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**“Making, Maturing, Mobilizing
Disciples for Christ”**

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Dear friends at Mt. Zion,

We are living in unnerving times. There is a surfacing of things we would rather not think about, hear about or talk about. Some of these things cut our souls – human trafficking, the abuse of children, patterns of sexual misconduct, blatant racial prejudices to name a few. Sin, selfishness, taking advantage of others seems everywhere. It is a Halloween time. (Not the fun kind of Trunk Or Treat Halloween time that we had at the church – but the original “All Hallow’s Eve” when all the ghosts and goblins and frightening spirits are turned loose in full force). All Hallow’s Eve was a truly scary time. The worst possible fears were visible—things you never wanted to see.

The richness of All Hallow’s Eve is that the forces of darkness came out in such full force because they knew that once November 1 arrived (All Saints Day), they would lose their power. That’s why the furious unleashing of evil on October 31. Even the forces of evil knew that their power would be vanquished once people turned their eyes on God’s goodness through the lives of saints.

In life’s Halloween times, it is easy to be afraid and disgusted and discouraged. There is a natural inclination to give up in despair. When evil shows up, it is a Good Friday time and we understandably recoil and turn away. The cross of Jesus tells us that there is an unmasking of what is horrible that sets the stage for redemption and victory. Without the cross, there would have been no powerful resurrection. Can we believe this reality of Christ’s life for ourselves and our world?

November starts – and, at Mt. Zion, goes all month long –reminding us of the power of God’s goodness through the lives of dedicated people. The influence of the saints is always more powerful than the most sordid evil. Look for the saints when the unearthing of evil is around us. At Mt. Zion, we not only remember the Saints with gratitude in worship, the next Sunday, we remember the sacrifice of veterans. The following Sunday, we remember God’s goodness in the celebration of Thanksgiving and commitment. The next Sunday, we prepare our hearts for Advent – the new Christian year. And in-between the Sundays, we are living the lives of saints in mission projects (Christmas Shoe Boxes are already underway), we are gathering for fellowship and service at the annual barbeque, we are worshipping with others in the community for the Thanksgiving season, meeting with small groups to learn and grow in our faith....and the list goes on and on.

People can very easily see the unnerving Halloween aspects of the world around us. Through our life together, people have the chance to see the hope and the inspiration and the faithfulness of the saints. Even one candle makes a difference in the darkness. Thank God for the church which always calls us to be the saints. We are blessed to be a blessing. *Mary John*

**Mt. Zion’s Annual Charge Conference will be held
Monday, November 27 at 7 pm in Room 205 of the
Education Building.**

Our first night to serve our **ROOM IN THE INN** guests will be December 5th, we will be serving our guests on the following dates: December 5th & 19th, January 2nd & 16th, February 6th & 20th, March 6th & 20th. We need to have the following available for our guests: Hotel soaps, creams, toothpastes, toothbrushes, shampoos, each year we need small cans of shaving creams and razors, laundry soaps and fabric softener. Please bring the items to the Don Bridger SS class (Room 204) or to the church office. We will start signups in a couple of weeks and you can do as much or as little as you are able. We will need drivers to pick up guests uptown on Tuesday afternoon and take them back on Wednesday morning. We need inn keepers to spend the night ... need to be at youth house at 7 pm and should be able to leave around 7 am on Wednesday morning. Please contact Barbara Broadway for more information: [704-996-7000](tel:704-996-7000) or email: bbroadway47@gmail.com



The Mt. Zion Christmas Show is coming up on November 18th! We still have a few open spaces so if you or anyone you know would like a vendor booth please contact Ginger Andersen at 980-722-8429. We hope you will also come out to eat at the Café and shop for wonderful craft items and baked goods! We are excited about some new vendors this year!

MT. ZION FAMILY CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS!



OCTOBER BAPTISMS:

Sydney Quinn Goins was baptized at the 11:00 service on October 8. She is the daughter of Jason & Kristin Goins and the sister of Piper

Grace Goins.

Hayden Wade, Holden Carter and Lillian Blake Lentz were baptized at the 11:00 service on October 22. They are the children of Jon & Beth Lentz and the siblings of Griffin Lentz.

OCTOBER BIRTH

Caroline Grace Dunn was born on October 31. She is the daughter of Barrett and Weslie Dunn.

