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for Christ"

The Newsletter of the Mt. Zion Family

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Jonathan's Journals

A reflection on the recent General Conference

Dear members and friends of Mt. Zion,

I am writing this article on Sunday night, Feb. 24 at about 9 PM. I am writing this tonight because our deadline for newsletter articles is always the 25th of the month. As I am writing this, United Methodist leaders from around the world are convening in St. Louis for a General Conference to make some important decisions about what our church teachings and practices will be concerning human sexuality. The General Conference will be over by Tuesday night Feb. 26 at 6:30 PM. On Wednesday night Feb. 27 at 6:40 PM, I will offer a recap of the General Conference to any who choose to come to our Wednesday night service. On Friday March 1st, our bishop and other conference leaders will release a video, giving us their own perspective on the decisions of the United Methodist Church. We will make this video available on our church's social media outlets, or you can simply go to the conference website to view it: www.wnccumc.org.

This is a historic General Conference, and as I am writing this, I honestly don't know how it will turn out. Perhaps by the time you receive this newsletter, you will know. But consider this a letter from the recent past into an unknown future.

No matter what the General Conference decides, I do know some things. One is that Mt. Zion United Methodist Church will continue to love everyone who comes through our doors. This is not an option. It is a clear command of Jesus. We are to love all of our neighbors, even those who are different – especially those who are different. It doesn't matter what race they are; it doesn't matter what sexual orientation they have. It doesn't matter how old they are, or where they come from, or how much money they have, or what their political affiliations are. Everyone in our community is to be welcomed, loved, respected, cherished, and treated with dignity -- because they were created in the image of God, as we all were. This is non-negotiable. Are gay people welcome in our church? Of course, they are! We cannot imagine it being any other way.

The other thing I can tell you for sure is that we will continue to preach and teach from the Bible as God's Holy Word. The heart of the Bible is when the Word became flesh in Jesus Christ. In his life, death, and resurrection, God's

kingdom has come on earth as it is in heaven. God has launched his project of new creation upon the earth, and God has invited us to be part of it. As a matter of fact, God has summoned us to be His agents of healing and hope in the world. God's love for us in Jesus Christ is so strong that it overcame even death itself, so that nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love. This is good news, and it is the heartbeat of the Scriptural witness. All of the Bible is to be read and understood in the light of the amazing reality of God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

Our United Methodist Doctrinal Standards state that the Scriptures contain all things necessary for salvation by faith in Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary source and authority for understanding God and the Christian life of discipleship. Our biblical faith is summarized in the Apostles' Creed, which outlines our faith in God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and it is made even more explicit in the Nicene Creed, which asserts that Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully human, and "of one being with the Father." We honor the saints of the past, the early church fathers and mothers who gave their lives as martyrs rather than deny these essential and eternal truths of Christianity. All of our biblical interpretation takes place within these broad parameters. Within these broad parameters, can honest Christians have disagreements? Certainly. Do we all have to agree on everything to be a part of the same church? Certainly not. There are many things on which sincere, intelligent, faithful Christians can and do disagree. But we are all part of the same church anyway.

I am convinced of one more thing: Cornelius and the greater Lake Norman area are going to need a strong, healthy, unified Mt. Zion UMC in the days and years ahead. The needs of our area are too great than for Mt. Zion to be anything but our best. What happens at our General Conference in St. Louis is very important. But no matter what happens in St. Louis, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church will continue to love all people, we will continue to preach and teach and live by the Scriptures, and we will continue to reach out to our community to make disciples for Jesus Christ. I am excited about our future together, because as John Wesley said, "The best of all is this: God is with us!"

Peace,
Jonathan

LENT @ THE MOUNT

LENT IS HERE

Lent is a season of 40 days, not counting Sunday's, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 6) and ends on Holy Saturday. The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. During this season of Lent there are many opportunities to learn, study, reflect and worship.



