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

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A LETTER FROM THE STAFF 3
PARISH RELATIONS
COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6
WORSHIP

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**In
this
issue**

Beloved at Mt. Zion,

Apparently, there is a name for what I have just been through: Overwhelming Post-Splenectomy Infection (OPSI). It is rare – but, according to the research my sister did, my symptoms were classic: sudden, severe and, if not recognized, fatal. The whole drama has been very humbling. Every day, I can do things I couldn't do right out of the hospital. I am stunned to look back – but even more than that, amazed at the ways God guided and has designed us to heal.

Many of you already know that and have experienced it first hand. I have watched you walk bravely and resolutely through all manner of treatments and surgeries and diagnoses. And every day, I thank God that the church stands by people. That when we are at our low points, it is Christians around us who remind us of God's love as God's healing work takes place.

According to everything we know, the healing for this OPSI—as dramatic as it was—will be complete and that is an amazing thing. Everyone doesn't have to go through this kind of dramatic experience to reflect on the preciousness of life, the importance of being loving in our everyday relationships and living deeply from the grace of God. Our bodies are meant for healing. God intends for relationships in the Body of Christ for healing. The gift of the church is to bring people close to this life-changing, transformative healing to the world.

Unrecognized and unaddressed, my OPSI infection would have been fatal. For as long as I can remember in the church, the Christian faith has been focused on recognizing and addressing the infections of soul that, untended, have profound – even deadly, implications. The church, as the body of Christ, is always called to repair, restore, renew, lift, heal and give witness to the grace, power and forgiveness of Christ.

My health is being restored – doctors believe complete recovery, no restrictions. And I hope my saga jogs your memory about a time when things really turned around for you. I hope it also reminds you that relationships and our witness as a church is meant to be a sign of hope from every angle that people see us—to help us reach for, believe in and seek a healing and wholeness beyond what we see around us. I am doing this each day. And I see God's strength unfolding.

Thank you for the prayers and hope and support you have infused into my recovery. It will be my joy to be strong enough to return the great witness of love I have received. Gratefully, *Mary John*

ENJOY LUNCH WITH THE PASTORS AND STAFF WHILE LEARNING MORE ABOUT MT. ZION

On Sunday, September 10th Mt. Zion will provide lunch for anyone visiting the church who would like to meet the pastors and staff as well as learn more about the church. The lunch will be at 12:15 pm in the church Parlor. *To get to the Parlor:* Go left when you are facing the Sanctuary. Head up into the gazebo and in the doors to your left. Someone will be there to greet you and guide you to the Parlor. We hope to see you there!

WELCOME 101 CLASS

This class is for anyone interested in learning more about Mt. Zion. New members and people interested in membership are encouraged to participate in this class. The focus of the class is to help you meet others, learn about Mt. Zion and Methodism, and help you grow in your faith journey. The class will meet for 6 weeks on Thursday nights from 6:45-8:00 pm. It will begin Thursday, September 21 and end Thursday, October 26. It will be on the second floor of the Education Building (building immediately behind the Sanctuary) in Room 205. To sign up or for more information check the website or contact Pastor Joel at jsimpson@mtzionumc.net or at the Church Office: 704-892-8566.

MT. ZION FAMILY CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS!

Joining on August 6, 2017:

Greg and Erin Harmon (Sarah and John) 18817 Maplecroft Lake Lane
Davidson 803-361-1404

**WELCOME TO THE
MT. ZION FAMILY!**



Blessings For A New School Year

As teachers, families, and students were preparing for the new school year, Mt. Zion was doing the same. On behalf of the whole church, some members from Mt. Zion provided the teachers and staff at JV Washam Elementary with breakfast the week before school started. Chick-fil-A gave a big discount on their breakfast items and McDonald's in Cornelius gave 65 biscuits free of charge. We had so much food that we were able to bring breakfast to the staff and teachers at Cornelius Elementary too!

The following Sunday we had a special blessing for all the students, those who support the students, and the school teachers and staff. In addition, Mt. Zion went around to the community businesses and asked for the community to bless our teachers and school staff. Many businesses showed their support by donating gift cards and coupons. Each teacher and school staff person was given a "Blessing Bag" from the community to show their support and appreciation.