CONGRATULATIONS!

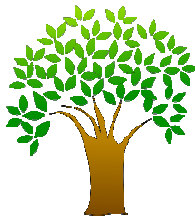


Our Deepest Sympathy

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO ...Lynn Bar-

ham and family on the

death of her mother, Martha Brown, on October 30 and to Betty Lentz and family on the death of her husband, Floyd, on October 31.



TREE DEDICATION & REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, November 12, 4:00 pm

Front Entrance to Sonshine Preschool

Anja Cheek (aka Mrs. Anja) went home to our Lord last October, after battling lung cancer. She served at Sonshine Preschool for 16 years as a parent, teacher and office support. Her love and passion for children and God shined through her every day! She has touched many, many lives and her legacy lives on. We are honored to have known and loved Mrs. Anja and will be dedicating a tree in her remembrance. Please join us on November 12, 4:00 pm. Please let others know who may have known Mrs. Anja.

It is with deep regret that I am announcing the resignation of Margaret Langston from the treasurer and office manager positions at Mt. Zion. Margaret joined the Mt. Zion staff 19 years ago and has been in her current role for 17 of those years. Everyone who has gotten to know Margaret over the years have found her to be nothing short of conscientious, professional and dedicated. She is held in high regard by Staff Parish, staff members, the congregation, the community and companies that she works directly with. Her contributions have been a great benefit to the church and, undeniably, she will be deeply missed.

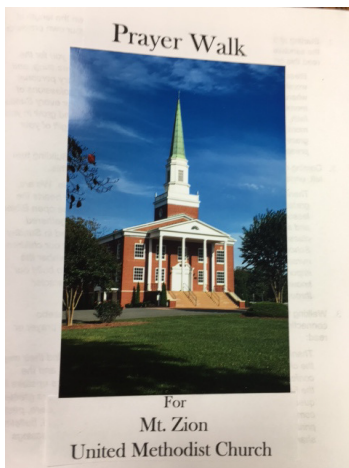
Margaret will continue her communications service to the church until the end of November or until someone can be hired and trained. Margaret will continue her (financial) duties and work with her replacement, as desired, until the audit for 2017 is completed by the outside accounting firm (normally the end of January or first week of February). She will continue to be in the office Monday through Wednesday and work from home on Thursday and Friday until the communications person is hired and trained and will work in the office one day a week and from home an additional day after that until the audit is done (she will likely be in the office on Tuesdays during that time) for those who want to personally thank or contact her about this change.

As with any change in staff, SPRC works to review the current position and the needs of the church. We will be looking to find a part time person to handle the many communication pieces that Margaret handles such as the newsletter and bulletins. Then we will also look for a person to handle the financial duties that fall under the treasurer. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask myself or Debbie Tillis. Please pray for Margaret in her transition time, SPRC as we search for her replacements and the church as a whole with this adjustment.

Sincerely,

Lee Rice, SPRC Chair

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November activities and celebrations are reminders to count our blessings.

The Prayer Walk is one way to pray for the many blessings of Mt. Zion.

Using the Prayer Walk guide, people are encouraged to begin at the Sanctuary and follow the path on the map of the main campus. There are 8 places marked as stops for prayer, beginning at the steps of the Sanctuary, walking down by the cemetery to the Education Building, Family Life Center, the Hut, the Outdoor Chapel and Prayer Labyrinth and back up to the Youth House. At each stop, people are invited to remember the ministry that takes place there and say a prayer. Prayers are provided in the guide to read as well.

The Prayer Walk can be taken anytime by individuals, by friends walking together or by groups. We encourage people to actually take the walk physically, but the Prayer Walk guide could also be used by individuals or groups as a devotional way to pray around the church without walking. Use the Prayer Walk to take an inspiring look at the many blessings at Mt. Zion and to uphold the church in prayer.

Copies of the Prayer Walk are available in the Sanctuary, the Family Life Center, the Church Office and the Sunday School Rooms.

Appalachia Service Project

This is our yearly High School Youth summer mission trip where we spend a week in the mountains hanging out with families and helping make their homes warmer, safer, and dryer. This is a wonderful week of growing closer to other people, serving those in need, working hard, and having a lot of fun! We will be going to West Virginia the week of **June 17-23rd**. We have 21 spots available with limited adult spots. **To Register:** Simply visit our website www.mtzfuel.net, fill out the sign-up on the ASP page, and then turn in a \$50 deposit. For more info contact Matt Sherrill at msherrill@mtzionumc.net or call 704-892-7825.

