

MT. ZION UMC STAFF

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TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE

After four years of praying, discussion, planning, more praying, more discussion, more planning, followed by fund raising and building it gives me great joy and pleasure, with much excitement in my heart, to announce that the construction on the new connector will be finished and the new building will be ready for consecration on Sunday, February 1, 2009. The service of consecration will take place during the 11:00 a.m. service and conclude with a ribbon cutting at noon on that day. We are honored to have our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Jim Lowry be with us at the 11:00 a.m. service and he will bring the message that morning. This is an exciting moment for all of us and the completion of this project will open doors for new ministries and with the new elevator our physically challenged will be able to access the sanctuary with much less difficulty. The new drive-through drop off area will give us a front door and access to our facilities. The large gathering spaces on the first and second floors will give us much more room in which to fellowship with each other before and after the services. Mt. Zion will become more user friendly to our visitors as they will no longer have to guess where the entrance to the sanctuary is located. What a great day of celebration this will be as Mt. Zion raises the standards of excellence in worship and ministry.

Please plan to come to the 11:00 a.m. service and celebrate these great accomplishments our Lord has done through you, the laity of the Mt. Zion UMC. If you are unable to come to the 11:00 a.m. service then please attend our 8:30 a.m. Communion Service or our Contemporary Worship Service at 9:45 a.m. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday for UMW Sunday and next Sunday for the consecration of the new building.

CONFIRMATION CLASS REGISTRATION

All sixth graders and parents and all youth that are older who have not attended confirmation class are invited to attend our Confirmation Orientation Luncheon this Sunday at 12:15 p.m. in the Youth Center. It is there that Matt and Steve will walk us through the agenda and share with us the exciting things that will be happening during the spiritual journey our youth will be taking. If you haven't signed up please do so by calling the church office and letting us know if you are coming. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this orientation and siblings are welcomed also.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY

Christian love and sympathy is extended to *Stacy Shipp & Family* in the death of *his Grandmother*. Christian love and sympathy is extended to *Karen Kuntz & Family* in the death of *her Mother, Marilee Cossel*. These families hold a special place in our hearts.

THANK YOU

What a blessing our Mt. Zion family has been to us during Mother's illness and passing. Your prayers, love, cards and support gave us strength and comfort during this difficult time.
Judy Bush & Family

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts have been received in loving memory of *Jack Derham* by *Frances Keaton, Villa Chase Homeowners Assoc., Melanie J. Whitenton, Joyce Gillum, Victor & Gale Yarborough* and *Mickey Mallonee*. A memorial gift has been received in loving memory of *Richard Moser's Father* from *Bobby Jean Tucker*. A memorial gift has been received in loving memory of *Larry Bowen* from *Richard & Annelle Moser*. A memorial gift has been received in loving memory of *Annie Kerr Curry* from *The Discovery Sunday School Class*.

MT. ZION MISSIONARIES

Morgan Brainerd

Serving on the campus of
The University of Minnesota

Claire & Alan Marsh

Serving with Campus Outreach

Leonard Akers

Serving at Hollydale UMC

Teresa Angle-Young

Sacred Tapestry,

a new church in East Cobb

SERMON SERIES

"UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY"

Rev. Laurie Moeller, Preaching

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS THIS WEEK:

Our Nation & Our Troops
Mt. Zion Missionaries
Becky Brock: Request from Ginny Pullins /
Recover from aneurism
Richard Quick: Auburn University Swim
Coach, Request from The Lundquist's /
Recovery and healing for brain tumor
Nan Maier / Successful recovery from hip
replacement surgery
Jen Wightman: Request from Cheryl
Jackson / Comfort after the loss of her
father

Allen Boyd: Rick Boyd's Dad / Has to have
his spleen removed
Jean Kingrey: Therese Scharps Walters
Mother
Kim Powell / Recovery from surgery
Wayne Carter
John Wagner: Susan Carter's Father / Tumor
Rebecca Carter: Wayne Carter's Mother /
Recovery
Dr. Nathan R. Walley: Sandy DeRose's
Brother

All prayer requests will be listed in the bulletin.



Welcome
on
Wednesdays!