This is a simple, yet beautiful, reminder that God is not only working through Mt. Zion. Transformation and the making of a better world do not rest on our shoulders alone. God is working through many avenues including our community and everyday businesses. God is doing amazing things and we are blessed to be able to be a part of it all.



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

Dear Mt. Zion Family,

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is charged with building a strong positive relationship between staff and congregation so that the congregation makes disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We do so in following our mission: Making, Maturing, Mobilizing Disciples for Christ.

Operating in a confidential environment, your Staff Parish Relations Committee has been aware of circumstances of which the majority of church members know nothing, or worse, something inaccurate or incomplete. It is now necessary to bring light to events in hopes that we can come together as one body of Christ to improve and heal Mt. Zion.

For several years, a very small yet well-organized and connected group of church members has been conducting a constant campaign of criticism against staff. While the negativity has targeted the senior pastor, our meetings have shown us that the whole staff has been targeted. The ongoing and increased aggression has included invading staff's personal workspace, threatening letters sent to a staff member's home, and even physical intimidation of a staff member by one member of this group. Met with silent public opposition, this group has been emboldened, making increasingly critical comments to staff in front of others. Our entire staff has been impacted. They are scared, sad, and disappointed. This is unacceptable.

This small group has instigated multiple letter-writing campaigns to this committee and to our Bishop and Superintendent. SPRC has responded to each letter, has met with church members, has met with staff, and has spent time in prayer. We have maintained confidentiality in these meetings and communications. Unfortunately the members of this group have not done the same, spreading partial details and misinformation, using our confidentiality against us. It is time for this to stop.

We have heard concerns about our budget. What most members do not know is that in the name of our church and claiming to speak for all members, this group has encouraged withholding of tithes simply because their wishes were not granted. People who have withheld their giving to the budget or have encouraged others to do so only hurt the church and the many programs Mt. Zion supports. This has gone on for years. Not only has this campaign negatively impacted our operating budget, it has caused hurt feelings and animosity within the church. Again, it is time for this to stop.

While we cannot and will not expose any individual, we will let all know that this committee firmly stands behind our amazing staff. The vast majority of our members feel the same way. This committee will not tolerate a hostile work environment for our staff. We will always work to address issues fairly, quietly, and internally with the love and grace of Christ. We will also use external means when and if necessary to protect our staff and church members.

We ask that you support us as we hear concerns and pray for guidance. We ask that you support our staff and surround them with your loving arms. We ask that you not remain silent if those around you act in a hurtful manner to others or to the health and wellbeing of our church. We ask that we all come together to heal this wonderful church and our many giving and loving members. We ask that you bring any and all questions to members of SPRC and not to staff.

Mt. Zion belongs to God and to the people of God. We will look forward to working with you all as we continue to work toward our mission: Making, Maturing, Mobilizing Disciples for Christ.

The Mt. Zion UMC Staff Parish Relations Committee

Lee Rice, Mary Goodson, Jim Welch, Torrie Thompson, Hilary Broadway, Pat Jenkins, Debbie Tillis, Silvia Earp, Ritchie Crump, Alex Weaver

My name is Noah Combs. I am a Life Scout in Troop 10 at Mt. Zion UMC. I am currently working on raising funds for my Eagle Project. I will be moving the Prayer Labyrinth from behind the Youth House to just off the Outdoor Chapel Trail on the church grounds. I will also construct benches which will include plaques "In Honor of" or "In Memory of". I plan to complete the project in September. If you would be interested in purchasing a plaque for \$25, please fill out the information below. You can drop off orders at the church office or contact me directly. Donations for my project will also be appreciated.

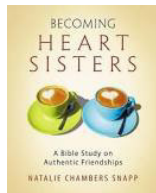
If you have any questions, please contact me at noah.e.combs@gmail.com or 704-651-6918.

Thank you for your support! Noah Combs

Please make checks payable to BSA Troop 10 with "NC Eagle Project" in the memo line.

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____



New Women's Bible Study – "Becoming Heart Sisters" by Natalie Chambers Snapp

It is a six-week study beginning Tuesday, September 19, 2017 from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM

Location Room 209 (Upstairs Journey SS Classroom)

Friendships with other women are as important to our mental, physical, and spiritual health as rest, exercise, and prayer. We don't just want friends—we need friends. God created us for relationship. Yet despite being more connected than ever before, we struggle to feel connected. From the false intimacy of social media to busyness and relational conflict, there are many challenges to developing authentic relationships. Contact Torrie at ttorriej@bellsouth.net or call 704-634-8469 to reserve your work book. Looking forward to Bible study with girlfriends! See you there!

