



## IN TOUCH...

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"Making, Maturing,  
Mobilizing Disciples  
for Christ"

## The Newsletter of the Mt. Zion Family

WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY AT 8:30, 9:45 AND 11:00 AM

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### WELCOME LAUREN

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ!

My name is Rev. Lauren Hill and I am so excited to be joining the team at Mt. Zion this month! I am really looking forward to getting to know each of you in the coming months. Until then, I thought I might share a little bit more about myself.

I grew up in Lexington, NC attending Tyro United Methodist Church, which is where I was called to ministry when I was 17 years old. I graduated with a B.A. in Christian Education and Youth Ministry from Pfeiffer University, and a M.Div. from Hood Theological Seminary.

Before I began serving as a Pastor, I served as a Director of Christian Education in a United Methodist Church for a few years after my seminary education. Teaching and coming alongside others in their journey of faith is a big passion of mine. One of my favorite parts of that job was teaching Bible studies, resourcing others along their journey of faith and getting to know all of those who were in my care.

After this, I began my Clinical Pastoral Education at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center where I was a Chaplain Intern, followed by two years of residency at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington and CMC-Northeast in Concord. Through this experience, my passion and connection to pastoral care was deepened and I was honored to be able to walk with God's children through some of the most difficult moments of their lives. As I transitioned into pastoral ministry, these experiences were priceless to me. I always like to say that my service as a Chaplain is what really taught me how to be a Pastor.

A few other things you might want to know about me is that I adore being an aunt to my two amazing nieces, Maggie, who is 3, and Mollie who is 2. I also love playing guitar and ukulele, singing with my seminary friends in a contemporary praise band, taking walks, reading and journaling, and spending time with my friends.

As I come on board here at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, I am excited to continue to live into my passions in ministry, and am honored to get to hear each of your stories and support you in your walks of faith.

God be with you until we meet!

Pastor Lauren



### RECEPTION FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR LAUREN HILL 7/14/19

Please join us for a reception to welcome Associate Pastor Lauren Hill her first Sunday at Mt. Zion. The reception will be held following the 11:00 service July 14<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center. Light refreshments will be served.

### SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES FRESH FRUIT

Join us each Sunday as we examine the gifts of the Holy Spirit known as the Fruit of the Spirit.

June 30 – Love  
July 7 – Joy  
July 14 – Peace  
July 21 – Patience  
July 28 – Kindness & Goodness



## NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

We would like to welcome Brittany Morris to our church staff as our Director of Youth Ministries. Brittany has a long history at Mt. Zion as she grew up in the church. She comes to us after a decade of teaching middle school in the public school system. Brittany is married to Mike and they are parents to two wonderful boys – Braylen and Corbin. Brittany will join us officially on July 1. We are very excited about this new chapter in the life of youth ministry at Mt. Zion.



## SONSHINE PRESCHOOL NEW DIRECTOR - KIM WEBB

The Weekday Ministry Committee recently interviewed for the position of Director of Sonshine Preschool. We held several interviews and our decision was difficult as all our candidates were highly qualified. After much prayer and discussion the committee extended an offer to Kim Webb; and we are thrilled to announce that she joyously accepted. She will officially begin her time as director very soon and will spend a few weeks working with Patti Goforth as we make this transition.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Summer Sunday School Opportunity:** We are putting together a Summer Sunday School team for our Children's Ministry. If you have interest in helping assist with our children's Sunday School class **once** over the summer, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094eafa622a2f58-mtzk5th>

**Children's Ministry Council:** We value your input and involvement with our very special ministry and would like to start a Children's Ministry Council. If you would like to be a part of this team that would help focus on the mission of making disciples of the children of our church and all children we reach in the broader community, while strengthening our own faith through our ministry, please contact the church office.

