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Faith in Action Celebration

Friday through Sunday, March 5-7, 2010

The one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Matthew 13:23 (NIV)

- **Come celebrate Mt. Zion's Faith in Action.** Put your feet to your faith. It is a learning and action weekend focusing on Mt. Zion's outreach in the community and the world.
- **Sunday School dinners with missionaries on Friday night.** Get up close and personal with our many missions.
- **Saturday seminars and learning experiences.** Wander through Mt. Zion's outreach opportunities. Learn what we are doing to sow the seeds of faith.
- **Sunday morning and Sunday evening Praise and Worship Services.** It's your opportunity to make a Faith Promise to commit your time and gifts to Mt. Zion's growing missions.

CONFIRMATION

Our lives are full of important markers: birth, graduation, college, our first fulltime job, and so on. But what about those markers that mark special times in our spiritual walk? A group of 15 youth are entering one of those times. They have chosen to go through confirmation. They will spend 8 weeks, learning, questioning, and growing in their faith and understanding who God is, what God wants for them in their lives, what it means to be Christian, and what it means to be United Methodist. As these youth embark on this journey I ask you to be in prayer for them. Lift them up by name as you pray for your own family. Know that they will be making a very serious decision at the end of confirmation and it should be taken prayerfully and with great thought. Celebrate with us as our confirmands work toward greater understanding of their personal faith and relationship with the church.

2010 Confirmands

Carter Baldwin	Davis Baldwin	Samantha Boyd
Wilson Boyette	Nicholas Bowman	Megan Caldwell
Manny Dominguez	Travis Friday	Morgan Green
Melanie Mislo	Brittany Powell	Kim Powell
Samantha Sanderford	Jacquelyn Sharpe	Foster Singletary

MT. ZION MISSIONARIES

Claire & Alan Marsh
Serving with Campus Outreach

UPDATING EMAIL ROSTER

In an effort to keep everyone informed about church activities we are trying to keep our email roster up to date. If you have an email address and would like to receive emails of church happenings or current news about Mt. Zion please email your name and email address to tani.gilliam@mtzionumc.org.

Are You Ready for Vacation Bible School, 2010?!

JESUS - THE ULTIMATE ALL STAR!

Are you on HIS team?

FREE!! - **SPACE LIMITED!

July 12th - 16th from 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
Offered to children 4 years old - fifth grade
(*3 year olds welcome with participating adult)

Aftercare (until 4:30) available for the week - \$70.00

Church member registration opens February 1st

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS THIS WEEK:

Our Nation & Our Troops
Mt. Zion Missionaries
Jan Paine / In Hospice care
Claudia Paynter (age 3) / Having double eye surgery on Tuesday, January 19
The Hopper Family / Comfort in the death of their son and brother, Jeremy
Kim Powell: Request from Al & Lois Cheole / MRI on January 19, 2010; neck, head & back; 3 hour test

René Parault: Request from Ray Gyselinck / Healing
O'Byran Cox: Robert Cox's Uncle / Recovery from stroke
Ira Hucks: Robert Cox's Grandfather / Healing & comfort
Susan Toccoo: Request from Louise Hellman / For good health & recovery from removal of lung for cancer
All prayer requests will be listed in the bulletin.



Welcome
on
Wednesdays!

WOW DINNER MENU

February 3

Salad Bar, Rotisserie Chicken, Beef & Chicken Tacos, Cheese Dip, Salsa, Chips, Yellow Rice, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert

February 10

Salad Bar, Sweetheart Chicken, Vegetable Beef Soup, Romantic Rice, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert

February 17

Salad Bar, Spaghetti, Meat/Marinara Sauce, Fettuccine Alfredo, Pizza, Garlic Bread, Vegetable, Dessert

February 24

Salad Bar, Roast Beef, Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert

Menu is subject to change depending on availability.

No reservations needed.

