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**The Grapevine**  
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

*"I am the vine, you are the branches*

*Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit."*

*John 15:5*

### From the Pastor

Of all of the seasons of the year I believe I like fall the best. The myriad of colors that exist when the leaves change and the cooler temperatures makes this time of the year so very enjoyable for those of us who are blessed to call the upstate region of South Carolina home. As I was driving with my family through a section of The Great Smoky Mountains National Park I was overwhelmed with the sense of beauty from our Creator's hand. Hopefully you have had an opportunity this season to take in the gorgeous scenery that surrounds us as well.

Fall also brings with it symbols of harvest and a time of thanksgiving. At our charge conference with our new district superintendent, Rev. Susan Leonard-Ray, we were able to reflect upon how God has been working in our midst at Mt. Zion this past year. Many people were able to give voice to how they felt blessed by the music, people and ministry that makes our church what it is today.

But as this season changes we will get ready for the arrival of winter and the coming new year. The season of the church calendar we call Advent will usher in a time when we will celebrate the coming of our Savior as a little child. For many of you this will be your favorite time of the year as we sing familiar carols, decorate the sanctuary and adorn the Christmas tree, and who could blame you?

Whichever season you enjoy the most, may you experience God in a real and fresh way knowing in faith that His love for you never changes.

In Christ,

*Kurt*

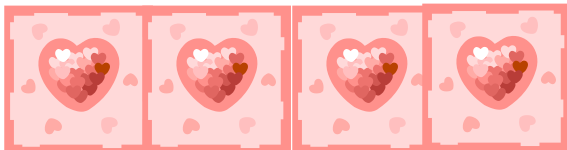
**Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NRSV)**

**For everything  
there is a season,  
and a time for every matter  
under the heaven.**

### Mark Your Calendars for These Up-Coming Events !

- November 11 Minister's Cook-Off (Kurt & Lillie are cooking up a storm!) Daniel High School Cafeteria ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m. Taste tickets \$1.00 each. All proceeds go to Safe Harbor II.
- November 14 Church wide pot-luck dinner (the church will provide the "meat"). Immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited (even if you didn't bring anything—remember the loaves and fishes).
- November 20 Women meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10a.m. for refreshments and program by Rev. Nellie Cloninger on the Kairos Prison Ministry.
- November 21 Fall Festival - Bonfire ~ Hayride ~ Pizza ~ S'mores @ 5:30 p.m. (bring a chair) at the home of Scott and Karen Smith.
- December 5 Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m. in the Church Dining Room. Children's Christmas Party @ 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- December 12 Christmas Open House @ 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the parsonage (pg. 2)
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service @ 5:30-6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

■ Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Worship at 11:00 a.m. ■



Schools are under tremendous pressure for student test performance results. Children are taught beginning in 4 year old kindergarten to sit in their seats, stay on their square, and keep their hands to themselves. The rocking chairs have been removed. At Mt. Zion we are looking for love results.

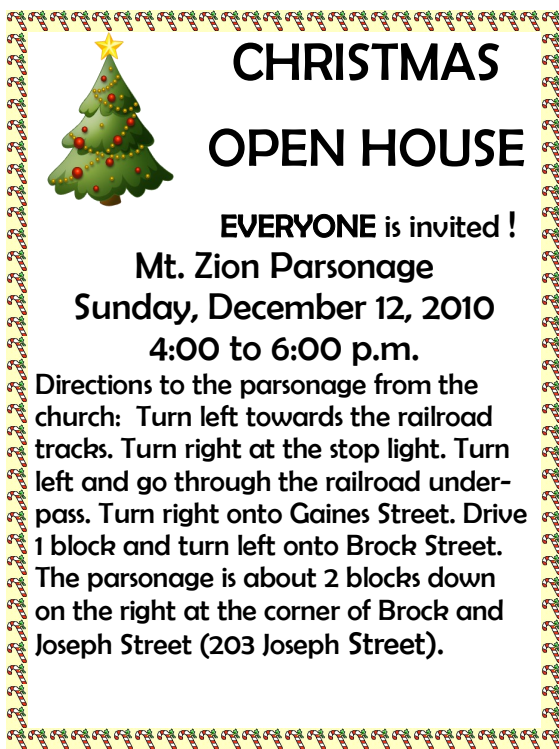
In the nursery, when I read aloud, the children swarm the rocking chair where I sit. Someone twists a spike of my hair, another kneads the fat of my underarm, and we all lean in together in a warm mass. We talk of the love of Jesus. It is a wonderful feeling for us all.

One Sunday in church I learned that Cooper had stuck his tongue out at everyone sitting behind us and they (three sweet older ladies) thought it was "cute". During children's sermon Braelyn eats the lesson, the mustard seed. With pride shining in her eyes, Sofie speaks of her mother's chocolate cake. James explains the importance of being nice, and P.J. tolerates us all with a nodding head. Oh, P.J., when are you going to play the piano for us again? Quint runs with joy and cheerful giving waving a bag of coins for Epworth. Grayson is our serious one listening intently to every word. Thank goodness our church is a place for giving and receiving love and cherishing our differences. Our reaching out to each other and the children of our congregation with love is a true blessing.

