring your own game to play with others. There will be fun and competition for everyone.

These awesome events are sponsored by the Nurture Committee.

The Gathering

Fun, food and fellowship for all ages!

Matthew 18:20
For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

June 20th - Movie Night
July 25th - Ice Cream Social
August 15th - Game Night
September 23rd - Homecoming
"Celebrate Mt. Zion"

WORSHIP LED BY MT. ZION AT AUTUMN CARE

Every Sunday morning at 10:00, worship services are conducted by Mt. Zion members at Autumn Care-- the skilled care nursing facility on the Mt. Zion Senior Campus. (The Senior Campus is 1/4 mile south of the Mt. Zion UMC Main Campus). Autumn Care is a skilled care facility for long term and short term care. Our services there each Sunday are part of our mission to reach out to seniors in our church and community. This is a way to bring worship to those who are unable to get out to attend this church or their home church.

August presenters:

Aug. 5: Tom and Faye Graham

12: Michael Norman

19: Hickory Oak Baptist Church

26: David Hodson

Music by Anna Akins

Dear Mt. Zion United Methodist Church,



I would like to extend my warmest thanks to the wonderful people at Mt. Zion for the cards, the food, phone calls and the love you shared during my recent surgery and recovery. You were there for me when I needed it the most and I am so blessed to have you in my life.

God Bless You All!

Myke Griffeth

From the Desk of Patti Loner

The financial statement for July is unavailable at press time. Beginning with the September newsletter, the financial report will be for the month prior (September will have July's statement). This is due to a rescheduling of the newsletter deadline to the 25th of the month, rather than the 30th.

Copies of the financial reports are always available in the narthex and in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Loner: (ploner@mtzionumc.net)

JULY 2018 ATTENDANCE

July 1: 8:30: 92; 9:45: 95;
11:00: 148= 335

July 8: 8:30: 105; 9:45: 112;
11:00: 239= 456

July 15: 8:30: 98; 9:45: 94;
11:00: 165= 357

July 22: 8:30: 87; 9:45: 103;
11:00: 151=341

July 29: 8:30: 95; 9:45: 124;
11:00: 144= 363

Autumn Care Attendance

July 1: 33; July 8: 28; July 15: 33;
July 22: 29; July 29: 32

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MEN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME to attend a **MEN'S COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST** now meeting on every other Wednesday, 7 am at Bethel Presbyterian Church: 19920 Bethel Church Road, Cornelius, NC 28031. Breakfast will be provided. Dates for August are August 8 and August 22nd.



Newsletter Date Change

Please send any articles you would like to have included in the newsletter to the church by **August 25th**. In order for us to get the newsletter to you by September 1st we have moved up the deadline.

They may be emailed to kfellows@mtzionumc.net

Thank you!!



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:**

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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!