**9:45 Worship @ The Mount makes a difference in people's lives each Sunday.** Join our volunteer Audio-Video team and be a part of the incredible work God is doing during our 9:45 worship service. We invite you to make use of your skills and talents at creating PowerPoint or Keynote presentations to reach our visual learners. We are looking to put together a team of people to rotate on Sundays during the month. Contact Pastor Angela @ [amarlowe@mtzionumc.net](mailto:amarlowe@mtzionumc.net)

## HIS MINISTRY NEWS



*God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27*

### Volunteers Needed

**HIS** special needs ministry is complete for this season and we would like to thank all of the volunteers, supporters, and participants for making it wonderful! Soon, work will begin for our next year - September 2019 – April 2020. **We welcome all volunteers - we need you now more than ever!** Several of our "key" volunteers are leaving the area and we need person(s) to fill their shoes! This ministry is volunteer led and we hope you will prayerfully consider becoming a part of this fun-filled program.

**A HIS ministry planning meeting will be held on Sunday, July 28th at 5 PM in the Parlor.** All volunteers from any aspects of **HIS** ministry are encouraged to come to this meeting as we prepare for the future.

Email [His@mtzionumc.net](mailto:His@mtzionumc.net) for information and to RSVP to the meeting.

### USTREAM COORDINATOR

We need a new coordinator to schedule our ustream volunteers for the 11 o'clock worship service starting August 1st. If interested please contact Pastor Angela @ [amarlowe@mtzionumc.net](mailto:amarlowe@mtzionumc.net).



# CHILDREN'S CORNER



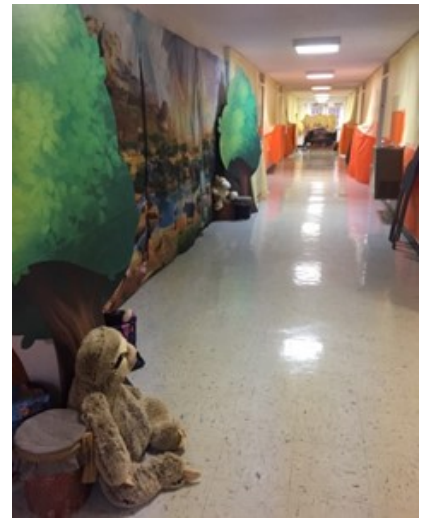
## Children's Ministries July Announcements

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS was a ROARing success! We are so grateful to all the volunteers that helped make this program such a wonderful event. In order of assistance, thank you to those that helped transform the buildings into an African setting: Peggy Aspland, Denise Boger, Jean Coffield and her grandsons, Dora Dalmás, Ann Dutton, Emily Hall, Debbie Jackson, Ella & William Taylor, and Melanie Wilmoth.



# Thank You!

A very special Thank You to Stacey Mercuri for coordinating such a wonderful event!



We also truly appreciate all the crew leaders, station facilitators, youth and everyone that assisted in various capacities to help the children of our church and community to learn that while Life is Wild...God is Good, and that Jesus loves them! They were: Ashley and Camden Barlowe, Addison and Kennedy Bishop, Denise, Elizabeth and Jonathan Boger, Ann and Huck Brown, Emery and Jean Coffield, Deanna and Savannah Coultry, Pam Crutchfield, Kendall Davis, Molly Davis, Sara Davis, Kelly Fellows, Vernon Harvell, Bianca, Paul and Vicki Herrera, Amanda Heskett, Abby, Emily and Hadley Hudson, Serenity Hunter, Debbie and Mike Jackson, Christa Johnson, Melanie Kalkan, Jordan Kerr, Shelley Little, Linda Martin, Diane Merrell, Brittany and Mike Morris, Bella and Emma Oltremari, Brittany and Mike Pomeroy, Emily Ray, Fifi Ray, Kendall Redmond, Torrie Thompson, Katie Verlin, Sharon Washam, Melanie Wilmoth and Gretchen Zehler.



We are so thankful for the four Sunday School classes that provided dinner for the volunteers each night of VBS. They were: Sonseekers, Journey, Woody Washam, and the George Kelly Classes. THANK YOU!