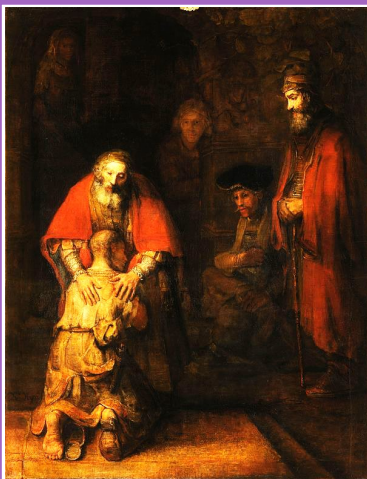
Join us as we begin the season.

Wednesday March 6

5:30 PM – Pancake Supper

Join us for pancakes, bacon & sausage. A gluten free option will be available. This is actually a Shrove Tuesday tradition.

6:40 PM – Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary



Sunday Morning Lenten Sermon Series-Returning Home

During each Sunday in Lent we will focus on the beautiful story from the Gospel of Luke most often known as the Prodigal Son. Each week we will examine the story from the perspective of one of the characters.

March 10 – The Younger Son

March 17 – The Older Son

March 24 – The Father

March 31 – The Unmentioned Mother

April 7 – The Servants

Join us as we journey during the season of Lent and learn more about this beloved story.

Wednesday Night @ The Mount Worship Lenten Sermon Series

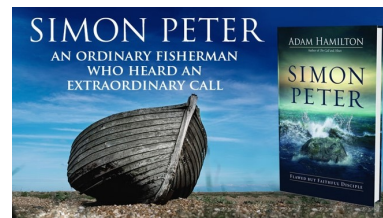
The 2019 Lenten season is upon us. We will begin Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service (March 6) with Pastor Angela bringing the message. During the following weeks of Lent Pastor Tony will lead us in a Lenten journey of Spiritual Practices. During Holy Week we will have a Maundy Thursday (April 18th) Foot and Hand Washing Service and on Good Friday (April 19th), a Tenebrae Service. Wednesday Night at the Mount Worship begins at 6:40 PM and the two Holy Week services will begin at 7 PM.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

This will be our 7th year of providing Easter baskets for the After School Children at Ada Jenkins Center. This will be a great opportunity for families and classes to help in this project. There are two ways to help: Create your own basket or donate \$15.00 for us to purchase one for you. You can do this by dropping off your baskets at the Church Office or on Sunday mornings on the table in the Family Life Center prior to April 12th. If you have any questions please contact Tom Russell 704-507-2493 or tr.moisturewarranty@gmail.com. Checks should be made out to Mt. Zion and designated in the memo area for Easter Baskets.

Lenten Bible Study

Join us for our Lenten study as we focus on one of our beloved Biblical characters – Simon Peter. We will be using Adam Hamilton's book *Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple*. Hamilton describes Simon Peter in this way "He was not rich or educated, but he was familiar with hard work. He was quick-tempered and impetuous, but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher, yet struggled with doubt and fear."



The Lenten study will meet in the Education Building Room 209 on the following days:

Mornings @ 10 AM

Monday March 11

Monday March 18

Monday March 25

Monday April 1

Monday April 8

Monday April 15

Evenings @ 7 PM

Monday March 11

Tuesday March 19

Tuesday March 26

Monday April 1

Monday April 8

Monday April 15

Come and learn as we journey through Lent with Simon Peter.

If you would like a book please contact Pastor Angela @ amarlowe@mtzionumc.net



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children's Ministries March Announcements

Kids Club @ the Mount/Music with Ms. Shelley meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM in Room 201 in the Christian Education Building. All children are welcome!



Save the Date(s):

The Easter Egg Hunt will be April 13th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the front lawn. In the event of rain the location will be moved to the Family Life Center. We need volunteers to send in filled eggs with either candy or toys. Upon completion, please label and drop off at the Church office anytime between now and April 1st.



Vacation Bible School (ROAR!) will be June 24th – 27th evenings. Life is Wild...God is Good!

Music and Art Camp will be June 17th – 20th in the Education Building.