Serving lines open at 5:00 p.m. and close at 6:15 p.m.

If you would like a "to go" box prepared for you to pick up, please call the church office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

STEPHEN MINISTRY ARE YOU EXPERIENCING A "WINTER" IN YOUR LIFE? OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS CAN HELP!

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 Mt. Zion's Stephen Ministry Leaders: Rita Moore, 770-971-5291 or Marty Sharpe, 770-992-5948. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.

UMW NEWS

Susanna Circle, Tuesday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. - We'll be meeting at Patti Weaver's home to share fellowship and clip coupons for military families serving overseas. For more information or to RSVP, please call or email Patti at gkweaver@comcast.net. As always, all women of the church are welcome!

The Early Bird Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 9:30 a.m. in the Mt. Zion Youth Center. Our speaker will be The Reverend John Moeller. Please bring items for the MUST pantry. Hostesses for the meeting are April Conaway and Anne Peabody. Contact Clair Hetherington, 770 977-3699, for further information.

Keepsake Quilters will be meeting on Tuesday, February 16, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Lynn Hemby. Please bring back your complete Square in a Square blocks. Elaine will show us how to sew them together into a table runner. Bring your sewing machines and sewing supplies. For questions call Lynn Hemby, 770-642-9647.

Keepsake Quilters will sew for charity on Tuesday, February 23 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Lynn Hemby. Please bring sewing machines and sewing supplies. For questions call Lynn Hemby, 770-642-9647.

Susanna Circle, Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. - Join us at the home of April Conaway as we learn about Herbs of the Bible from guest artist Linda Fraser. For more information or to RSVP, please call or email April at tawkny@bellsouth.net. All are welcome.

The Early Bird Circle is collecting used Christmas and Birthday cards to use for a project to make placemats for nursing homes. Please bring your donations to the church office.

GOLF FOR HIS GLORY TOURNAMENT SET FOR MAY 10!

Fellow golfers, now is the time to block out Monday, May 10, on your calendar for a great day of golf, fun and fellowship! This tournament serves two purposes. First, to act as an outreach in the name of Christ and second, to raise funds to support Mt. Zion's youth, missions and outreach ministries. The tournament, which is a four-person scramble format, is held at Indian Hills Country Club. Please contact Dan Farr, Bruce Speckhals, Tom Hargis, Jim Crenshaw or Julie Bartholomew if you would like to help with the tournament this year! If you would like more information, please email golfforhisglory@gmail.com.

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.

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 Biscuits & More 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 REGISTERING FOR FALL 2010

Open to church members February 12 & 16

Opens to community February 17

THANK YOU

To all of you at Mt Zion who have given me such wonderful support during my recent surgery and confinement, I will be forever grateful. You have taught me so much about true Christian friendship and caring. *May God bless you all. Joyce Gillum*



FAITH PARTNERS

"What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent upon our spiritual condition. Every day is a day when we must carry the vision of God's will into all of our activities. "How can I best serve Thee -- Thy will (not mine) be done." (BB p.85) *No surprise, trying to become a different person, I encountered situations that I had no sane experience in handling. I discovered how inept a person could be. However, it came as great comfort to know the will of God will never take me where the grace of God will not protect me.* 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.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday Nights at 5:00 till 6:30 p.m.

Small groups have started back up on Wednesday Nights at 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Confirmation retreat at Camp Glisson February 12-14, 2010.

Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Glisson February 26-28, 2010.

DO YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE SERVING OVERSEAS?

The Susanna Circle of UMW as an outreach of Mt. Zion missions will be sending care packages to soldiers overseas in April. Please provide the names and addresses of your loved ones serving overseas in the military so we can send them a care package from Mt. Zion UMC! You can contact Patti Weaver at gkweaver@comcast.net or Libby Barnett at libbybarnett@bellsouth.net with your information by **February 10th**. Keep an eye out in the next newsletter to see how you can help by providing needed donations for the care packages!

