



IN TOUCH...

The Newsletter of the Mt. Zion Family

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WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY AT 8:30, 9:45 AND 11:00 AM
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 6:40 PM

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

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Pastoral Areas of Primary Responsibility -Jonathan's Journals

It has been a joy to be one of your senior pastors over the past four months. Angela and I are still learning our way around Mt. Zion and Cornelius, but we are beginning to get a feel for how our community of faith is functioning, and how we can best lead and minister within it. Angela and I as the senior pastors have entered into conversation with Tony Moreau as our associate pastor to discuss our ongoing ministry together as we seek to help Mt. Zion live into its mission of making, maturing and mobilizing disciples for Jesus Christ. We have come up with the following chart that, for now, is summarizing how we conceive of our different roles. (chart is on page 5)

The first thing to be noticed about the chart is that the lines are dotted. These areas of ministry are fluid and are all inter-related. But if you're looking for a pastor to discuss baptisms with, I'm the person you want to make sure to connect with. It doesn't mean that Angela and Tony won't talk about baptism with you, but when it comes to actually scheduling and finalizing the plans for a baptism, I'm the person who does it. When you have questions about the HIS ministry (our special needs ministry), be sure to talk with Tony. Angela and I will be involved with HIS ministry from time to time, but Tony will be the primary person to coordinate it. When you have a question about the church budget, consult with Angela. If you need to talk with a pastor about a project for the Trustees, I'm your guy. If you have a need related to pastoral care, reach out to Tony. All of your pastors will be involved with all of these areas of ministries, but we wanted to give you a sense of where our foci are.

One way to think of this is that I focus on welcome, Angela on nurture, and Tony on Outreach. Another way to think of it (using our church mission statement) is that I focus on making disciples, Angela on maturing disciples, and Tony on mobilizing disciples. Again, these are generalities, but they might give you a better handle on which pastor to relate to when you have particular questions.

Not everything is covered in this chart. Angela and I, as senior pastors, will do most of the preaching on Sunday mornings. We also will have primary oversight of the wider church staff, and we will be the primary ones casting the vision for the future of our church. Tony will continue to work closely with us, sharing insights, offering feedback, leading worship, and occasionally preaching.

We have also developed a way to organize our times on Sunday mornings. Once a month, I will have a Sunday where I am neither preaching nor leading in worship. This will give me a chance to visit Sunday Schools, worship with the team from Autumn Care, and generally "float around" and have conversations with people with whom I might not get to speak when I have other responsibilities. Angela will also have one Sunday per month when she will be the "roamer." Tony will have two Sundays per month like this. It is also just good for my soul when once a month, I get to sit in the pew and listen to someone else preach and lead worship.

Thank you for giving me the honor of serving as one of your senior pastors. I hope that this little article will help you better understand how some of the pastoral roles are being shared.

Peace, Jonathan

We hope you will join us for the many worship opportunities during the month of November.

Sunday Morning Worship

November 4 – All Saints Sunday. Come as we remember our special Mt. Zion Saints
November 11 – Our Mt. Zion Veterans will be honored during worship and at lunch following worship.

November 18 – Come to express our gratitude to God as we prepare for Thanksgiving.

November 25 – Come and learn how we use our resources to continue God's work!

Wednesday Night Worship

Wednesday, November 7 – Regular worship

Wednesday, November 14 – A Way Forward Presentation – See additional article on Page 5 for more information.

Community Thanksgiving Service

There will be a Community Thanksgiving Service on Monday night, November 19 at 7 pm at Bethel Presbyterian Church. Join other Christians in the area as we celebrate Thanksgiving.

**Worship the Lord With Gladness
Psalm 100 – A Psalm of
Thanksgiving**

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all
the earth.**

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

**Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep
of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.**

**Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures
forever,
and his faithfulness to all
generations.**

MUSIC NEWS WITH MS. SHELLEY

Wow! I cannot believe the holidays are approaching so quickly. I heard many times from my parents that "the older you get, the faster time flies". I should have known that was the truth, because they always seemed to be proven right about things, even when I was a teen and felt like they were from a different planet.