WOW DINNER MENU

January 28

Pork Loin, Baked Tilapia,
Au Gratin Potatoes, Rice,
Green Beans, Applesauce, Salad Bar,
Rolls, Dessert, Drinks

February 4

Meatloaf, Fried Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes,
Cabbage, Peas, Corn, Salad Bar, Rolls, Cornbread,
Drinks, Dessert

No reservations needed.

Serving lines open at 5:15 p.m.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS CAN HELP WHEN YOU EXPERIENCE A "WINTER" IN YOUR LIFE

The winter weather we've had recently can be symbolic of what can sometimes happen in life. A crisis hits and we feel like we're buried beneath a drift of snow. Relationships can become "icy," or we can feel "frozen" by life circumstances. Little difficulties build up like "slush," making us slip and slide, causing every decision to seem treacherous. Life seems dreary and we begin to doubt if spring will ever come. We can wonder, "Is God even there?" Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential Christian care, giving you the emotional and spiritual support you need to make it through a "winter" in your life. To learn more about how a Stephen Minister can help you or someone you know, contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Rita Moore, 770-971-5291 or Marty Sharpe, 770-992-5948. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

COVENANT CHURCHES' ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Covenant Churches will hold their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, January 30, 2009 at the St. Ann's Parish Center. Proceeds benefit the Covenant Churches Building Project. Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dinner includes: Salad, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Garlic Rolls, Iced Tea, or Lemonade, Dessert. Adults: \$10.00, Children (10 & Under): \$5.00 & Family: \$25.00. Take Out Available! Volunteers from Mt. Zion are needed to help with the set-up, cooking, serving, providing desserts and clean-up. Contact Tom Hargis at 770-992-7354, if you need to purchase tickets, OR if you can volunteer to help with this dinner.

UMW NEWS

Keepsake Quilters will meet on Tuesday, January 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Lynn Hemby. Please bring your sewing machines and sewing supplies. We will be working on quilts for charity. For questions call Lynn at 770-642-9647.

All women of the church are invited to **Susanna Circle on Tuesday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m.** in the home of Becky Conroy*. Our program will be "Beads for Brazil...and You!" led by Carol Yates. We will be making beaded bracelets for the women and girls of the Methodist church in Recife, Brazil. We'll also design and create a pair of earrings for ourselves. All supplies will be provided. We are suggesting a \$5 donation toward the Brazil shipping costs. Please RSVP at lcohen50@bellsouth.net. Hope you can join us!

*Directions from Mt. Zion: Right on Johnson Ferry, left on Shallowford, right on Wesley Chapel, right on Oxford Way to #3780. (Becky: 770-973-0224.)

SINGLE WOMEN'S GROUP

The Single Women's Group will be meeting on Saturday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m. for "Game Night." Susan Volentine will be hosting this at her home. We are asking everyone to bring either a soup or salad to share with the group. Susan lives at 2688 Tritt Springs Drive, Marietta, 30062. Her phone number is 770-509-9529. Hope you can join us for an evening of good conversation and laughter. Please call Lisa Finch at 770-971-0176 if you have any questions. Newcomers are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

IF YOU HAVE TWO COATS....GIVE ONE AWAY....

Please consider donating a GENTLY used coat to our coat drive this year to benefit MUST Ministries. Many are homeless this winter and in need of just the basic essentials to keep warm as our temperatures drop. Check your closets for those coats you rarely if ever wear and consider donating them to our drive (kids, women's and men's coats welcome.) There will be two blue MUST bins located in the upstairs and downstairs hallways to accommodate our collection. The collection will run through the 2nd Sunday in February. Contact Libby Barnett 770-509-1709.

UMM NEWS

Please mark your calendar for Monday, May 18, for the 2009 **Golf for His Glory Tournament!** This year's event will be held at Indian Hills Country Club in Marietta, Georgia. We encourage you to start putting your foursomes together now for what promises to be another great day of golf and fellowship!

Men's Morning Fellowship - We have a group of men who meet every Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast at Mrs. Winners on Johnson Ferry Road. Feel free to drop in and enjoy their fellowship. If you have questions about this group, contact Mark Turpin.