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR CAMPUS COMMITTEE-The Senior Campus Committee will regularly post updates in the monthly newsletter. Please be assured that the committee is dedicated to sharing information that is real and current. Now that the sale of lots/housing has been approved by the Charge Conference the committee is moving forward toward a contract with a developer.

Senior Campus Committee

Sonshine Preschool, our weekday ministry for young children, is off to a great start! We currently have 75 precious children and 15 wonderful staff members who are helping to make "little disciples". Please keep us in your prayers as we journey through the pre-school year.

Our October Mission for our preschoolers has been UMCOR. Everyday sweet, little hands have been putting loose change (and some dollar bills) into a huge jar to help other people affected by hurricanes, floods, disasters, etc. Be looking to see how much these sweet, little friends have helped!

In November, our monthly mission will be the Ada Jenkins Food Pantry. We will be collecting Thanksgiving meal items to help families in need to enjoy a great Thanksgiving Day! Foods being collected are: stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes, and canned gravy. We hope to fill our wagon all the way up!

Sonshine Preschool offers scholarships to families in need. We currently are serving three children with full scholarships for the 2017 - 2018 preschool year. If you would like to help a child be able to attend Sonshine Preschool, prayerfully consider a donation to our scholarship fund.

Here are some other ways you can help support Sonshine Preschool:

Prayer

Link your Harris Teeter VIC card to the **code #4635**. Harris Teeter contributes a percentage of all HT brand purchases to the Sonshine Preschool TIE account when your VIC card is linked to our preschool. Doesn't cost you a dime.

Purchase some Butter Braids to keep in your freezer for Christmas or special days! Yum! We will be taking orders October 31 - November 15. Price is according to flavor; \$14 - \$15. The pastries will be delivered after Thanksgiving. Funds generated from this sale will help our scholarship fund and to purchase supplies. Please call the preschool office, 704-892-0654, to place your order. Checks must be made to Sonshine Preschool. Thanks in advance for your great support!

Sonshine Preschool Preciousness:

Email from parent:

Peter sat down for a little milk after preschool today & said, "Be kind to one another." I asked him if he learned that at preschool and he said, "Yes, my teacher told me that!" Then as he was "attempting" to fall asleep for his nap, he was telling all his stuffed friends to "Be kind to one another" in a sing song voice.



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 is an exciting new ministry created to promote awareness, inclusion, accessibility, advocacy, and additional opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. *His* opportunities for November include:

Sustain –	6:30	Nov. 7 – Parlor	Support Group for Caregivers
Just As I Am –	4:30	Nov. 12 – Hut	Fellowship, Devotion, Fun
The Feast –	11:00	Nov. 19 – Youth Room	Modified Worship Service for Families
JEDI Night –		Thanksgiving Holiday	See you next month!
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... 1 in 68 children (1/42 boys, 1/189 girls) is diagnosed with Autism (a developmental disability). **Autism, or autism spectrum disorder**, refers to a range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication, as well as by unique strengths and differences. There are many different types of autism. Approximately 1/2 of individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder have average or above average IQ. Less than 1/3 of people with autism have an intellectual disability and 1/3 remain nonverbal. Autism:
affects 1 in 68 children (1 out of 42 boys and 1 out of 189 girls)
is one of the fastest-growing developmental disorders in the U.S.
costs a family \$60,000 a year on average
Has no medical detection or cure



GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT AT MOUNT ZION!

The children are preparing for their Christmas musical, "Three Wee Kings", to be presented to the congregation on December 3rd, during the 11:00 worship service. Our rehearsals are held in the Education Building on Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 in Room 107. (NO REHEARSAL ON NOVEMBER 22nd)

The wonderful youth choir, Testify, will be singing on December 3rd at First Baptist Church in Cornelius for their 11:00 worship service. They will present their Christmas program for Mount Zion on December 10th @ the 9:45 service and that evening in our Family Life Center @ 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars! (They will also be singing at a closed event in the area on December 16th and at an area church the evening of December 17th...time and place TBD)

Melanie and I are SOOOOOOO excited to combine the Praise Team and Chancel Choir to present the Christmas Cantata, "The Greatest Story Ever Told" by Dennis and Nan Allen, at the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on Sunday, December 17th, in the Sanctuary. Please understand that we would LOVE to present this at ALL three of our worship services, but with our facility being as it is, we do not have enough time in between services to efficiently move singers and instruments down and back up the hill. We are utilizing our facility to the best of our ability, and we pray that with this change of time and place for the praise service attendees, EVERYONE will understand and work with us to make this combined choir day a very special event. So, plan accordingly that day to support your music ministry, and join us for the cantata @ 8:30 or 11:00!