The Annual Mt. Zion UMC BBQ will be here soon – Saturday, November 4, 2017! This is a church wide event and a wonderful opportunity to support missions while you get to know others in our church and our community! 100% of all proceeds support missions! Please make plans now to be a part of this – we need every volunteer we can get and hope everyone is ready for some good food! Volunteer sign-ups will start October 1st with a sign up link available on the Mt. Zion website – www.mtzionumc.net. Any questions, information, or requests can be forwarded to mzbbq@outlook.com



MAGICAL MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS needs your help! We are in need of adults or families to travel with us to Jonesville, VA, December 8-10. We will take the collected gifts and donations to Jonesville and host the sponsored families for a Christmas Party. I also need someone to come alongside me as a co-chair of this ministry. More hands make lighter work! Without help in these two areas, this ministry may not be possible this year. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Thank you. Elizabeth Coker, elizabeth-coker73@gmail.com, 704-957-9727



Join the **OLDER ADULT TRAVELERS** on December 1-2 as we head to the Flat Rock Playhouse, the State Theater of North Carolina, where they will present their **Christmas Spectacular!** This original musical revue will be brimming with holiday cheer. On Friday night, a very enchanting Christmas dinner engagement is planned. Saturday morning we will have some time on our own in downtown Hendersonville before going to an included lunch prior to the play. Hotel accommodations are also included.

Reserve to the church office (704-892-8566) by September 24 with a deposit of \$66 per person, double occupancy. Final payment by October 15 of \$100. This trip is limited to 49 travelers. Please put 'Christmas trip' in the memo section of your check. We will

leave 1 pm Friday from the church and be home approximately 6:30 pm Saturday.

THERE IS STILL TIME....A Canadian Rockies adult summer trip is set for July 16 - 29, 2018. This is an awesome, 14 day, escorted motorcoach/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.



*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 for individuals with developmental disabilities ("special needs") starting THIS September. This ministry was created to promote awareness, inclusion, accessibility, advocacy, and additional opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. **His** ministries will include:

The Feast –	An alternative worship service – Every 3rd Sunday 11:00 starting October
Just As I Am –	A spiritual and leisure enrichment group – Every 2nd Sunday 4:30 starting September
Sustain –	A support group for parents/families – Every 1st Tuesday starting October
JEDI Night –	A fun night with FUEL Youth – Every 4th Sunday 4:30 starting September
Agape Sunday School –	Every Sunday 9:45 – now!
A Place For Us –	A quiet, dedicated worship livestreaming space dedicated for times when privacy is needed/desired - Every Sunday 11:00 – starting October

Participants/Families: All information will be on the website – www.mtzionumc.net – and there are brochures in the church office.

Volunteers – We need WHATEVER you can give – one time volunteering or many time, a little help or a lot! We will need food, musicians, dancers, story tellers, craft supplies, crafters, group volunteers and one-on-one shepherds. Whatever gift you have, we can use! Volunteer contact is His@mtzionumc.net. Please help us promote and pray for this new ministry! With love, Gigi Williams

Reflecting on the Prayer Vigil

To My Mt. Zion Family,

The weeks since Charlottesville have been a bit of a blur for me. Like many of you, I consumed lots of news, spoke with many people, and felt a lot of negativity. It is hard to describe the tension and emotion that I felt throughout the last couple of weeks, but I don't need to because I know you felt it too.

On Saturday morning, after the first night of the Charlottesville protest, I asked Pastor Alexis Coleman from Davidson UMC if she would be willing to help plan a community prayer vigil for Charlottesville and our country. Over the next week more events happened throughout the country and I found there was even more urgency to come together and pray.

After all of the planning was done, after everything was set up, after people were on the Village Green in Davidson...the sprinklers turned on, forcing people to move out of the way. It was both hysterical and ridiculous all at the same time. But when 7:30 hit and the prayer vigil started, the sprinklers turned off and people gathered back together.

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I kept thinking, "What an image." There will be things to drive us apart, but we will always be called back together.