Love is our performance expectation.

Thanks to all of you reaching out to our children and a very special thank you to all the nursery workers, Sunday school teachers, and the leaders of our youth. Keep on rocking.

Elizabeth Finley



**CHRISTMAS  
OPEN HOUSE**

**EVERYONE is invited !**

**Mt. Zion Parsonage  
Sunday, December 12, 2010  
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Directions to the parsonage from the church: Turn left towards the railroad tracks. Turn right at the stop light. Turn left and go through the railroad underpass. Turn right onto Gaines Street. Drive 1 block and turn left onto Brock Street. The parsonage is about 2 blocks down on the right at the corner of Brock and Joseph Street (203 Joseph Street).

### Tax Considerations for EOY 2010

The "rule of thumb" is that a contribution is effective when delivered. This means that a check placed in the church offering plate in January of 2011 cannot be deducted in 2010, even if it is backdated to 2010.

On the other hand, a check that is mailed and postmarked in 2010 is deductible in 2010 even if it is not received by the church until 2011.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

### ☞ Charles and Pam Baker:

Mt. Zion extends a warm welcome to Charles and Pam Baker. Charles graduated from Clemson University in 1974. After working in textiles for 25 years, he now serves as a financial consultant with Strickland & Baker Financial, Inc. in Clemson. He has served on the Foothills YMCA board as well as holding the office of president on the board. Charles has also coached multiple sports at the Y and the Clemson Area Soccer Club.

Pam graduated from Western Carolina University and then taught school in North Carolina for 10 years. She is now employed at Clemson Elementary School in the school's office.

The Bakers have two sons – Brian & Sean.

### ☞ Sonny and Jill Sims:

It is really a "welcome back" to Sonny and Jill Sims. Both Sonny and Jill grew up in Central. They attended Mt. Zion as children. Jill's parents, Hal and Bobby Garrett, are long-time members of Mt. Zion. Sonny's parents, Johnny and Sherrill Sims, moved during his senior year at Daniel High School and now reside in Campobello, S. C.



Even though Sonny and Jill had known each other for some time, they did not date and marry until after college. Their son, Mason, was born while they were living in Charleston. Although Sonny has a degree in Horticulture and has worked as a certified arborist, he now owns his own investment and insurance business (The Sonny Sims Agency) in Seneca. Jill's degree is in Fashion Merchandising and she is currently an independent sales consultant with Willow House (formerly Southern Living At Home). Mason is in the eighth grade at R. C. Edwards Middle School. He enjoys playing basketball and golf.

## November 11th - Veterans Day

Remembering Those Who Served Our Country and are currently serving.

### Our active military service prayer list:

Amanda Chivers – Mississippi; Josh Trumbower; Derek McDonald; Jordon Cox – Kuwait; Travis Wilbanks – New Mexico; John Youngblood, Jr. - Alaska; Van Mullinax—National Guard.

## November is National Caregivers Month

Submitted by Logan Rice

I have noticed that many people, including myself, are becoming caregivers for loved ones. I wanted to pass along a website that has really helped me in finding resources – both in-home, and for caregiver respite in the area. I hope that others may receive the support and knowledge available through the caring folks at this site, because it is very hard sometimes to even know where to start, and very easy to become overwhelmed by others needs. The site is called: A Place for Mom.

<http://www.aplaceformom.com/about/>

Website for the National Family Caregivers Association :

[http://www.thefamilycaregiver.org/national\\_family\\_caregiver\\_month/](http://www.thefamilycaregiver.org/national_family_caregiver_month/)

The following is from an Article from About.com Guide written by Elizabeth Scott, M.S.

*November is National Caregivers Month. Did you know that 34 million adult Americans provide care to someone over the age of 50? In addition to that, sixty percent of all family caregivers are working full or part time.*

*Caregivers are some of hardest working people, yet possibly the most overlooked. I admire the work that caregivers do everyday and believe they are an integral part of the quality of life of our senior population! Here are the some great ways to relieve stress from daily caregiving:*

1. *Photography—As you practice seeing the world through the eye of a photographer, you may begin to see things differently.*
2. *Puzzles—Engaging your mind in a puzzle can take your focus off what's stressing you, and develop your brain power at the same time. The end result is that you get a nice break, experience some "flow", and come back to your problems with a fresher, stronger mind, which can help you better handle life's stressors.*
3. *Painting—Painting carries similar stress management benefits as drawing, but through a different medium.*
4. *Knitting/crocheting—The repetitive motion can get you into an experience of "flow"—or at least can provide an outlet for nervous energy thus relieve stress.*
5. *Writing—Many people have found journaling to be a great stress reliever, and the practice comes with proven stress management and health benefits as well! Writing, whether in a personal journal, as an amateur author, or even as a professional, is a hobby that can be cathartic and relaxing and provides something great to share with others.*

**Psalm 71: 5 (NRSV) For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.**



## November

### Birthdays

Elaine Bullock (2), Dean Finley (7), P.J. McPherson (9), Lillian Begley (10), Chris O'Dell (13), Mary Chaka (14), Kristine Reeves (14), Mary Handegan (15), Carlisle Jones (16), Pam Baker (23), Lois Bomar (24), Frances Snipes (30)