The Hand Bells will be ringing for the Prelude and Offertory music on December 10th @ 8:30 and 11:00. If you are interested in playing hand bells, we are rehearsing on Thursday evenings from 5:45-6:45 in the bell room under the Sanctuary.

If anyone is interested in learning how to run sound at any of the worship services, PLEASE let me know. We can't have too many sound techs, and there are times when we get in a pinch!

Please contact me with any questions/concerns, and thank you all so much for your support, prayers, and love. slittle@mtzionumc.net (704) 201-7714 Shelley Little Music Director

Special Worship Services In November

Community Thanksgiving Service – 7 pm – Monday, November 20 at Torrence Chapel AME Zion in Cornelius

Hanging of the Greens – 6:40 – 7:30 pm – Wednesday, November 29th in the Sanctuary

This year Mt. Zion will celebrate the beginning of Advent, the season of preparation for Christ's coming, with a Hanging of the Greens Service on Wednesday, November 29th, at 6:40 pm in the Sanctuary. Along with Scripture and music a Hanging of the Greens service includes hanging greenery traditionally associated with everlasting life and the lighting of candles and the Chrismon Tree which represent the continuing presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the world and the everlasting light of Christ. Greens such as cedar for royalty, fir and pine boughs for everlasting life, holly symbolizing Jesus' death and ivy representing the resurrection are used. The Hanging of the Greens is a participatory service, if you would like to assist during the service or help prepare the Sanctuary, please contact Pastor Tony. Please save the date and join us for this wonderful celebration in anticipation of Christmas.

Wednesday Night Worship

During November, Wednesday Night Worship will continue to meet from 6:40-7:30 pm. This month our series is "Stories Jesus Told."

We will not have Wednesday Night worship on November 22. Instead, we hope people will attend the Community Thanksgiving Service on Monday night at Torrence Chapel AME Zion at 7 pm.

Also, on Wednesday, November 29th there will be a special Hanging of the Greens service as we prepare for Advent and the Christmas season (normal Wednesday Night Worship time 6:40 – 7:30 pm).

The Holy Land Experience, Cape Canaveral and other Florida attractions

Feb. 26 - March 2, 2018 Cost: \$430/per person, double occupancy \$550/single occupancy

We are once again traveling to warm and sunny Florida in the winter! It is a 5 day/4 night trip with the Holy Land Experience a highlight. Walk through a Jerusalem street market, see Herod's Temple and experience re-enactments of Jesus' life and death. The next day we are off to Cape Canaveral and the Cocoa Beach pier. We will learn about Florida's Orange Juice and Citrus industry and will go to Davidson of Dundee Citrus Candy Factory (highlighted on The Food Network). Our visit is made complete with a stop at the peaceful Bok Tower Gardens with its magical singing carillon bell tower.

Cost includes motor coach pickup at Mt. Zion, hotel, meals (all breakfasts and dinners) and gratuities. Excitement (did I mention the gators we will see?), fellowship, and insight into Jesus' time on this earth, awaits us in Florida!

Reserve by sending a check for \$75 to the Mt. Zion UMC church office (704-892-8566) (19600 Zion Ave, Cornelius, NC 28031). Please put "Florida Trip" in the memo section of your check. Trip insurance is available for \$35.