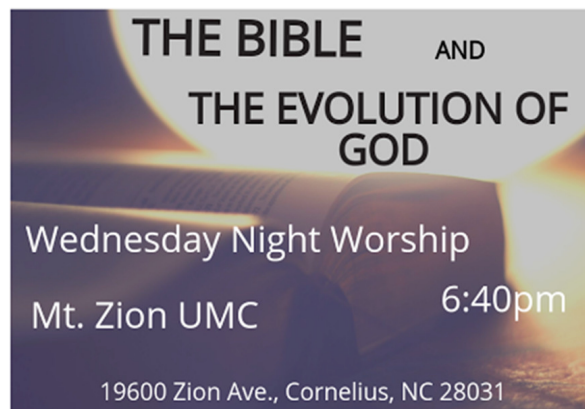
That night turned into a beautiful thing. Over 200 hundred people and 12 faith leaders gathered together. There were people who were Christian, people who were Jewish, people who were not religious at all. People called back together by a common dream. We prayed, we mourned, and we dreamed of the Promised Land together. It is this dream that echoes and re-sounds in our hearts and souls. It is this dream that continues to bring us back together. It is this dream that will move us forward together.

As weeks continue to pass, as debates and arguments about monuments and protests continue all around the country...We must encourage each other. We must stand with each other. We must hope for each other.

And for God's sake (and our own), we must keep dreaming.

Rev. Joel Simpson

Wednesday Night Worship WNW will kick off September 13th at 6:40 pm in the Sanctuary. We will start the season with our series: ***The Bible and The Evolution of God.***



What does the Bible say about God? Does God really send floods and ask for child sacrifice? Are these ancient stories old and outdated or could they be massive steps forward in human consciousness? Could it be that they show us how God has evolved throughout time? Could this very thing still be true today?

We welcome everyone, especially people who are questioning, wondering, uncertain, and aren't sure how they feel about God or the Bible.

Children's Ministry News

Sonshine Preschool News

We are pleased to announce that **Mrs. Patti's back** and will be serving as Interim Director of Sonshine Preschool!! **Patti Goforth** served many years as Director of Sonshine before moving out of town. Lucky for Mt. Zion, she has moved back. This will be her 29th year in preschool; she hasn't been allowed to graduate-ha! Patti and her husband Joe just celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary! She has three children, two son-in-laws, a future daughter-in-law, and two precious grandchildren ages 2 and 4. Preschool is Patti's passion. She enjoys being HIS vessel with HIS children! Please help us to give her a warm welcome back!!!



A big thank you to our Youth Director Matt Sherrill, Kurt Floto and the Middle School & High School classes for leading our Elementary Kids in worship twice during our Summer Sunday School!!!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 3rd [Promotion Sunday](#)
- September 6th [Babygarten starts back, 10 am Education Building](#)
- September 6th [Wednesday Night Kick-off, Cookout on the Lawn, 5:30-7:30](#)
- September 9th [Babygarten, 10 am Education Building](#)
- September 13th [Wednesday Night Kids Club](#)
- September 19th [MOMS meeting, 7 pm Parlor](#)
- October 25th [Trunk or Treat](#)

Music Notes from Shelley:

IT'S BABYGARTEN TIME! The next 6-week session of Babygarten will begin on Wednesday, September 6th @ 10:00 a.m. The classes will be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m., with the last class of this session being Saturday, October 14th. Please use the ramp entrance on the south side of the building, as we will meet upstairs in the Education Building in the first classroom on the left. Babygarten is open to parents/guardians and their newborns through age 2, so come join us for some music, reading and playtime!

The Chancel Choir and Praise Team are beginning rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata, "The Greatest Story Ever Told" by Dennis and Nan Allen. It is wonderfully arranged and includes familiar Christmas songs which blend traditional and praise music. We are combining the choirs, along with instrumentalists, to present this musical on December 17th. If you are interested in singing with us, please contact me @ 704-201-7714, or email slittle@mtzionumc.net. We would love for you to join us!

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

Mt. Zion will hold a packing night to create flood buckets and health kits for UMCOR and those affected by Hurricane Harvey. The date and time have not been set yet, but it will be in the upcoming weeks. We will keep you posted via social media, emails, and bulletin announcements.



Backpack Food Ministry Needs Volunteers

Beginning our 4th year, Mt. Zion is partnering with JV Washam Elementary to provide weekend meals to children who rely on the school meal program Monday through Friday, but are at risk of being hungry on Saturday, Sunday and during school breaks. It is because of the generosity of our church family that we are able to provide backpacks filled with food to help the student and their families in need.