**Mid-Week @ the Mt.:** The July session will take place on Wednesday, July 17th from 9:00 - 1:00 PM for children ages three years old through fifth grade. We will have Bricks for Kids come to the church where the participants will have an hour building. A snack will be provided but children will need to bring their own lunch and if weather is permitting, we will eat on the playground. There is a \$10 charge per child to cover the cost of Bricks for Kids that can be paid at drop off on the day of. You can register at: [vbspro.events/p/midweek19](https://vbspro.events/p/midweek19).

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** - Come join our new youth director, Brittany Morris, June 30th at 6 PM in the youth house for an Ice Cream Social. Don't worry - there will be gluten and dairy-free options available. This will be a good time to just hang out with friends and get to know our new youth director. We hope to see you there. Rising 6th graders are invited as well!

**END OF YEAR POOL PARTY** - Please join the FUEL Youth Group for our End of Year Pool Party on **July 21st from 4-7**. This is open to all rising sixth graders through rising college freshmen. We will be swimming, playing games, eating and hanging out with friends. At this party we will bridge over our fifth graders into our youth group and recognize our seniors. The party will be at the Hampton's Community Pool (Vixen Ln). This is a potluck event where we are providing hotdogs and hamburgers and are asking for everyone to bring something to share. If you plan to attend please complete the Sign Up Genius that outlines the needed food items.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA9AA22A13-fuel>. We will meet in the parking lot of the Family Life Center and ride the bus over. The bus is leaving the parking lot at 3:45 and will return at 7:30. We cannot wait to see you there!

**MISSION TRIP - Youthworks Mission Trip – Savannah, GA – July 14 - 19** Our mission trip to Savannah is just under a month away and plans are being finalized. **Our pre-trip meetings will be June 30 at 4 PM (for adults) and 5 PM (for youth) and July 7 at 4 PM in the Youth Room.** Please make every effort to attend these important meetings. An email will be coming shortly to registered youth and adults containing required paperwork and detailed information. We have additional spaces available - just contact Pastor Angela Marlowe if you are interested.

## **APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP)**

**APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP)** Mt. Zion Youth and Adult Leaders had a fantastic week on ASP in Summers County, West Virginia. We had four groups (29 people) at four different houses. We are very proud of the dedication and hard work our youth and adult leaders put into the week of work they had in front of them. Thank you to our Mt. Zion church family for supporting and funding our youth and volunteers through the giving tree in February/March so we could go into our world and help show love and peace. There were 2 and 3 generations of Mt. Zion families represented last week. Life changing moments were made in families that were met. Thank you to Ashley Barlowe for coordinating the event.



## **AUTUMN CARE WORSHIP**

### **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 -- Our services 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.

**June 30th and July Presenters:**

**July 7— Rev. Arnie Corriher**

**July 21—Rev. John Zsittnik**

**June 30—Dr. Sue Weaver**

**July 14—David Hodson**

**July 28— Richard Little**

**Music by Anna Akins**



## MUSIC NEWS FROM SHELLEY

Happy July, Folks!

We had a glorious couple of weeks in June with the children, during Music and Arts Camp and Vacation Bible School. It is always such a joy and privilege to worship and sing with children, as THEY are our future! I would like to extend a HUGE "Thank You" to all of the volunteers who helped with the action packed two weeks of camp and VBS. Whew! It was a lot of work, yet seeing and hearing how happy it made the children was absolutely priceless.



Here we are in the lovely month of July, and I encourage ALL of you faithful adults to help us in the choir loft for July and August. We do NOT have choir rehearsals on Thursday evenings during the summer, yet we meet in the choir room on Sunday mornings at 10:35ish to sing through a couple of VERY familiar selections to be presented in the upcoming service. It is a GREAT way to get introduced to the feeling of singing in the choir, however, we do not wear robes! We have room for about 65 folks in the choir loft, so THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU, as we average 25-30 on Sunday mornings.

During this short break from a busy schedule during the summer, I am in the midst of planning for the upcoming fall months and Christmas, so if any of you have any ideas you would like to share with me, please feel free to do so. I am always open to suggestions to keep our music program at Mount Zion going strong! Most of our music program activities will resume after Labor Day.