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

THERE IS STILL TIME....A Canadian Rockies adult summer trip is set for July 16 - 29, 2018. This is an awesome, 14 day, escorted motor-coach/fly adventure visiting the following Canadian National Parks: Banff (a UNESCO site), Jasper, Waterton Lakes (Peace Park UNESCO site) plus Glacier National Park in Montana. The cities on our journey include: Seattle, Victoria, Vancouver, Whistler (an alpine Olympic Village), Jasper, Banff, Lake Louise, Waterton and Calgary. Special points of interest include the Chihuly Gardens, Seattle Space Needle, Butchart Gardens, Lake Louise, an Ice Explorer ride on the Athabasca Glacier, gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain in Banff, and the glittering Andromeda Galaxy, the length of the Milky Way! As we travel on such roads as the 'Going-to-the-Sun' road and the Icefields Parkway, we will see glaciers and glacier lakes, ice fields, magnificent waterfalls, stunning views and quaint cities. The price is approx. \$3,000 per person double occupancy land only. 5% discount if pay by check. A passport is required.



MAGICAL MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS is getting ready for our trip to Jonesville! The Jonesville ASP Center has started sending kids' names to us and we are ready to match them up with sponsors. Sponsoring a child involves purchasing a coat, outfit, accessories, and a toy. Sponsors will receive specific instructions for shopping, wrapping, and returning the gifts to the church. If you'd like to help in another way, you may donate Walmart gift cards or new general household items such as towels, sheets, and kitchen items. Monetary donations are helpful, too!



For information about sponsoring, helping us get ready, or traveling to Jonesville, VA, please contact Elizabeth Coker or Hilary Broadway at magicalmountainchristmas@gmail.com. You may also call or text Elizabeth at 704-957-9727. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/MZMMC2017> for information on the families.

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH SPECIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

This ministry helps families in need in our community and are sent to us through Ada Jenkins Center. These families all live in either Huntersville, Cornelius, or Davidson. We put together boxes for 90 families 200 children and provide each family with a box of food, winter clothing and toys for Christmas. We do this to help them during the Christmas school vacation time when many of these families struggle to feed their children. It takes approximately \$150 per family to accomplish this. You can choose to sponsor a family by making a monetary donation that will be used to purchase the goods we need to fill their boxes or an individual donation of new clothing or toys and food is another way to help. No donation is too small and at the end, any items left over will go to either Ada Jenkins or Crisis Assistance. **But, we need your help!**

Since this is a ministry where donations come from our congregation, we rely on our members to help with donations of items, monetary donations, or their own time as volunteers to help process and deliver to our families. We need people to do this.....We Need You! If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Tom Russell either by phone (704) 507-2493 or email at tom@moisturewarranty.com. Here at the start we will be open the first couple of weeks on Wednesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 and on Saturdays from 11:00 to 2:00.

We are planning a daytime schedule and will announce it shortly. Donations can be dropped off during those times and during the daytime hours, Monday thru Friday, you can drop off any donations at my office at Moisture Warranty Corp., 20227 Railroad Street, Cornelius from 9:00 until 5:00.

We need volunteers during these hours to help with needed items, pack boxes, wrap toys and clothing and help at the end with delivery to the families. Remember these are our children, each year around 125 of the 200 children come from Cornelius. Most go to school with our children and are from single parent families and spend considerable time fending for themselves with no help, so let's ease that burden. Thank you all!! Tom Russell

Greetings from your Stewardship Committee:

As we continue our month long stewardship campaign, we think the following article is thought provoking and worth the read. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the article or campaign. Mary Tucker, Stewardship Chairperson

STEWARDSHIP

"Celebrating the offering is a spiritual act of worship every believer can actively participate in each week. Giving becomes a celebration when the believer discovers the joy of generosity, which grows out of God's grace." — Melvin Amer-son, *Celebrating the Offering*

WE GIVE

To belong to our congregation is to be a steward. Some may say that "stewardship" is just a polite way of referring to financial giving to the church. But it's far more than that.

One character in some of Jesus' parables is the steward — the servant charged by the master to care for the master's property. It is the master, not the steward, who owns the property, but the steward is responsible for it and is accountable to the master. So it is, said Jesus, between God and us. As God's stewards we have three responsibilities:

- **Receiving:** We receive with joyful thanksgiving the many gifts that God showers upon us — time, talent, treasure, our bodies, our friendships, natural resources, and the beauty around us.
- **Managing:** We take good care of what we have received. We manage these resources wisely — for our own good and the good of others.