This month, the children are continuing to rehearse on Wednesday evenings for the upcoming Christmas musical, "A Rockin Royal Christmas" by Clydesdale. This presentation will be on **December 2nd at 5:00 PM** in the Family Life Center, so **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** I would love for the whole church family to come support this event, as the children are working hard to make this musical a very special one.

The Chancel Choir is going strong and preparing for Choplin's cantata "Christmas Presence", to be presented on **December 16th at the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services**. This is a great time to join us, as we have extra copies of the cantata and listening CDs just for YOU. Many of our choir members are going to New York November 15-19 to sing the cantata at Carnegie Hall, under the direction of Pepper Choplin.

The Hand Bells will play for us during the **8:30 and 11:00 services on November 11 and December 23**. We still have room for YOU in this group, so give it a try!

The Autumn Daze Singers will be singing for the residents at Autumn Care on **Friday, November 9 @ 11:00 AM**. If you would like to join us, please arrive at 10:30 to be given the music selections, which consist of "oldies, hymns and patriotic tunes". We meet in the gathering room just inside the front entrance. Hope to see you there!

I am very thankful for our church family, and I look forward to sharing the upcoming Thanksgiving/Christmas Season with you.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (FUEL)

Lesson Focus for November (November 4, November 11, and November 18)

The Time Is Now is the study of the book of Haggai and how God used the prophet to lead Israel to rebuild God's temple. This three-part series will encourage students to act on what God is calling them to do.

NO FUEL NOVEMBER 25 and DECEMBER 2

Summer Mission Trips

We have some exciting mission trips for 2019. Registration is now open. A deposit of \$50 is required to reserve a place on either mission trip.

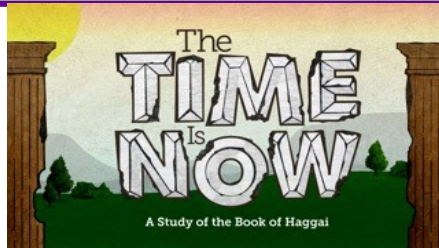
High School Mission Trip (Current 8th-12th Graders; Ages 13+)
Appalachia Service Project
June 16-22, 2019

ASP 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. ASP is a beautiful week of growing closer to other people, serving those in need, working hard, and having a lot of fun! We will be participating the week of June 16-22nd. We have 28 spots available with limited adult spots. To register now, click here.

Middle School Mission Trip
(Current 6th-8th Graders) + (5 current high schoolers)
YouthWorks
July 14-19, 2019

YouthWorks is our Middle School summer mission trip where we spend a week in Savannah, Georgia. Our group will have the opportunity to do hands-on work projects for part of the week and partner with local ministries and nonprofit organizations that serve seniors, children, and those experiencing homelessness. In the evenings, one will have dinner and swim at Tybee Island, learn about historical injustices by touring a church involved with the underground railroad, engage in the historic Riverwalk and other tourist options in Savannah, and end the week with a cookout celebration. We have 25 spots available with limited adult spots.

God Bless! Howard



HIS MINISTRY NEWS

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

HIS opportunities for November include:

Just As I Am 4:30 Nov. 18- Hut

Fellowship, Devotion, Fun – He Lives!

(3rd Sunday this month to allow participants to compete in State Special Olympic games)

The Feast 11:00 Nov 18- Youth Room

Modified Worship Service for Families

Sustain 5:00 Nov 18 – Hut

Support Group for Caregivers

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

A quiet, dedicated worship Livestreaming space dedicated for times when privacy is needed/desired.

Serving Communion at the Feast

So God created man-

*kind in *His* own*

image, in the image

of God He created

them; male and fe-

male He created them.

Genesis 1:27



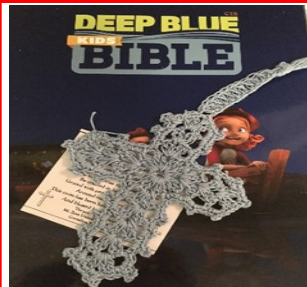
Did you know our 2nd Annual Winter Ball (formal prom) will be January 13, 2019?

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

His@mtzionumc.net



Dancing at Just As I Am



CHILDREN'S CORNER



Two Dozen Bibles were presented to the First Graders and 4 year-old children of the church during all three services on Sunday, October 21st. If you were not able to make one of the services on that Sunday, please contact Stacey Mercuri at smercuri@mtzionumc.net to get a Bible for your child. A HUGE thank you to Minerva Bullock and the Prayer Shawl Ministry for making the beautiful cross bookmarks that went into each of the 1st Grade Bibles.