We have been blessed in past years to have a wonderful group of volunteers who have filled the many roles needed in this outreach program. Some have sponsored and provided weekly bags during the school year to a designated child. Others have donated food to our inventory or occasionally helped to pack spare food bags. And for those who would like to help with the program financially, we gratefully accept monetary contributions. These funds are used to purchase book bags or to buy grocery gift cards which help the families over school breaks and holidays. This ministry has been a huge success because of the kind and loving support of our volunteers.

"Whoever is kind to the needy honors God", Proverbs 14:31. This is an opportunity to serve the needy as an individual, family, small group or Bible class. At the Cookout on the Lawn, we would appreciate a donation of a non-perishable item (such as juice boxes or Ramen® Noodles). An Informational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 pm and Wednesday, September 20 at 11:00 am. For more details, please contact Cindy Parnell at cindy.parnell2015@gmail.com or call/text at 727-420-0337.



JV WASHAM ELEMENTARY LUNCH BUDDIES PROGRAM

Mt. Zion has partnered with JV Washam Elementary to be a support for the school and students. Over the past few years we have been helping students through the backpack ministry. We have also supported the teachers in various ways such as providing breakfast and giving them a special blessing. This year we are preparing to begin the "Lunch Buddies" program. In this program, adults go to the school and eat lunch with a specific student. These students need good adult figures in their lives to be their friend and to encourage them to be their best selves and the person God has created them to be. This is one way we can help mentor and transform these children's lives. As this program is being finalized, we hope you will be in prayer for it and be in prayer about whether God is calling you to be a Lunch Buddy.

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

**MT. ZION UMC UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

1/1/17 - 8/31/17

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

Budget Gifts: \$ 640,142

THANK YOU!

Budget Expenses: \$645,442

General Fund Cash On Hand: \$145,009,

The amount owed YTD for apportionments is \$64,468. The amount remaining for the year is \$101,702. We also owe an additional \$52,732 for project consulting fees for the main campus.

Capital Fund Gifts Received: \$6,595

Capital Fund Expenses: \$5,812

Capital Fund Cash On Hand: \$10,519

Funds Received for Helping Hands (Pastor's Discretionary Fund) \$ 1,801
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.

AUGUST 2017 ATTENDANCE:

August 6: 8:30: 108; 9:45: 118; 11: 190= 416

August 13: 8:30: 101; 9:45: 78; 11: 169 = 348

August 20: 8:30: 89; 9:45: 86; 11: 196 = 371

August 27: 8:30: 101; 9:45: 114; 11: 220 = 435

Mt. Zion UMC College Adoption Program Kick-Off

It's September and our Mt. Zion college students are packing up their cars with college necessities and heading out for the school year. If you would like to support our college students and let them know that their church family still cares about them as they face the challenges of college life, here's your chance to adopt or sponsor a student.

If you **ADOPT** a college student, you are responsible for contacting him/her once a month through cards and/or small gifts starting October 2017 through April 2018. You will be given the student's adoption papers that have their name and mailing information on it.

If you **SPONSOR** a student, the Mt. Zion (C.A.P.) College Adoption Program committee members will mail cards and a couple of gift cards to your student for you and put your name as the sponsor. **Sponsoring a student** is \$30.00. Turn in a check to Mt. Zion UMC and label it as College program.

We welcome individuals, Sunday School Classes and church committees or study groups to sponsor students. We typically have 40 students each school year. Please pray about this request, then contact me by email at sherry.hawley.washam@gmail.com or call me at 704-651-1519. Thank you for caring about our college young adults.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO...

Rev. Charles Guy and family on the death of his father, Tyson Guy, on August 23.

A SPECIAL GIFT WAS GIVEN...In Honor of Wendell Fox, a gift was given to the Budget.

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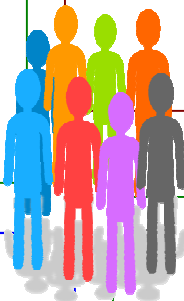
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"MAKING, MATURING, MOBILIZING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST"

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 meets the **3rd Monday of each month** at Duckworth's in Cornelius at 11:45 am. We currently have 92 members of widows and widowers. 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!

Contacts: 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!