Men's Morning Bible Study - Fridays 6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m. in the Youth Center. This is a great group for accountability, fellowship, prayer and study. The topics vary, but focus on the Bible or use of Christian books that rely heavily on Scripture. Please contact Frank Barnett, frank.barnett@cnn.com, or Marty Sharpe, mesharpe@yahoo.com for more info.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool Priority Registration Opens to Church Members Monday & Tuesday on February 16 & 17.

Registration opens to the Community on Wednesday, February 18.

If you have questions please call the preschool office at 770-971-1478.



Flower
Calendar

FLOWER CHART

It is time to sign up for 2009 flowers for the Sanctuary. If you would like to provide flowers for our Sunday worship service please call the church office, 770-971-1465 or stop by the Narthex and sign-up for your special date.

FAITH PARTNERS

"We trust infinite God rather than our finite selves." (BB pg 68) *I realized after a while that my own unaided will power was about as useful for changing myself, as it was for getting a clock to run backwards. God was changing me all along, and still is. I just didn't stop long enough to notice.* If you or a family member struggles with the consequences of alcohol or chemical dependency, reach out for support in confidence to Faith Partners ministry at faithpartners@mtzionumc.org or call 770-573-3720.



THE JOURNEY

Mt. Zion Student Ministries

2008-2009

Confirmation 2009

Calling all Middle Schoolers, Confirmation 2009 is ready to begin. We will have an introductory luncheon for parents and confirmands on January 25. If you wish your student to be confirmed then you must email our youth director, matt.martin@mtzionumc.org. Confirmation class will be taught by Pastor Steve in conjunction with Matt and our 6th grade Leaders on Sunday nights from 5:15-6:00 p.m. Our Confirmation Retreat will be on April 17-19. All students are expected to attend every session and the retreat to be confirmed. We will have a celebration banquet on April 24 and Confirmation Sunday is April 26!

Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Glisson March 20-22

For grades 6th through 12th, the North Georgia Conference puts on this exciting event every year at Camp Glisson. It's a great weekend to grow in your walk with Christ as well as connect with friends. Crawford Pound, Allyson Arthur, Becky Brainerd, Mark Basset, Autumn Martin and Matt Martin are the chaperones. The retreat is \$140 and the deadline to sign up is January 28th. Spots are limited so please sign-up as soon as possible. You must either turn in a check or use pumpkin money to reserve your spot.

30 Hour Famine with World Vision February 27-28

A creative way for youth to raise awareness and money for World Vision's fight against hunger and poverty. Students will have the opportunity to raise pledges and take part in a fast for a day and a half. Students will spend Friday night and Saturday at church doing various activities to learn about poverty and witnessing for Jesus Christ. Saturday will conclude with Communion and a "Break-Fast" Meal. On Sunday, students will have an opportunity to share their experiences. Activities include building your own cardboard house, a newspaper fashion contest, and a video journal.

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Friday morning Men's Bible Study will be starting new study called *The Fruit of the Spirit: Cultivating Christ like Character* on Friday February 6. It is a ten week study with each chapter focusing on the Fruits of the Spirit which are Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control. The men's group meets Friday mornings at 6:30 a.m., and is filled with good discussion, fellowship and prayer. We conduct the class so each chapter can be treated as a stand alone session, so people can join or come by any time. It is a great way to start the morning!

JOIN CHANCEL CHOIR FOR EASTER MUSICAL

Now is the time to join us for the Sunday after Easter, April 19, 2009 as we present "God With Us" - an exciting, inspirational musical. Rehearsals each Wednesday at 7:15-8:00 p.m. in the music room.

SCOUT SUNDAY

Scout Sunday is February 8! We are asking all Boy & Girl Scouts and Leaders to wear their uniform to the service you attend.

MT. ZION ONLINE CALENDAR

Keep up with all of our activities by checking out our online calendar at www.mtzionumc.org. Click on the calendar link to check it out.



Children's Power Hour



Sunday Mornings

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Nursery, 3/4 yr. olds, & Pre-K/Kindergarten Classes

Meet in the Children's Hall in Building A

3 & 4 yr. olds

Rm. 10 (Lil' K room) Children's Hall

Meet and Dismiss From Room

Pre-K & Kindergarten

Rm. 7 (Monkey Cage) Children's Hall

Meet and Dismiss From Room

WE ARE ON THE MOVE!!

1st-5th Grade Classes will now meet and dismiss from their NEW rooms in the 'CLUB HOUSE'!