If you are interested in being on the planning or decorating committees for any of these events please contact Stacey Mercuri at smercuri@mtzionumc.net.



Acolytes Needed Immediately: Students that are in 3rd Grade and above that are interested in being an Acolyte for the 2019 year can sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094eafa622a2f58-mtzion>. If you have questions or need training please contact Stacey Mercuri at smercuri@mtzionumc.net.

M.O.M.S. (Moms Offering Mutual Support) Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 PM at Waterbean Coffee. All moms are invited!

Substitute School Teachers Needed for the 2019 Year: We have an immediate opening for Sunday School Substitutes. Please contact Stacey Mercuri smercuri@mtzionumc.net if you are interested.

Upcoming Dates:

March 3 rd	Children from Kids Club / Music Sing during the 11 o'clock service
March 6 th	Kids Club @ the Mount / Music with Ms. Shelley Starts 6:30
March 13 th	Kids Club @ the Mount / Music with Ms. Shelley Starts 6:30
March 19 th	MOMS Meeting 7:00 in the Waterbean Coffee
March 20 th	Kids Club @ the Mount / Music with Ms. Shelley Starts 6:30
March 27 th	Kids Club @ the Mount / Music with Ms. Shelley Starts 6:30

College Student Volunteers

FUEL is looking for College volunteers for the weekend of April 5-7

(2 nights and three days). FUEL is participating in a multi-church missional weekend. College Students will serve as group leaders, and counselors for middle school and high school students. If you are interested, email Howard @ hharris@mtzionumc.net

May through mid-August, we are looking for College Students to be Sunday School teacher volunteers. If you are interested, email Howard at hharris@mtzionumc.net (6-12th Grade) is looking for storytellers and anyone who has gifts to share with our youth and guests. Do you desire to learn more about the Bible? To help youth see the Bible in a new light? To see youth learn the context & application of biblical text and then apply it to their everyday lives? Do you want to make a difference in a student's faith life? If so, Sunday School is for you! **QUALIFICATIONS:** A sincere desire to impact the lives of students and to share God's word! You need not be a biblical expert to apply! **RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Director of Youth will provide the story and lesson guide the week before class. So you may wish to do some personal reading of the biblical text and review the discussion questions/activity ideas for the lesson. The lesson will have an activity you can select and prepare, or you may feel free to plan some of your own if you wish. Arrive at the Youth Room at 9:30 AM and spend time with middle or high school youth until 10:45 AM. This commitment could be seasonal, with scheduling that fits your schedule such as once a month, bi-monthly, or monthly.

College Ministry Retreat

When: June 26-28

Email Howard at hharris@mtzionumc.net if you are interested.

Are you a college student or an upcoming college freshman? If so, join us for our college summer retreat at Coastal Retreat (<https://sclrc.com/coastalretreat/>). *Study the Word: during our Bible study time, the theme is Undivided. Expect fantastic biblical teaching plus engaging, challenging discussion. *Play hard and chill to the max: expect some structured games, tubing/skiing, plus a significant amount of merely relaxing on the beach, city (10 minutes from Charleston, SC), or nature. *Get to know your college ministry: build relationships with other college students and leaders in the college ministry. We will leave from the church 6/26 at 1:30 PM and return 6/28 at approximately 3 PM. You can ride the bus with us over there or take your vehicle. Cost \$50.

COLLEGE MINISTRY NEWS

ADULT TRAVEL MINISTRIES

Adult Travel Ministry Trip to the Sight and Sound Theater, Longwood Gardens and Philadelphia!