THANK YOU! A great big thank you to the **Nurture Committee** for providing dinner and desserts at the Halloween Fun Fest and **all** that came out and **helped** and participated in the event! **FUN** (and candy) was had by all! The event was a success thanks to many volunteers but a lot of appreciation goes to **Debbie Jackson** for her large part in making it such a **hit!**



Kids Club @ the Mount includes Music with Ms. Shelley: Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Room 107 for ages four through Fifth grade. Childcare will be provided for ages three and younger in Room 101.

Acolytes Needed: Students that are in 3rd Grade and above that are interested in being an Acolyte for 2018-2019 can sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094eafa622a2f58-mtzion>. Please contact Stacey Mercuri smercuri@mtzionumc.net if you have questions.

M.O.M.S. (Moms Offering Mutual Support) Meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 20th in the Parlor at 7:00 p.m. **All moms are invited!**

Special Needs Sunday School Teacher Needed for the 2019 Year: We have an immediate opening for a Sunday School Assistant in the Special Needs Sunday School class. Please contact Stacey Mercuri smercuri@mtzionumc.net if you are interested.

Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the Baptism blankets that were made for the Baptisms in October!

Upcoming Dates:

November 7th **Kids Club @ the Mount**
November 20th **MOMS Meeting 7 PM (Parlor)**
November 28th **Last Kids Club @ the Mount for 2018**

November 14th **Kids Club @ the Mount**
November 21st **NO Kids Club @ the Mount**
December 2nd **Children's Christmas Program 5 PM (FLC)**

SONSHINE PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our "little disciples" are learning how to help and give to others each month with a mission focus. During November, our monthly mission will be the Cornelius Animal Shelter. We will be collecting old and new towels, canned dog food, Special Kitty cat litter, dishwashing detergent and laundry detergent (HE kind). If you would like to help the shelter, you can leave your items at the preschool office. Thank you God for animals to love.

Thank you for supporting our Annual Fall Book Fair! Your purchases helped build our preschool library, purchase quality classroom boom boxes and manipulatives for the children! We are blessed.

Sonshine Preschool offers scholarships to families in need. We currently are serving four families with full or partial scholarships for the 2018 – 2019 preschool year. If you would like to help a child be able to attend Sonshine Preschool, prayerfully consider a donation to our scholarship fund.

The children and families of Sonshine Preschool will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a Feast and Program. Be on the lookout for Native Americans and Pilgrims – they are the cutest around! We thank God for Jesus, Mt. Zion, our church staff and YOU!

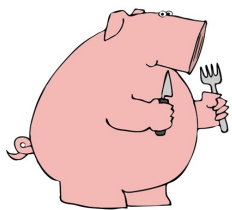
Sonshine Preschool Preciousness: After a visit from the Cornelius Lemley firefighters, our four year olds were playing fire fighters and while putting his jacket on, James said, "Don't worry guys, I'm still the same person inside this gear." Little children hear our words. Let's make them count!

Favorite Bible Words: "Say thank you to God." Psalm 136:1



MT. ZION UPCOMING EVENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Annual Mt. Zion UMC BBQ Saturday, November 3, 2018 11:00 AM- until food is gone



ATTEND, INVITE OTHERS, and ENJOY- Food is available in the dining room of the Family Life Center and by our drive thru take out line. You can also buy BBQ by the pound.

VOLUNTEER- You can still volunteer by signing up on the Mt. Zion website <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4daca72aa31-2018> Any questions call Jan Horton (home) 704-892-0560 (cell) 704-737-2786

BE A SPONSOR- A \$25 donation in honor, in memory or in celebration of someone will help us offset the cost of the BBQ. Please consider purchasing a BBQ ANGEL to help us keep the cost of the BBQ down. All BBQ Angels will be posted in the Family Life Center dining hall during the day of the BBQ. Please contact the church office or Jan Horton to purchase your BBQ ANGEL.

CHARGE CONFERENCE-

Our annual Charge Conference meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 5th at 7 PM in the Education Building Room 205.

