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**MT. ZION MISSIONARIES**

**Claire & Alan Marsh**  
Serving with Campus Outreach

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Christmas Holidays**  
December 23 & 24

**New Year Holidays**  
December 31, January 4

**new spring event -**

**Put Your Feet to Your Faith!**

That can happen so easily when you join Mt. Zion UMC's first **Faith in Action** weekend.

All you have to do now is mark your calendars for **March 5-7, 2010**. Come celebrate Mt. Zion's outreach in action. Spend time in small focus groups of **your** interest, hear from local, regional, and international missionaries firsthand, and enjoy a mission themed meal with your friends and much more! Keep checking the bulletin in the coming weeks for more details about Mt. Zion's Faith in Action weekend. Take the first step in seeing where God is calling you to serve by planning to attend.

Note March 5-7 on your agenda now, and pray for this event to be the first step in many new blessings to our church, community and world!

**UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

**December 20:** 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.-Traditional Service  
9:45 a.m.-Contemporary Service  
**December 24:** 5:00 p.m.-Family Communion Service  
7:00 & 11:00 p.m. p.m.-Candlelight & Communion  
**December 27:** 10:00 a.m.-One Worship Service  
No Sunday School  
**January 3:** 10:00 a.m.-One Worship Service & Communion  
No Sunday School



**ANGEL TREE THANKS**

Thank you to everyone who participated in some way in these year's Angel Tree. Those who lovingly took an angel off the tree and purchased a gift, those who took the time to help sort and pack gifts for 87 kids, and those who were our dedicated delivery angels! Each of you shared the love of Christ in some way with our community by reaching out to someone else. It is an honor to work hand in hand with such a loving congregation.  
*Libby Barnett and Steve Camp.*

**MT ZION HABITAT BUILD 2010**

We will be having our Annual Habitat "Hammer Home Another Miracle" financial campaign this coming January. Our kick-off will be Sunday, January 10th and commitment Sunday will be January 24th. Watch for details.

**MT. ZION NEW MEMBERS**

We are happy to introduce you to Mt. Zion's Newest Members. Please join us in welcoming them into the congregation!

Jim, Teresa & James Haverly, 3721 Thunder Way, Marietta, 30066, 770-565-3232

Joe, Jane & Maggie Mason, 3441 Highborne Conn., Marietta, 30066, 770-565-1096

Michael, Charlotte & Ingrid Bennett, 2356 Netherstone Dr., Marietta, 30066, 770-517-2704

Bette Bush, 4939 Laurel Spring Dr., Roswell, 30075, 770-998-4939

Angel, Cam, Abby & Carrie Gray, 4886 Hawk Tr. NE, Marietta, 30066, 770-693-9332

Chip, Danna, Beth and Lee Coffey, 4559 Brigade Ct. NE, Roswell, 30075, 770-696-2206

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

Memorial gifts have been received in loving memory of **Jack Osborne** from *Pem & Lucy Cooley, James & Barbara McPherson and Ruby Hamilton*. A memorial gift has been received in loving memory of **Jerry Rohann, Mary Richards' Brother** from *Lewis & Sandy DeRose*. A memorial gift has been received in loving memory of **Bill Eaton, Nan Phillips' Brother** from *Lewis & Sandy DeRose*. A memorial gift has been received in loving memory of **James Fyock** from *Linda & Michael O'Dunne*. A memorial gift has been received in loving memory of **Walter Pharr, Suzanne Martin's Father** from *Suzanne & Bob Martin* for Mt. Zion's next Habitat build.

### NEW PRAYER CONCERNS THIS WEEK:

Our Nation & Our Troops  
Mt. Zion Missionaries  
Rod Kaye / Healing from surgery  
Ed Berent: Request from Dave & Sherry  
Berent / Peace and comfort

Becky Brainerd's Father / In Hospice care  
Amy Ryan: Request from Vicki Sanderford /  
Healing; surgery for an air pocket in her  
lung  
*All prayer requests will be listed in the bulletin.*



Welcome  
on  
Wednesdays!

### WOW DINNER MENU

**January 13**

Salad Bar, Pork Loin, Talapia,  
Augratin Potatoes, Rice,  
Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert

**January 20**

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

*Menu is subject to change depending on availability.*

No reservations needed.  
Serving lines open at 5:15 p.m.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY



### ARE YOU EXPERIENCING A "WINTER" IN YOUR LIFE?

Many people experience "winters" in their personal lives. A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave them feeling lonely. A hospitalization, cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave them feeling isolated. The loss of a job, the fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. Family and personal struggles may leave them with nowhere to turn for support. If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, support, and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis. To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Rita Moore, 770-971-5291 or Marty Sharpe, 770-992-5948. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

## UMW NEWS

**Keepsake Quilters** will meet on January 19 at Lynn Hemby's home, 9:30 a.m. Please bring your Square in a Square ruler and fabrics to begin the table runner this month. We will finish it at the March meeting. We will also meet on January 26 to quilt for charity at 9:30 a.m. at Lynn's home. For further questions please call Elaine Otterbourg at 404-824-9114.