Located in the portable trailer just off the Family Ministries Building. Look for the signs in the parking lot and throughout the campus. We are very excited about our new home!



SUNDAY KNIGHTS

Bringing Christ into all aspects of life!

4th & 5th Graders

3:45-4:45 p.m.: Percussion Class

With Paul Jacobson, Rm. 27 Adult S.S. Hall.

This class will follow the Cobb County School Calendar.

During the months of January & February, Sunday Knights will be "Being in Christ" along with the rest of our congregation! We will take this opportunity to come together as families, friends, and focusing on our "small groups" for some special activities!

Our Schedule will be as follows:

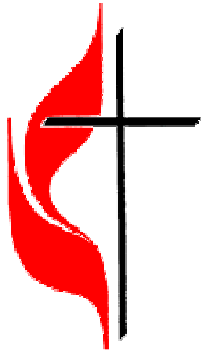
January 25th: MEZZANINE, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

All Age Groups Talent Night! Warm up your pipes, dust off your instruments, get your friends together to do a skit! This is your chance to share your God given gifts with your friends. Snack Supper will be served during Intermission!



Children's Ministry Music & Drama Wednesdays

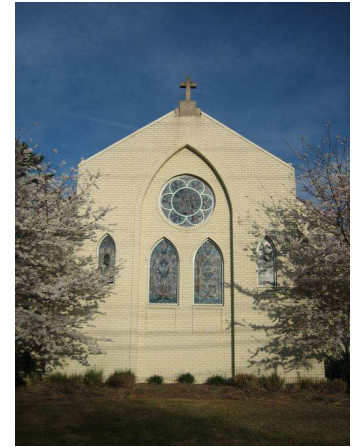
During the months of January and February, we will not be meeting in order for entire families to participate together in the variety of Wednesday evening worship events.



THE ZIONEER

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

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MT. ZION UMC MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: 8:30 Jerry Nix, Mike Donovan, Jim Brigham, Jim Nelson, Mike Jacobson
 9:45 Craig Hershberger, Chuck Mislo
 11:00 W.B. Baldwin, Chuck Balog, Sarah Balog, Cass Harrison, Bob Martin, Crawford Pound

Greeters: **January 25:** Lewis & Sandy DeRose, Betty Derham, Dan Farr, Patsy Engleman, Wesley Workers
February 1: John Moeller, Lisa Finch, Chuck & Sue Hawkins, Lois Gibbs, Pairs & Spares

Candy Ministry: **January 25:** Ray & Barbara Weeks;
February 1: Ron & Laura Buck

MUST Weekly Donation: Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soup, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, canned meat, canned fruit, canned pasta, canned vegetables, canned and dry beans, macaroni and cheese, baby food, rice, boxed meals.

MUST Meal: **February 11:** Seekers

Prayer Ministers: **January 25** 8:00 Susan Kronenberger & Patsy Engleman
 9:30 Leslie Bridenbaugh
 11:00 Ray Bridenbaugh
February 1 8:00 Marty Sharpe
 9:30 Lois Gibbs
 11:00 No Volunteer

Courtesy Shuttle: **January 25:** Roy Baumann; **February 1:** Scott Hetherington

Pew Crew: **February 1:** Janet Bryan; **February 8:** Mildred Miley

Coffee Hour: **January 25:** Pathfinders; **February 1:** Logos

MT. ZION OPERATING BUDGET UPDATE

JANUARY 2009 GOAL

\$100,000.00

JANUARY 2009 ACTUAL

(July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009)

\$58,733.00

STILL NEEDED FOR JANUARY

\$41,267.00

RECEIVED JANUARY 18, 2009

\$21,224.00

THREE YEAR CONNECTIONS CAMPAIGN

(January 1, 2007-December 31, 2009)

Amount pledged \$1,349,419.00

Amount received in January \$8,083.00

Total received to date \$889,299.00

WORSHIP TIMES

8:30 & 11:00 AM Traditional Service
 9:45 AM Contemporary Praise Service
 9:45 AM **Sunday School For All Ages**

ATTENDANCE 01/11

Worship: 442

Sunday School: 230

ATTENDANCE 01/18

Worship: 433

Sunday School: 208