VETERANS LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 11TH

All Veterans and their guest are invited to lunch **Nov. 11th** in the Family Life Center immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The spouse of any veteran that is no longer with us is also invited. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 5. All Veterans should meet at the front of the church at 10:30 to walk in together.

VOLUNTEERS- are needed to help with set up, serving and clean up at our Veterans lunch on November 11. Call or text Theresa Schwab 704-661-3310 or

Suzie Inman 704-807-4388 to help serve the ones that have served.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for our annual Mt. Zion UMC Christmas Show on **November 17th** and setup on **November 15th**. Just one hour or up to 2 or 3 hours of your time makes a big difference! Go to mtzchristmas.net for the link to Sign Up Genius. You can also help support the event by coming out to shop, eat and have photos with Santa.

The Mollie Sherrill Circle will again this year, sponsor a booth at the Mt. Zion Christmas Show on **November 17, from 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM**. The Circle will have a wide variety of baked goods and this year's fresh pecans for sale. **Donations of baked goods** from Church members would also be appreciated. Proceeds from the sales will go to organizations that our Circle sponsors.

Mt. Zion UMC Christmas Show 2018



**Saturday, November 17th
8:30am - 3:30pm**

19600 Zion Ave. Cornelius, NC 28031

Over 30 Regional Artists, Crafters, Gifts & Accessories Dealers - Many Unique Items

Photos with Santa Gene!

Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Country Store featuring Homemade Baked & Canned Goods

The Zion Café will be open!



**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
CHILDREN'S & WOMEN'S
MINISTRIES OF
MT. ZION UMC and
THE LOCAL COMMUNITY**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Bereavement Teams

We are looking for compassionate members who would be willing to serve on a Bereavement Team during the coming year. Each team is comprised of 6-7(one leader) men and women who would be called on to provide a meal, etc. to our families who suffer loss of a family member. Typically, each team would only be called twice per year. There are no meetings and the obligation is a small amount of time and donation of food. If interested in learning more about this ministry opportunity or volunteering to serve; contact Theresa Schwab at 704 661-3310.

Communion Servers

You are invited to assist our pastors in serving Holy Communion. E-mail or call Pastor Tony if you want to experience the joy of serving Holy Communion! Call the church office or email Tony at tmoreau@mtzionumc.net.

USHERS NEEDED

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING AN USHER FOR THE 11:00 SERVICE FOR 2019 PLEASE CALL OR TEXT RITCHIE CRUMP AT 704-577-2359.

You're Invited to attend the Celebration of the Appointment of Reverend David Hockettas Metro District Superintendent Join us!

Sunday, November 18th @ 3:00 PM -University City UMC 3835 West W. T. Harris Blvd., Charlotte

A reception will follow the service.

Clergy and Laity from every congregation are asked to share in this celebratory worship service, along with Bishop Leeland, to affirm and bless the leadership of our new District Superintendent. RSVP @ <https://wnc-reg.brtapp.com/MetroDistrictSuperintendentInstallationService>



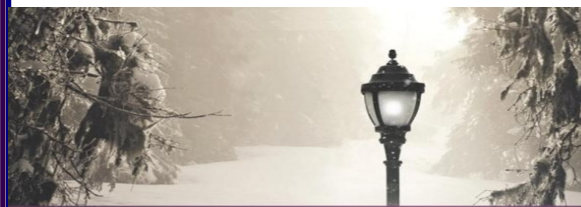
LIFE AT MT. ZION AND UPCOMING EVENTS

A Way Forward for the United Methodist Church

In recent years, the United Methodist Church, which is a world-wide denomination, has been struggling to understand and come to an agreement on the complex questions of human sexuality, including homosexuality. All agree that our friends and neighbors who are LGBTQ are welcomed and loved in our churches, but what that welcome and inclusion looks like is a contested question. There will be a specially called General Conference in St. Louis, Missouri with delegates from all over the world in February 2019 to make some important decisions about the future of the United Methodist Church. If you would like more information about how the church is responding to these questions and what our future together might look like, please come to an information session on **Wednesday night Nov. 14 at 6:40 pm in the sanctuary**. Pastor Jonathan will discuss these questions and what the possibilities are for the future of our denomination. Please come with an open mind and open heart as we seek to remain faithful to the Scriptures and welcoming to all of God's children.