Giving: Out of our gratitude in receiving so abundantly, we want to share with others. Let's look at four kinds of gifts that we receive, manage, and share:

OUR TIME

We did nothing to earn the hours, the days, the weeks of our lives. Time is a gift of God. How we choose to use it is a matter of stewardship. Some people lead lives of frenetic activity, al-

ways over-extending themselves to the point of exhaustion, while others sit around in apathetic boredom. Some spend all their hours serving the needs of others at the expense of their own, while others live only for themselves.

As Christian stewards we try to manage time wisely and in a balanced way. And we give our time gladly to family and friends, to strangers, to the community, the church, and to ourselves.

OUR ABILITIES

Do you remember Jesus' parable of the three servants who received different amounts of money to manage while the master was away? We've each received from God distinctive gifts and talents. How we develop and use these talents is a matter of stewardship. Like two of the servants in Jesus' story, we can invest them wisely — or like the third, out of fear we can hide them (Matthew 25:14-30).

As stewards, we acknowledge the gifts we have without apology. We develop them further, practicing new skills and putting our talents to work in ministry.

OUR RESOURCES

We may think that our financial resources are our own. But when we recall that the time, the energy, the good health, and the opportunities for employment behind these dollars are all gifts from God, we see that the funds belong to God too. We are the stewards; God is the owner. So questions about what we earn, how we earn it, how we save, spend, and give it away, are all questions of Christian stewardship.

One vital aspect of our stewardship is our giving to Christ's work in the world. We've learned that giving is most effective when we commit ourselves to give a definite proportion of our income through the church. For many, this proportion is one-tenth, or a tithe. Whatever the amount, we have discovered the joy in giving to God the "first fruits," an amount "off the top" of our income, not what's left over at the end of the month.

— Excerpt from *The United Methodist Member's Handbook Revised and Expanded*, pgs. 20-21, George E. Koehler © 2006, Discipleship Resources.

REMINDER: Please send any articles you would like to have included in the next issue of the newsletter to the church by December 1.

**MT. ZION UMC UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

1/1/17 - 10/31/17

2017 General Fund Budget: \$1,331,720

Budget Gifts: \$ 790,843

THANK YOU!

Budget Expenses: \$824,373

General Fund Cash On Hand: \$116,119

The amount owed YTD for apportionments is \$63,085. The amount remaining for the year is \$81,702. We also owe an additional \$46,732 for project consulting fees for the main campus.

Capital Fund Gifts Received: \$8,917

Capital Fund Expenses: \$5,812

Capital Fund Cash On Hand: \$14,407

Funds Received for Helping Hands (Pastor's Discretionary Fund) \$ 2,246. Please contact Margaret Langston if you have questions.

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

**SPECIAL GIFTS WERE
GIVEN...IN HONOR OF** Corinne Hendrix, a gift was given to the Budget; **IN HONOR OF** Sandy Eller, a gift was given to the Budget; **IN HONOR OF** Sydney Goins' baptism, a gift was given to the Budget... **IN MEMORY OF** Mr. & Mrs. C.O. Davis, a gift was given to the Music Fund.



November 18: **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW**

November 20 at 7 pm **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** Torrence Chapel AME Zion Church

Hanging of the Greens – 6:40-7:30 pm – Wednesday, November 29th in the Sanctuary

November 27: **CHARGE CONFERENCE** at 7 pm

OCTOBER 2017 ATTENDANCE:

October 1: 8:30: 93; 9:45: 93; 11: 156 = 342

October 4: 33

October 8: 8:30: 90; 9:45: 93; 11: 202 = 385

October 11: 26

October 15: 8:30: 82; 9:45: 90; 11: 176 = 348

October 18: 34

October 22: 8:30: 90; 9:45: 95; 11: 210 = 395

October 29: 8:30: 74; 9:45: 91; 11: 231 = 396

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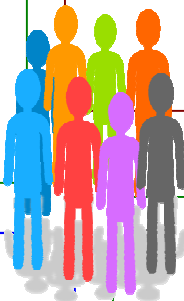
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"MAKING, MATURING, MOBILIZING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST"

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** on the first Tuesday of each month (location to be determined). We meet at 7:00 pm for fellowship and a devotional program. Please contact us at mzwoz1@gmail.com if you have questions or need more information. We look forward to seeing you the first Tuesday of each month! To receive meeting reminders, text the message @womenofz to 81010.

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 A 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...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. Also, we are seeking missionaries to take our dresses around the world. 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!