### COVENANT CHURCHES' ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Covenant Churches of East Cobb will hold their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, January 29, 2009 at the St. Ann's Nolan Hall. 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.

### JOIN US AS WE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN

Lamentations 2:19 instructs us to "Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift up your hands toward Him for the life of your young children." Please join other praying parents (and grandparents) interceding on behalf of their children (and grandchildren) on Wednesday, January 13 after WOW supper at 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel. This isn't a study; it is just an opportunity set aside for us to lift up our children in prayer. We will have copies of Stormie Omartian's "The Power of the Praying Parent" to use in case you would like ideas for prayers. Take just a few minutes or as long as you need. Facilitated by Scott and Megan Blanchard.

### PRESCHOOL THANK YOU

The Preschool wants to express thanks and gratitude to Paul & Kathy Jacobson, for their generous gift to the playground fund. Without their kindness, we would be several fundraisers away from installing the new swings. The swings should be in place by the time this newsletter is delivered - thank you to the Jacobsons, and to all the families who purchased Ham Gift Cards! We could not have reached this goal without your help & support!!

## DECEMBER YOUTH DATES TO REMEMBER

**Xtreme Winter** - December 27-December 29 the youth will be heading up to Gatlinburg, TN for their winter retreat. We'll be seeing bands such as Casting Crowns, Tenth Avenue North, and Newsong. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel and worship together.

**Confirmation** starts on January 10 in the Club House at 9:30 a.m. If you have a youth in the 6th grade and would like them to participate please contact Deborah Williams. We are very excited to be starting confirmation and ask for the entire Mt. Zion congregation to be in prayer over these young people as they take the next step in their spiritual journey.

**Sunday Night Youth** will start back on January 10 and small groups start back on January 13.

## UMM NEWS

**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](mailto:frank.barnett@cnn.com), or Marty Sharpe, [mesharpe@yahoo.com](mailto:mesharpe@yahoo.com) for more info.



### FAITH PARTNERS

"Isolation is bad for new people, old people, and in-between people if they are alcoholic people. Isolation sneaks up on us. We can mask it with familiar props that are not in themselves bad. We can isolate ourselves in an attempt to clean up our apartments (and then not do the cleaning); we can isolate ourselves in churches or in sleep; we can use family, sweethearts, compulsive working, television. The list is long. The nicest way to end it is the way you and I do: together. Reach out." (GV1 p.85) *Isolation is a darkroom for developing negatives.*

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 770-573-3720 or [faithpartners@mtzionumc.org](mailto:faithpartners@mtzionumc.org).

### GOLF FOR HIS GLORY TOURNAMENT SLATED FOR MAY 10, 2010

Please mark your calendar TODAY for Monday, May 10, for our annual **Golf for His Glory Tournament!** The 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!

### FINANCIAL GIVING

As December 31, 2009 approaches and 2009 comes to a close so does Mt. Zion's "Connections Campaign." The Connections Building Campaign was a three year pledge and we are hoping you continue your generous giving.

### ONLINE GIVING AT MT. ZION

You can have your pledge go directly into Mt. Zion's account by giving online. Go to [www.mtzionumc.org](http://www.mtzionumc.org) and click on Good Shepherd's Bank in the lower right corner. It will guide you in setting up your giving. Remember to update your online giving for 2010. Any questions please contact Pattie Doyle, 770-971-1465.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Sunday School** - 9:45-10:45 a.m. - Children's Area

3's & 4's in Room 106

K & 1st in Room 111

2nd & 3rd in Room 107

4th & 5th in Room 110

### **Three and Four Year Old Sunday School:**

We are using BOZ to teach us about faith, family and friendships. Join us on our journey!!

### **Elementary Age Sunday School:**

*I'M UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Jesus Loves Me...No Matter What!!* During the winter months, we will be learning that Jesus Loves Me even when I complain, make bad choices, am mean to my siblings and am just plain unlikable. Elementary age Sunday School is taught in a rotation format (one rotation per week) thru crafts, recreation/snack, Bible drama and fine arts.

### **Children's Worship**

This exciting and interactive worship service is planned with children in mind: praise music, sermons geared to kids, prayer time and worship readiness learning; all done in "big church" style (bulletins, ushers and offering.) Kindergarten thru fifth grade may attend Children's Worship in the Chapel. This worship service begins after the Children's Sermon in "big church" and ends at 12:05 p.m.

We offer Children's Church for 3 and 4 year olds in Room 106. Your child is invited to attend either at 11:00 a.m. or you may walk them down to Room 106 after the Children's Sermon in "big church."

### **Sunday Evening**

Zioneers - WOW!! We had a BLAST with the shaving cream last week! Some of you still have it in your ears! Join us every Sunday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. as we build community among our 4th and 5th graders!

### **Wednesday Night**

6:15-7:00 p.m. - 2nd-5th graders - Rejoice Choir. Encourage your child to share his/her musical gifts and talents by singing in choir. We will meet in the choir room.