I pray that you all have a wonderful summer filled with lots of family time and precious moments, and I look forward to seeing you at our church services. I am so blessed to be on staff at Mount Zion, and I thank God daily for such a wonderful church family.  
Blessings Always, Shelley



Pictures from Music and Art Camp

## TESTIFY YOUTH CHOIR

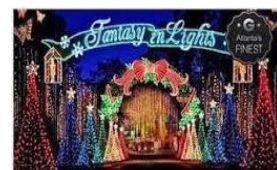
Testify Youth Choir just returned from their mission trip (TOUR) in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. While there, they performed and participated in hands-on-ministry as they served in boys and girls clubs, churches, and communities in need. These kids were the hands and feet of Christ as they loved on and spread the word of God's love through music and service to all they came in contact with. Testify will resume in the Fall. Please contact Melanie Kalkan @ [mkalkan@mtzionumc.net](mailto:mkalkan@mtzionumc.net) if you need more information. We would love to have you come join us!



## ADULT TRAVEL MINISTRY

**Mt. Zion Adult Travel Ministry, Fantasy in Lights Christmas Celebration, Dec. 3 & 4**

Come make merry as we travel to Callaway Gardens in Georgia to see their Fantasy in Lights display - one of National Geographic's Top 10 light displays in the World! The next day we travel to Atlanta to go on the Back Stage Tour of Chick-fil-A, we will visit President Carter's Presidential Library along with a special movie exhibit, 'Georgia on my Screen' and lastly, tour the Callenwolde historic mansion decorated for Christmas. This trip includes motor coach transportation from Mt. Zion, 1 nights lodging, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast, entrance fees to attractions listed and gratuities. Cost is \$188 pp double. Deposit of \$100 due July 21. Final payment by October 27. Please make your check payable to Mt. Zion UMC, and put *Atlanta* in the memo section. For more information or to obtain a flyer, contact Dora Dalmas at [dalmas2@mi-connection.com](mailto:dalmas2@mi-connection.com) or at 704-737-4859.



## CONFIRMATION CLASS

### CONFIRMATION

During the past eight months our 2019 Confirmation Class had a wonderful time learning all about their faith and the church. We worshipped with our Jewish brothers and sisters at Temple Kol Tikvah and our friends at St. Marks Catholic Church. We had a wonderful time on the Confirmation Retreat at Lake Junaluska even though the bus broke down 5 minutes into our trip. At the Confirmation Banquet we celebrated with family, friends and mentors. Confirmation Sunday was held on June 9 with professions of faith and officially joining Mt. Zion UMC.

Brady Herbster, son of Barry & Jennifer Herbster was also baptized during this service.

Special thanks to the 2019 mentors: Lysa Craig, Kris Newton, Jeff Sarver, Torrie Thompson and Tony Williams. Also thanks to Jan Horton and friends for cooking and serving at our Confirmation Banquet.

### 2019 Confirmation Class



Pictured on the left-  
Carlisle Rose Ballantine  
Camden Ford Barlowe  
Bella Claire Oltremari  
Brady John Herbster  
Allison Victoria Strom  
Jenna Catherine Ryan  
Laila Isabel Niswonger  
Abigail Jean Sarver  
Amelia Sadie Vaughan

Pictured on right -  
Zachary Allen Moore (who was  
confirmed at the 8:30 service)



## 2019 GRADUATES

**We celebrated Graduation Sunday on June 2nd at the 9:45 and 11 AM Worship Services. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR 2019 GRADUATES!**



PICTURED -

Back row - left to right - Andrew King, Ethan King, Mara Starnes, Rev. Angela Marlowe. Front row - left to right - Zach Perkins, Connor Perkins, Beth Hall, Emily Lambert, Emma Starnes.



PICTURED -

Back row- left to right - Andrew King, Taylor LaZur, Zach Eddy, Matthew Floyd, Dawson Thornton. Front row- left to right - Ethan King, Beth Hall, Emily Lambert, Mara Starnes, Emma Starnes.



### SONSHINE PRESCHOOL NEWS

Are you or someone you know looking for a great preschool next fall? Sonshine Preschool currently has a few openings, especially in our threes. Let your friends, family and neighbors know! Please contact the preschool office for more information (704)892-0654.



# CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

**SPRC would like to give sincere "Thanks" to the wonderful volunteers who gave Pastor Tony a memorable send-off on June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Debbie Jackson's decorations and authentic food turned the Family Life Center into a fantastic Mardi Gras party for our Louisiana man. Michael Jackson, as always, provided just the right tunes to fit the theme of the day. Dee Phillips, with the help of her talented husband Buddy, made the food tables a sight to behold. So many people contributed their talents for set-up, break-down, clean up, food preparation and a multitude of other jobs. Special thanks to Ginger Andersen, Scott Chiccarello, Felicia Davis, Sebra and David Maines, Amanda Heskett, Susie Crump, Lysa Craig, Shelia Reading, Sharon Washam and Margi Kyle for their hard work and food specialties that completed the day. If I've missed anyone please accept my apology and my thanks!

Debbie Tillis,  
Chairperson SPRC



Pastor Tony, Erin, Alex, and Zach at the reception and celebration

*Thank you*

**A SPECIAL GIFT WAS GIVEN IN HONOR OF** Beth Farr a gift was given to the Special Needs Ministry.

## **THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION**

is extended to Jody Parker and family on the death of his mother, Marie Smithwick Parker, on June 14th.



## **JUNE ATTENDANCE**

Date	8:30	9:45	11:00	Total
6/2	100	121	168	389
6/9	94	155	253	502
6/16	150	106	174	430
6/23 ONE SERVICE @ 10:30				228

## **Autumn Care Attendance**

6/2	28
6/9	22
6/16	41
6/23	24

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

### **May Financial Report**

Thank you for supporting the mission and ministries of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

Our 2019 approved budget total is \$1,174,805

Total budget income May – \$ 92,365

May expenses - \$ 81,441

Year-to-Date budget income - \$436,138

Year-to-Date expenses - \$436,079.  
Difference \$ 59

Total available cash for budget expenses: - \$118,692

Total designated fund balance is \$149,726

This includes:

Capital Fund – \$ 8,584

Helping Hands Fund – \$23,394

Please contact Patti Loner ([ploner@mtzionumc.net](mailto:ploner@mtzionumc.net)) if you have questions.

## **Staff**

### **Senior Pastors:**

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## **DIRECTORIES**

### **DIRECTORIES WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE -**

Cathedral Directories will soon publish a new directory for Mt. Zion. The directory will include members of the church with their immediate family. Contact information for each family will be made available in the directory. If you wish to opt-out of having your contact information published, please notify Mary Ellen Westmoreland at [mwestmoreland@mtzionumc.net](mailto:mwestmoreland@mtzionumc.net).

If you have recently changed any of your contact information please notify the church office so that we will have your most current information. Frequent visitors are also welcome to be included in the directory. Just email Mary Ellen and we'll add your information. Please contact the church office **before July 15<sup>th</sup>** with any changes.



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***"MAKING, MATURING, MOBILIZING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST"***

Please send any articles you would like to have included in the August newsletter to the church by July 25th.



They may be emailed to [kfellows@mtzionumc.net](mailto:kfellows@mtzionumc.net)

Thank you!!

**MOMS – Mothers Offering Mutual Support** meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month ...

**All moms are invited!**

**CONTINUING IN THE FALL...**

YOU ARE INVITED....SEWIN' LOVE (FORMERLY DRESS A GIRL) MEETS THE SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH in the Youth Room at 6:30 PM. Everyone is Welcome! We will teach. No experience necessary! Bringing your own sewing machine is welcome but not necessary. You may contact Jennifer Hall at [jmartinhall@hotmail.com](mailto:jmartinhall@hotmail.com) or Robin Lambert at [rlambert96@gmail.com](mailto:rlambert96@gmail.com).

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](mailto: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!



**MEN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME** to attend a **MEN'S COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST** meeting on Wednesdays at 7 AM at IHOP in Huntersville.

**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:  
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704-904-0973

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!