May 6 - 10, 2019. 5 days, 4 nights. \$790 per person

We will begin our trip in the city of brotherly love, Philadelphia, where we will spend 2 nights. Here we will have an amazing experience at the National Constitution Center. We will also visit the new Museum of the American Revolution and the Betsy Ross House. We will have a guided historic city tour of Philadelphia with a must stop at the Liberty Bell Center. We will end our time in Philly at the Reading Terminal Market where we can have lunch. Then it is on to the incredible and much-admired Longwood Gardens, once the private estate of Pierre DuPont and regarded as one of the world's greatest gardens. Lastly, our travels take us to the Lancaster area where we will spend two nights and see the performance of 'Jesus' at the Sight and Sound Theater, back again for its second year. An astoundingly realistic musical stage adventure, 'Jesus' is not a Bible lesson of his life, but instead a show about Jesus' love, and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. We will also visit the Underground Railroad Experience, where we will learn about the slave trade in Colonial America to the Civil War. This trip includes motor coach transportation from Mt. Zion, 4 nights lodging, 3 dinners, 4 breakfasts, entrance fees to attractions listed and gratuities. Final payment by March 17, 2019. Please make your check payable to Mt. Zion UMC and put Philly in the memo section. For more information or to obtain a flyer, contact Dora Dalmas at dalmas2@mi-connection.com or at 704-737-4859.

The Oberammergau Passion Play, Switzerland and Bavarian Germany, August 7 - 15, 2020

Once every ten years, some 2,000 local residents of the little Bavarian village of Oberammergau join forces to perform the Passion Play, a dramatic recreation of Jesus Christ's last days on Earth. First produced nearly four centuries ago, Germany's world-famous Passion Play has become a beloved highlight of every decade... and being there in person to see it unfold in 2020 will be an experience you'll remember for a lifetime! In addition, we will be visiting the Black Forest area of Germany and picturesque places and towns in the Swiss Alps on this 9 day trip which includes air and 13 meals. Cost is \$5,749 pp and deposit is \$750. Land only is \$3,999. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis and there is a Sign-up Bonus if you reserve by **May 3**. For a full brochure or any questions, please contact Dora Dalmas at 704-737-4859 or at dalmas2@mi-connection.com

MUSIC NEWS FROM SHELLEY

As chatty as I usually am, I truly do not have a whole lot to share this month!

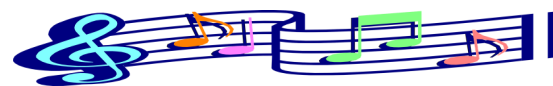
Babygarten classes have been going strong since the end of January, and the last class for this session will be held on Saturday, March 9th. The next session will begin on Wednesday, May 1st and conclude on Saturday, June 1st.

On Wednesday, March 6th, I will introduce a children's musical to the participants of our Wednesday evening music classes. We will prepare to present it to the church family in May.

You have an open invitation to join the Chancel Choir! We truly have a great time together during rehearsals, and I encourage any of you who are curious about it to come join us. There are many empty seats in the loft that would love to be warmed up by YOU. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings @ 7:00 PM. However, THERE WILL BE NO CHOIR REHEARSAL ON THURSDAY, MARCH 14th.

We also have room in the bell room for you! Our rehearsals are held @ 5:30 PM on Thursdays, and we are preparing to ring for the congregation in April.

Thank you all for your continued support of the music program!



SONSHINE PRESCHOOL NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who supported our City BBQ Fundraiser! Our good Lord blessed us and we received \$360.65 to help with our Scholarship Fund and needed supplies! A good time was had by all!

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

Sonshine Preschool's March Mission will be collecting items to help restock the shelves for Caterpillar Ministries, a local ministry that exists to change the lives of children and their families living in impoverished areas of Lake Norman. The following items are needed to help restock shelves and some are ongoing needs:

school supplies – quality back packs, pencil sharpeners, sharpies, pencils, markers, copy paper, gift cards, (Walmart, Target, Staples), hand sanitizer, trial size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash, canned soup, canned ravioli, canned fruit, mac-n-cheese mix, cereal.

You can help us fill our red wagon with these items and be a blessing to others. Our red wagon is located on the lower level of the Ed building at the preschool office. We thank you for helping teach our little disciples to serve others.

Sonshine Preschool Preciousness: During Chapel time, one of our precious twos stood up, pointed and said, "I see Jesus up 'dar'!" Where have you seen Jesus lately?