Advent in Narnia

This year during Advent on Sundays Dec. 2, Dec. 9, and Dec. 23, Pastor Jonathan is going to be preaching a series of sermons entitled, "Advent in Narnia: What if it Were Always Winter, but Never Christmas?" using some of the themes and images from C. S. Lewis' book, *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*. It will not be necessary to read the book or watch the movie in order to understand and follow the sermons, but you may wish to read the book or watch the movie just to add to your experience of it. Also, if you are looking for an Advent Devotional book, you may wish to purchase and read *Advent in Narnia: Reflections for the Season* by Heidi Haverkamp. It is available from Cokesbury or Amazon.



Advent in Narnia

What if it were always winter and never Christmas?

Movie Night

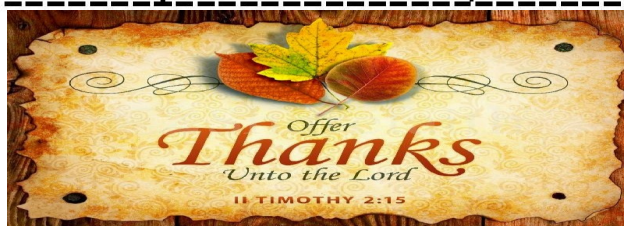
If we can't become like children in ADVENT, there may be no hope for us.

Parents and children alike are invited to reflect on the approach of the Advent Season and the coming of winter through the eyes of C.S. Lewis' popular children's book, *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*.

Kick-off for this season will be a Family Movie Night Sunday, November 25 5:00 – 7:00pm Family Life Center Mt. Zion UMC Movie Night

Pastoral Roles mentioned on Page 1

Jonathan	Angela	Tony
Witness	Nurture	Outreach
Baptisms	Preschool	
Membership	Children	Congregational Care
Visitors	Youth	First contact for hospitalizations, deaths, etc.
Community Relations	Adult Spiritual Formation	
Trustees	Finance	Adult Spiritual Formation/Care Groups
Building Committee	Lay Leadership/Nominations	
Senior Campus Committee	Worship (new in 2019)	HIS Ministries
SPRC – Office Staff	SPRC – Program Staff	
Wednesday Worship	Traditional Worship	Praise & Worship Service



Security System

In order to provide for the safety and security of all members and friends of Mt. Zion, the board of Trustees have installed a Fob (card key) system in the Family Life Center to lock and unlock the doors. This means that if you have an old key that you have been using to lock and unlock the Family Life Center, it will no longer work. If you are part of a group that meets in the Family Life Center on a regular basis, make sure that you email Patti Loner and Mary Ellen Westmoreland, so that they can program the system, so that the doors will be unlocked and locked at the appropriate times. Please email them by Friday at 9 AM in order to have the doors unlocked for a meeting the next week. For now, this system is only working in the Family Life Center, but the Educational Building will soon be incorporated into the same system, and then the Sanctuary.

Thank you for your patience as we work together to provide for the safety and security of all members and friends of Mt. Zion.



MISSIONS

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry



After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel. Mt. Zion will be collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. There are brochures and boxes available in the Family Life Center, Sanctuary, and the top floor of the Education Building during the month of October. Please have your filled shoe boxes &/or donation envelopes in the church library by **Sunday, November 4th**. If you have questions, contact Patti Keener at 704-820-9907 or Torrie Thompson at 704-896-0312. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry.

MAGICAL MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS

Magical Mountain Christmas will return to Jonesville, VA, from **December 7-9** and we need sponsors! We are waiting on information about the families we will serve, so be on the lookout for information posted on our website and Facebook page. Donations designated to MMC may be made to the church. If you'd like to help in any way, contact Elizabeth Coker at elizabethcoker73@gmail.com or **704.957.9727**



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 - 215 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 tr.moisturewarranty@gmail.com

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

Food Shopping List:

Place in the Ada Jenkins Food Collection Barrels

Cereal, Oatmeal, Grits, POP-tarts, Granola Bars
Canned Meats of Tuna, Ham, Chicken, Spam,
Peanut Butter & Jelly Soups & Ramen Noodles,
Crackers, Kids Meals (Spaghettios, Beans & Franks, etc.)
Mashed Potatoes Instant, Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams,
Canned Corn, Peas, Green Beans, Boxed Stuffing, Cranberry Relish, Gravy Packets,
Spaghetti & Canned Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Rice