THANK YOU

Thank you to the choir, youth, children's ministry and adult Sunday School classes who helped decorate our trees, entryways, and banisters for the Christmas season. In addition to the Chrismon tree in the sanctuary, there were seven themed trees throughout the church facility and many, many wreaths welcoming our members and guests at all entrances. With your help and donations of trees, ornaments, time and talents, not only was Mt. Zion glowing with the spirit of Christmas, but we were able to "go green" by recycling decorations and did our part to conserve the church budget. *What a blessing you all are!!! Debbie Lundquist*

DEAR FRIENDS

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, phone calls and food after Jack's stroke and his passing. It is so wonderful to be in a church with so many caring people. Thank you again. *Love, Jackie Osborne & Family*

DEAR FRIENDS

Many thanks for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers and the offers of food during the illnesses and deaths of my two brothers. You are a wonderful group. *With love, Mary Richards*

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!

Braxton & Stacie Dees, 3535 Montwood Ct., Marietta, 30062, 770-973-3837. Their child is Nathan.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A memorial gift has been received in loving memory of **Jack Osborne** from **Jim & Marilyn Weldon**. A memorial gift has been received in loving memory of **Alleita Whitney** from **Bruce Whitney**. A memorial gift has been received in loving memory of **Jessie Pirkle** from **Tom & Linda Hargis**. A memorial gift has been received in loving memory of **Gladys Hargis** from **Tom & Linda Hargis**. A memorial gift has been received in loving memory of **Rufus Walling** from **Betty & James Knight, Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Walling & Family** and **Mrs. Lisa Van Krieken & Family**.

CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY

Christian love and sympathy is extended to **Milt Moser & Family** in the death of his grandmother. This family holds a special place in our hearts.



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Mark Your Calendar!!

Monday, Feb. 1st - Registration for VBS Starts

July 12-16th JESUS: The Ultimate All-Star!

VBS is FREE this year and we are offering aftercare at \$70 for the week. All space is limited so register early!!!!

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd 6:15-7:00 p.m. - Praying Parent meets in the Chapel.

Sunday, Feb. 7th 10:00 am - Acolyte Refresher Class (5th Grade & Up)

All current and never before trained acolytes are invited to join us for breakfast and a refresher training course.

We will meet in the Chapel.

Wednesday, Feb. 17th - Ash Wednesday NO Children's Choir

Sunday, Feb. 21st 5:00 p.m. - Children's Council meeting in Room 7

Sunday, Feb. 27th 11:00 a.m. - REJOICE! Sings in worship service

Sundav 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!! In February we will be learning that Jesus Loves Me even when I complain. We will be looking at many Biblical "whiners" and see how God transformed them. Elementary age Sunday School is taught in a rotation format (one rotation per week) thru crafts, recreation/snack, Bible drama and fine arts.

Sundav Evening

Zioneers - 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!!!

COLLECTING USED CHRISTMAS & BIRTHDAY CARDS

The Early Bird Circle is collecting used Christmas and Birthday cards to use for a project to make placemats for nursing homes. Please bring your donations to the church office.

WOW DINNER TIME CHANGES

WOW Dinner serving lines will open at 5:00 p.m. and close at 6:15 p.m. If you would like a "to go" box prepared for you to pick up, please call the church office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

MUST COAT DRIVE

Mt. Zion is reaching out to help those in need in our local community this winter. Please search your closets and drawers and donate a warm winter coat, gloves, hats or scarves to MUST. They may be used but in good condition. Bring your donations to church and deposit in the blue MUST bins located on the first floor by the Sunday School hall. Thank you for being the hands and feet of our Lord. *Jesus said, "I needed clothes and you clothed me..." Matthew 25:36.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS

Ruby Hamilton & Family would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, flowers, visits and every other act of kindness shown during her recent hospitalization and rehabilitation. The people of Mt. Zion Church are so special and the love and support shown was such a blessing.