6:15-7:00 p.m. - 4 year olds-1st grade - "Wiggles" music & motion will meet in the Mezzanine. If your child turned 4 years old in the fall, join us!! You do not have to wait until the next year....when you are 4, you are in!!!

## **Church Council Corner**

December 14, 2009

Your Mt. Zion Church Council met December 14, with lots of terrific ministry discussions going on. News from the meeting includes information from your finance committee, which is well into the process of managing the refinancing of the church mortgage. This process will continue, with refinancing occurring prior to the middle of 2010. During the meeting we also reviewed the results of the congregational survey that you participated in a few weeks ago. We thank you for your input, and the various ministry areas have been provided your feedback.

Speaking of ministry areas (did you like that segue?), the Church Council is reorganizing to provide a better focus on ministry, and better communication between the various ministries of the church. We are asking the question, "How are we leading others to Christ?" This is being asked within each ministry as a way of understanding our core calling as disciples. To further help the coordination, we are forming six ministry sub-groups, or "clusters." They are:

- Hospitality
- Administration
- Worship
- Learning
- Outreach
- Caring

Individual ministries will continue as you are familiar with them, but the various ministries will also cluster and join together, based on their common focus. Within these clusters they will coordinate activities, projects, resources, and communication. This should substantially improve the communication between ministries and the church, as well as help all ministries concentrate more on the core focus of their calling. We will be working and growing in this effort for the next six months, so look for exciting things to come! A good example of this new coordination is the Outreach ministries. International Missions, Local Missions, Disaster Relief Committee, and Habitat have joined together to coordinate an upcoming celebration in March. I won't spoil the announcement here, but look for the news and information on this exciting upcoming event!

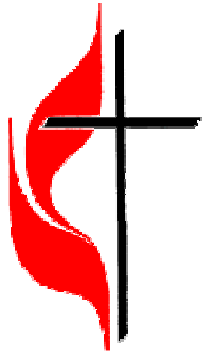
Within our individual ministries, the children are hard at work planning their portion of the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, and Adria Ward is our new Chair of the Children's Council. Congratulations Adria! Local Missions wants to thank everyone who contributed to the Angel Tree and Shoe Box ministries during this Christmas Season. Your efforts resulted in a resounding success, and Mt. Zion as a church has assisted many families and children in our community and throughout the world. This is Christ in action! Missions' planning for the June Costa Rica trip is underway and Mt. Zion is being represented by four of our own in a Katrina rebuilding project which is occurring in New Orleans on the last week of this year. If you are interested in such an activity, let us know and we will put you in contact with the correct people.

Your Junior and Senior High Youth will be going on a retreat December 27 - 29. We have almost 24 youth participating. They will have a great time at the Extreme Winter Youth Festival in Gatlinburg.

On a final note: Congratulations to Bob Fraumann who has been invited by Johnny Isakson to play piano at the National Day of Prayer event in Washington DC. This is a great international event and a real honor for our own Bob.

The next meeting of your church council will be January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the upper room. As always, all are invited to attend.

God Bless,  
Ray Bridenbaugh  
Church Council Chair



# THE ZIONEER

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### MT. ZION UMC MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS - JANUARY

**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:** **January 11:** Adult Bible Study Class; **February 11:** Adult Bible Study Class  
**Greeters:** **Jan. 3:** Patsy Engleman, Jeff & Hope Felshaw, LOGOS Class; **Jan. 10:** Chuck & Sue Hawkins, Lewis & Sandy DeRose, Dave & Sherry Berent, Louise Hellman, Adult Bible Class; **Jan. 17:** Britt & Melody McNeil, Suzanne Martin, Jack & Lois Gibbs, Dave & Penny King, Discovery Class; **Jan. 24:** Keith Moore, Carol Muelshi, Claude Pickelsimer, Margery Pierce, Wesley Workers Class; **Jan. 31:** Linda Podbielski, Bruce & Brenda Bartholomew, Deb & Arin Conway, Keith & Marge Crozier, Pairs & Spares Class  
**Courtesy Cart:** **Jan. 3:** Johnnie Overton; **Jan. 10:** Ray Bridenbaugh; **Jan. 17:** Richard Lunney; **Jan. 24:** Ron Kuntz; **Jan. 31:** Scott Hetherington

All new lists have not been generated for 2010 volunteers.

### ATTENDANCE

**11/22:** Worship-354; Sunday School-52  
**11/29:** Worship-432; Sunday School-176  
**12/6:** Worship-491; Sunday School-201  
**12/13:** Worship-509; No Sunday School

### OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

#### DECEMBER GIVING

Sunday, December 13 \$28,029.00  
Total for December \$55,362.00

#### OPERATING BUDGET

*(July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010)*

Total received YTD \$479,365.00  
Total Expenditures YTD \$474,967.00

#### THREE YEAR CONNECTIONS CAMPAIGN

*(January 1, 2007-December 31, 2009)*

Amount pledged \$1,329,419.00  
Amount received in December \$10,363.00  
Total received to date \$1,081,132.00

#### CONFERENCE SUPPORT

*(Due by December 31, 2009)*

Amount apportioned - Conf. \$145,369.00  
Paid YTD \$43,481.33