### Anniversaries

John & Sherrie Youngblood (11), Wes & Shirley Witcher (19), Ed & Karen Martin (27)



## December

### Birthdays

Golda Noblitt (3), Kathy O'Dell (9), Shirley Kolp (15), Ashley Smith Ray (15), Allan Bomar (19), Debbie Cooler (23), Kris Bowman (26), Blake Jones (27), Mason Sims (30), Greg Miller (31)

### Anniversaries

Van & Ginger Mullinax (17), Jerry & Sharon Chandler (20), Lane & Jan Miller (29), Terry & Mary Handegan (31)

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## Poinsettias for Christmas

Forms for ordering Christmas poinsettias will soon begin appearing in the bulletin. Each year, poinsettias grace our sanctuary during several December services. We would like to thank those who have supplied lovely flowers and plants for the altar all through this past year. We appreciate your generosity and cooperation.

Myra Armistead



*The Mount Zion family wishes to extend its sympathy to John Youngblood and Dot Wilbanks on the passing of his sister, Patsy, and her sister Lucille.*



## 8th Annual Ministers' Cook-Off

Bring your appetite to the Daniel High School Cafeteria on November 11 (5:30-7:00 p.m.) and join your neighbors for the 8th Annual Ministers' Cook-Off.

Ministers from 20 area congregations will be showing off their culinary skills in support of Safe Harbor II. Kurt Lillie, and the Mattie Mae Allen Circle are going to be cooking up a storm.

Taste tickets are \$1.00 each and will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance in lots of 10 individual tickets from Lois Bomar. If you aren't able to attend, but would like to support the event, contributions are accepted.

Safe Harbor II is an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence who live in Pickens, Oconee, and Anderson counties. Services provided include emergency housing, meals, counseling, clothing, parenting classes, and referrals to other support groups. When clients leave the shelter, Safe Harbor II helps furnish housing needs and basic clothing.

Make sure you support the church and this worthwhile cause by attending this event!

## Mt. Zion Team 2010 Helps CROP Stop Hunger!

Thanks to all of you who donated to or walked with our first ever Mt. Zion CROP Walk Team. I was so pleased with the success of our first attempt at CROP. Our donations totaled \$944.00. I think it is significant for Mt. Zion that over \$200.00 was raised online. This may not only be our first CROP, but our first venture into cyberspace for fundraising and enhancing the work of the Kingdom. The local funds from CROP will go to Clemson Community Care. They will be used to help fight poverty in the Central, Clemson and Pendleton area. I will find out at our final meeting the total for our Clemson Area Walk. Hats off to walkers who joined me: Kristine Reeves, Miriam Coffman, David Rice, Teresa Skewes. Also contributing were: Elaine Bullock, David Conner, Betty Walters and families: the Allens, the Amidons, the Bakers, the Finleys, the Joneses, and the McPhersons.

Vicki Miesbauer

December 4th, 9:00 a.m.



It's time for our quarterly pickup for Mt. Zion's Adopt-A-Highway section of Highway 93. Please meet at the back door of the church. Long pants and closed shoes required for safety reasons.

A **Joint Meeting** of all Circles will be held on **November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** in the church Fellowship Hall. Rev. Nellie Cloninger from Lawrence Chapel will be our guest speaker. She will be speaking on the **Kairos Prison Ministry**. All women (ages youth and older) of the church are invited to attend this meeting. UMW Circles at Lawrence Chapel, Liberty UMC, Robinson's Chapel, Pendleton UMC, Central UMC and Bethel UMC have been invited to join us. Light refreshments will be served

Sharon Miller, UMW Unit President

Sharon Chandler, Vice President

Chery Amidon, Secretary

Virginia Norwood, Treasurer

## Dolly Brock Circle

At the annual meeting of the Anderson District United Methodist Women (UMW) in October, Mt. Zion's UMW Unit was among those receiving special recognition for supporting the five mission projects of the South Carolina UMW. This was a result of monetary contributions from the Dolly Brock Circle. A contribution to UMCOR took our mission dollars beyond the local and state level to Haiti. We meet the 2nd Tuesday night of each month, 7PM, at the church. Next meeting is Nov. 9th. Ann Wilbanks will have the program and Frances Snipes will provide refreshments. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Ann Wilbanks, Circle Leader

## Eloise Gaines Circle

Keeping the legacy alive.

Reorganizing and Revitalizing.

This group meets during the day.

Church membership is not required.

No age requirement.

Missions-Fellowship-Prayer

Stay tuned for more information.

First meeting will be in January.

On Sunday, October 3, 2010, the Mt. Zion Team 2010 helped CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) by raising \$944. Here is the Mt. Zion team roster, led by Vicki Miesbauer: Individuals: Elaine Bullock, Miriam Coffman, David Conner, Kristine Reeves, Teresa Skewes, and Betty Walters. Families: the Allens, the Amidons, the Bakers, the Finleys, the Jones', and the McPhersons.

Online donations for the Fall 2010 Walk season will be accepted through March 31, 2011.