"Everything God made is beautiful." Ecclesiastes 3:11 - March Favorite Bible Words

SONSHINE PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS



Sonshine Preschool is happy to announce Summer Camps this year!

"Wild, Wild, West" May 28 – 31

"Under the Big Top" – June 3 - 6

All camps will run 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Each camp is \$130.00 per child per camp.

Children must be 2, 3 or 4 by August 31, 2018 to enroll.

Deadline for Summer Camp registration is April 15. We hope to see you this summer!



Please contact the preschool for more info at (704)892-0654.



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 NEWS

His activities in March include:

Just As I Am/Sustain 4:30/5:00-

March 10 in the Hut

The Feast 11:00 March 17 -

Youth Room Modified Worship Service for Families

JEDI night 4:30 March 24 - in the Family Life Center

Agape Sunday School 9:45 Every Sunday - Modified Sunday School Class in FLC#2

A Place For Us 11:00 Every Sunday in FLC#2 for times when privacy is needed/desired.



It's all about Love at His Ministry -
February 2019 Mt. Zion UMC
Just As I Am

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (FUEL)

What are we learning in FUEL?

In February we started a 7-week series on How To Pray. The series is loosely based on the popular book by Andrew Murray, With Christ in the School of Prayer. Each week we take New Testament teachings about prayer and illumine them in "lessons" designed to help the student move past shallow, ineffectual prayers into a fuller understanding of the work that God has called them to do. According to Murray, the church does not realize that "God rules the world by the prayers of his saints, that prayer is the power by which Satan is conquered, that by prayer the church on earth has disposal of the powers of the heavenly world." Students are challenged each week to complete assignments to cultivate this spiritual discipline of prayer, and seek to employ Works of Piety in their daily lives. Below is a prayer, a student wrote following a FUEL night:

Gracious God. You are amazing and powerful. You turn the sick healthy and the poor stable. In heaven all things are good as you turn them. Thank you for all the daily needs you provide. Please help bring water to those who are less fortunate. Please forgive our sins and help us to forgive those who have sinned upon us. It is our nature to sin and you are gracious to forgive us. Please help to guide me in making the right decisions. Guide me into having patience with everyday tasks and events. Thank you for all you have done and all the more you will do. Amen. - Amelia Vaughan

FUEL SCHEDULE

March 3, 4:30 - 6:15 PM - Lesson: I Am Second (Acts 4:13-31)

March 10 - No Fuel (Tekoa Weekend)

March 17, 4:30 - 6:15 PM - Lesson: The Father's Kingdom (Matt. 6:10); Service Sunday

March 23 - Mission Trip Participant Meeting (9:00 AM - Noon) in the Education Building Room 204

March 24, 4:30 - 6:15 PM - Lesson: The Father's Provision (Matt. 6:11)

March 31, 4:30 - 6:15 PM - Fellowship with Area Youth Groups (meeting @FLC and going to Huntersville Baptist)

D-NOW April 5-7

(Discipleship Now) is a local gathering of youth from area churches including Community in Christ Lutheran, Huntersville First Baptist, Huntersville Presbyterian, and Huntersville United Methodist. Students will participate in local mission work, passionate worship, and awesome fellowship. Cost: Early Bird \$50 (Ends March 10); \$65 - Hosted by North Meck Youth Pastors.

GIVING TREE -EXTENDED TO MARCH 3RD (YOUTH MINISTRY SUPPORT)

There are 144 envelopes on the giving trees located in the back of the Sanctuary and Family Life Center. Envelopes are numbered from 1-144 with \$ in front (\$1, \$2, etc.). Make the minimum donation of the amount of money on the envelope and place it in the offering plate. The money that is raised will go toward all Youth Ministries including Testify, Curriculum Materials, Youth Events and Mission Trips. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MT. ZION YOUTH.**



FUEL Fellowship with Huntersville First Baptist Church



Family Ministry Intern

Chalanda Frazier

Chalanda is our new intern at Mt. Zion. She will be assisting Howard in Youth Ministry and Stacey in Children's Ministry so you will see her working in both areas. We welcome her to Mt. Zion.