Canned Fruit
Jell-O/Pudding Mix, Cake Mix & Icing

The Ways YOU can be a Repairer:

1. **A donation of \$150 will provide food for a family & gifts for their children. Check to Mt. Zion with "Repairers of the Breach" in the memo line.**
2. **A Food Lion Gift Card.**
3. **Shop for family gifts. Call Tom for details.**
4. **Donate holiday food items***
5. **Volunteer your time in the Workshop ***

Workshop—9630-A Sherrill Estates Road (diagonal to Huntersville Showmars Restaurant)

AFTERNOONS

Tues. & Thurs. 1:00 to 3:00
Begins Tues. Nov. 27

EVENINGS

Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 6:30 to 8:30
Begins Tues. Nov. 27

SATURDAYS

10 AM to 2 PM
Begins Nov. 24th

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jim York and Stephanie Butler were married on August 18th, 2018.



Christopher and Kate Westmoreland were married on September 29th, 2018, in the Mt. Zion Sanctuary.

Christopher is the son of Wayne and Mary Ellen Westmoreland, the brother of Matthew Westmoreland and the grandson of Ruth Westmoreland.

THANK YOU

This thank you is long overdue, but has been difficult for me to write. Life is so different for me and I am still healing and adjusting.

It will be one year since I had my left lung removed, over 1 ½ years since starting treatment.

My Mount Zion family has been there with me from the beginning.

Jack and I thank you for all your praying, cards, FB messages, texts, phone calls, Praise team wearing the white ribbons and Tony coming to the hospital.

God and your prayers have given us strength.

Even though I was NED last CT scan I still have a long journey ahead.

Thank you again.

God Bless,
Jane Molle

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION

is extended to Michele Bowen and family on the death of her husband, Tommy, on October 8th and to Marilyn Guthrie and family on the death of her husband, Craig, on October 13th.



SPECIAL GIFTS WERE GIVEN...

IN MEMORY OF Dot Fidler gifts were given to the Memorial Fund. **IN MEMORY OF** Dot Fidler a gift was given to the Budget. **IN MEMORY OF** Eloise Bebbert Gant a gift was given to the Cemetery Fund. **IN MEMORY OF** Carolyn Parker a gift was given to the Budget. **IN MEMORY OF** Evelyn Raymer a gift was given to UMCOR. **IN MEMORY OF** Tommy Bowen a gift was given to the Budget.

FROM STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Stacey Mercuri has accepted our offer to lead our Children's Ministry as Coordinator of Children's Ministry. Stacey has a true love for the children, a passion for the program, and offers strong organizational skills. We are thrilled to have her assume this important role. Ashley Sherman is no longer with the program. We wish her the best in her future endeavors. If you have any questions about our Children's Ministry or wish to volunteer, please contact Stacey at smercuri@mtzionumc.net

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Assistant Preschool Director:

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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. Autumn Care is a skilled care facility for long term/short term 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.

November presenters:

November 4th: Leslie Matz

November 11th: Michael Norman

November 18th: Oak Grove Baptist Church

November 25th: David Hodson
Music by Anna Akins

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MT. ZION UMC UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

01/01/2018 - 09/30/2018

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

Budget Gifts: \$723,857.

THANK YOU!

Budget Expenses: \$783,573.

General Fund Cash on Hand: \$79,140.

Capital Funds Gifts Received: \$4,563.

Capital Funds Expenses: \$0

Capital Funds Cash on Hand: \$20,216.

Funds Received for Helping Hands \$2,595.

Helping Hands Funds on Hand: \$21,575.

Please contact Patti Loner
if you have questions.

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

Date	8:30	9:45	11:00	Total
9/30	93	87	150	330
10/7	104	82	132	318
10/14	91	79	154	324
10/21	92	108	175	375
10/28	94	94	148	336

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

10/3	22
10/10	23
10/17	22
10/24	21

AUTUMN CARE

10/7	31
10/14	29
10/21	37
10/28	28



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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 Lake Town Tavern.
(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 newsletter to the church by **November 25th**.

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 in the church Parlor at 7:00 PM. All moms are welcome.

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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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!