Ruby Hamilton & Family

Church Council Corner

January 2010

From your Finance Committee, the refinance activities are continuing. The refinance sub-committee is hard at work talking with lending institutions. There are really good people working for you in this committee and they are working towards the common goal of simplification and consolidation. They hope to have the initial agreements in place with a chosen lender in approximately a month's timeframe.

Your Church Council also gave the trustees the go-ahead to release the JFLH, LLC from any commitment regarding the few acres of land down past the power lines. For the past five years, your church has had options to purchase that property from the LLC. With this release, the church will not be pursuing the purchase of that additional property.

A new ministry is coming to Mt. Zion! For the past several years, Houlihan's has been hosting a small group ministry on Monday mornings at 6:30 am. This ministry typically consists of 55 – 60 individuals meeting in a small group community. With their growth and changes at Houlihan's, they need a new meeting place. What an exciting opportunity! The decision was made to offer our facility for their use. Pastor Joe will be discussing the arrangements, so let us all keep this opportunity in our prayers!

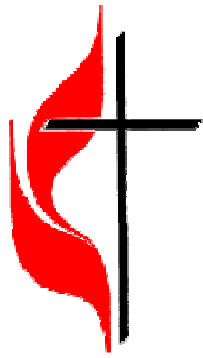
What do you do for Lent? Joe is preparing a new program to help us answer that question! We are all excited about this opportunity to change or improve our Christian walk during the season of Lent. Look for upcoming information on a Lenten disciple walk.

Your Church Council also continues the process of reorganizing into ministry clusters. You will see more of this as we focus on the Outreach, Hospitality, Care, Learning, and Worship of our church!

As always, your Church Council meets on the second Monday of the month. Our next full meeting will be in March, on Monday, March 8th. All are invited to attend, and we hope to see you there!

Blessings to you and yours,

Ray Bridenbaugh
Church Council President



THE ZIONEER

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MT. ZION UMC MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS - FEBRUARY

Ushers: **8:30** Jerry Nix, Mike Donovan, Gary Hemby, Bruce Bartholomew, Bob Bachman
9:45 Craig Hershberger, Chuck Mislo
11:00 Bill Blythe, Alan Humphrey, Mark Ingraham, Jack McCord, Stacy Shipp, Alan Sollenberger

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; **March 11:** Wesley Workers

Prayer Ministers: **Feb. 7: 8:00-**Chuck Neal, **9:30-**Allyson Arthur, **11:00-**Fred Yilling;
Feb. 14: 8:00-Karen Kuntz, **9:30-**Ron Kuntz, **11:00-**David Brigham;
Feb. 21: 8:00-Patricia Sharpe **9:30-**Lisa Ingraham, **11:00-**No Volunteer;
Feb. 28: 8:00-Keith Moore, **9:30-**Kathy Drewien, **11:00-**Keith Moore

Courtesy Cart: **Feb. 7:** Scott Westbrook; **Feb. 14:** Steve Harrison; **Feb. 21:** Tom Hargis;
Feb. 28: Doug Bush

ATTENDANCE

12/20: Worship-537; Sunday School-88
12/24: Worship-1058
12/27: Worship-267; No Sunday School
1/3: Worship-323; No Sunday School
1/10: Worship-488; Sunday School-147
1/17: Worship-499; Sunday School-189

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

JANUARY GIVING

Sunday, January 17 \$13,502.00
Total for January \$42,188.00

OPERATING BUDGET

(July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010)

Total received YTD \$577,683.00
Total Expenditures YTD \$589,289.00

THREE YEAR CONNECTIONS CAMPAIGN

(January 1, 2007-December 31, 2009)

Amount pledged \$1,329,419.00
Amount received in January \$523.00
Total received to date \$1,121,946.00

CONFERENCE SUPPORT

(Due by December 31, 2010)

Amount apportioned - Conf. \$134,624.00