Pictured are: Nkito, Chalanda, Joshua and Joseph

UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Luncheon to be held March 13 from 11 to 1 PM in the Family Life Center. If you or your spouse were born in 1949 or earlier, please let us know that you can attend by March 3. Doors open at 11, food served at 11:30. If you need a ride or have food allergies, let us know that too! RSVP to Sebra Maines 704-895-7716 or

sebramaines@yahoo.com

Parade of Tables - Ladies, Parade of Tables is coming up on March 23rd. This is a wonderful luncheon with beautiful themed decorations and musical entertainment. Tickets are \$15. 100% of the proceeds from this event go to support Children's and Women's Ministries. If you would like to attend or join us as a hostess, please email mzwoz1@gmail.com or call the church office to purchase a ticket.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

BACK PACK MINISTRY

Thank you for your continued support of the Back Pack Food Ministry both financially and through inventory donations for our 12 students at JV Washam.

Also because of your generosity, we have been able to respond to the need for assistance for many homeless high school students in our community.

All your kindness is greatly appreciated.



MOLLIE SHERRILL CIRCLE UPDATE

Thank you for all your support of our Circle! In 2018 we were able to raise \$2,400 at our Bake Sale in November, the Mt. Zion Annual Christmas Bazaar, and sale of Pecans. These funds were distributed to Angels and Sparrows (\$300), Serenity House (\$300), ASP (\$300), "DS" Family Assistance (\$400), Crossnore School (\$100), and Sanctuary Renovation (\$1,000).

WE HAVE PECANS FOR SALE! THESE ARE FRESH CROP PECANS FROM FALL OF 2018, 16 OZ. BAGS @ \$13.00. This is our best bargain! Contact Fran Conard @ 704-651-0410 or Suzie Caldwell @ 704-892-8215 to purchase Pecans! The sale of our Pecans will help fund some more amazing Mission Projects.

Mollie Sherrill Circle meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10 AM in Room 205 of the Education Building.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

The Confirmation Class attended a service at Temple Kol Tikvah on Friday February 22. A special thank you to Rabbi Shields for hosting us.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mt. Zion's new Congregational Care Ministry is now seeking to ensure that all who worship at Mt. Zion receive prayer, support, and compassionate care during seasons of sickness, loss, and setbacks by deploying lay ministers to work alongside pastors and staff to minister. This partnership between lay and clergy enable Mt. Zion to provide more consistent and deeper level of care to our church family. The leadership of CCM has been thrilled to welcome a great core of people who were trained in a previous care ministry, as well as a group of church members who have been working to care for our congregation previously into this exciting ministry. We are still offering an invitation to others who might be interested. If you are interested in participating in this ministry please contact Pastor Tony at tmoreau@mtzionumc.net or by calling the church office. Dates for training will be forth coming.

Help Needed for Senior Luncheon to be held March 13 in the Family Life Center. We are in need of Teams to help serve and honor our Seniors on March 13. Needed are: Greeters, Servers, Kitchen Service, Clean up, Drivers: Delivery of lunches to homebound Seniors and drivers needed to pick up guests who need a ride. Click on the signup genius link provided here to sign up- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4DACA72BA20-mtzion2> OR contact Jan Sipe at 704-453-4677 or at pajsipe@bellsouth.net to help! Thank you from the Nurture Committee

AUTUMN CARE MINISTRY

Four years ago on March 1, 2015, Sue Weaver and David Hodson sat down with four residents at the recently opened care center. Thus began our Sunday services which have continued each week because of many dedicated volunteers who help residents come to the services and to those who present the message.

Many thanks to those who have offered the message: David Hodson, without whom this ministry may have faltered; Rev. Arnie Corriher; Ritchie Crump and the Son Seekers class; Rev. Brian Darr; Ann Dutton; Faye and Tom Graham; Richard Little; Michael Norman; Alan Sipe and the Woody Washam class; Sue Weaver; Barbara Broadway and Joe Taborek; Dave Casavecchia; Doug Miller; and Allen Hauser.

Our services could not take place without the volunteers who assist residents to and from the services. Many thanks to Suzie and Kenny Inman, Becky and Joe Hollingsworth, Ann and Tom Dutton and Tyler, Sophia and Wayne Lecce, Corinne Hendrix, Clyde Caldwell, Todd Little, Diane and Milt Parra, and to the presenters who also often help the residents return to their rooms. And to Anna Akins who plays the piano and leads the hymns each week. If you would like to be a part of this ministry of love, please call Sue Weaver, 443 350-1732.

MARCH PRESENTERS

3 - Rev. Arnie Corriher	10 - Michael Norman
17 - Oak Grove Baptist Church	24 - David Hodson
31 - Tom and Faye Graham	

HOSPITALIZATION ? If you wish to receive pastoral care while in the hospital, please notify the office staff with the date and hospital information, along with the name that the patient will be using while in the hospital. If the office is closed for the weekend or it's an emergency, please contact the pastor directly.

THANK YOU!

The Blue and Gold Banquet was held on February 16, 2019. Cub Scouts Pack 10 presented the church with a token of appreciation for Mt. Zion's continued support.



CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members that joined on February 17th.

John and Linda Martin
20225
Riverchase Drive
Cornelius, 28031



Mark, Yvette, Abbey, Mackenzie, and Jordyn Neel
10940 Heritage Green Drive
Cornelius, 28031



Eddie and Cynthia West
1407 Dennbriar Drive
Concord, 28027



Mike, Jodi, Kyle, and Colby Rocco
11080 River Oaks Dr., NW
Concord, 28027



Barbara Merriman
15630 Sagefield Dr.
Huntersville, 28078



FEBRUARY BIRTH

Lucas Oliver Ainslie was born on February 11, 2019. He is the son of Ian and Genevieve Ainslie and the grandson of Greg and Marilyn Ainslie.

FEBRUARY BAPTISMS

Chuck Williams was baptized at the 8:30 service on February 10, 2019.
Jordyn Emilee Neel was baptized at the 9:45 service on February 17, 2019

CONGRATULATIONS!

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION

is extended to **Pat Tritt and family** on the death of her sister, Nancy Hamilton on January 27th, to **Judy Caldwell and family** on the death of her husband, Buddy Caldwell on January 29, 2019, and to **Scott Vaughan and family** on the death of his mother, Deanna Vaughan on January 29th.



SPECIAL GIFTS WERE GIVEN...

IN MEMORY OF Kirk Bost a gift was given to the Budget. **IN MEMORY OF** Buddy Caldwell a gift was given to the Budget. **IN HONOR OF** Richard Washam a gift was given to HIS Ministry. **IN HONOR OF** Jeff Knight a gift was given to FUEL.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

January 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 in January – \$73,439

Budget income needed per month – \$97,900

creating a shortfall of \$24,461

January expenses were - \$84,565

Total designated fund balance is \$209,064

This includes:

Capital Fund – \$3,172

Helping Hands Fund – \$24,968

Please contact Patti Loner (ploner@mtzionumc.net) if you have questions.

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FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

Date	8:30	9:45	11:00	Total
2/3	103	96	201	400
2/10	101	100	142	343
2/17	88	89	196	373
2/24	94	105	194	393

Autumn Care Attendance

2/3	27
2/10	26
2/17	37
2/24	14

Wednesday Night Worship

2/6	21
2/13	46
2/20	28
2/27	



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"MAKING, MATURING, MOBILIZING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST"

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

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!

Please send any articles you would like to have included in the April newsletter to the church by March 25.

They may be emailed to kfellows@mtzionumc.net

Thank you!!



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 or Robin Lambert at rlambert96@gmail.com.

MOMS – Mothers Offering Mutual Support meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month @ a new location...**Waterbean Coffee** in Huntersville. **All moms are invited!**

(Note new location)

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!