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The Grapevine
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*"I am the vine, you are the branches
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit."
John 15:5*

Pastor Jim's W.I.R.E.D. Thoughts

Well, I have been initiated into the Clemson fan club! Heather and I attended our first tailgating party and first Clemson football game. Both were an experience...and a whole lot of fun.

Whenever you throw in food at an event, I'm going to have a good time. So tailgating was a time of feasting, socializing and meeting some new people. I tossed the football with a couple of children, who left me breathing heavy and defeated by a score of...never mind. We sat around and watched some other football games on TV and talked about Clemson, family, and even about faith and church.

Then the time came to wander our way to the stadium. Orange and purple, EVERYWHERE! It was even more overwhelming when we took our place in our seats. It was pretty cool, actually, being in a valley of orange speckled with purple.

Now I admit, I'm not big into college football, but I did get caught up in this game (and have watched every Clemson game since...along with Alabama – must keep harmony in the marriage, folks!). It's funny how quickly the folks around me would stand and yell cheers or advice to the Clemson team or calling out a player's or coach's name. I was sure that the one guy behind me was going to have a stroke from all his yelling.

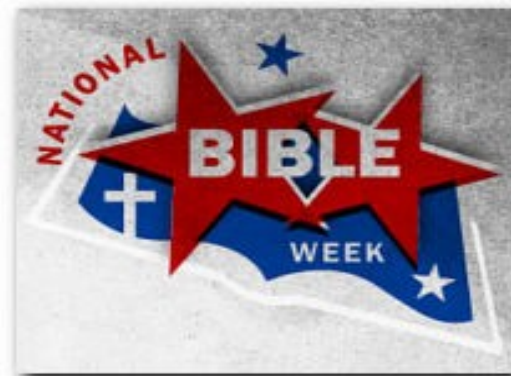
There were moments, throughout the game, when my mind would wander, for a moment, to spiritual things, and I tried to imagine what it would be like when the culmination of time comes to an end, Christ returns to bring in his new Kingdom. Would we be dressed for the occasion? Would we sit there and just watch or would we stand and cheer and call out his holy name?

And, isn't our time here on earth a time for us to be practicing our cheers for Christ (praise), our calling out his name (prayer and witness), and getting into the right clothes (holiness and love)? That's why we come to church, why we gather together with other believers, why we reach out to others, and why we are filled with hope. "We don't have a permanent city here, but rather we are looking for the city that is still to come. So let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise through him, which is the fruit from our lips that confess his name. Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices." (Hebrews 13:14-16)

Pastor Jim

November 24—December 1, 2013

A week devoted to encouraging people to read the Bible, **National Bible Week** is promoted by the National Bible Association. This association, originally known as the Laymen's National Committee, was founded in 1940 by a non-denominational group of businessmen who were devoted to applying the Golden Rule in daily life. The week begins the Sunday before Thanksgiving. A huge audience listened to the NBC radio program that was broadcast to kick off the first National Bible Week scheduled for December 8-14, 1941; Pearl Harbor had been bombed just hours before.



2 Timothy 3:16 (NRSV) "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."

Mt Zion United Methodist Women News

Sharon Miller, Elizabeth Finley, Irene Buchanan, Ann Wilbanks, Kristine Reeves, and Chery Amidon attended the 41st Anderson District Annual Meeting. The meeting was held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Anderson.

Mt. Zion UMW qualified for all the Local UMW Awards and Special Recognitions for 2013 including Five Star, Gold Seal, Mission Today, Diamond Unit, Pledge to Mission, Planning Guide, and Membership Census Report.

This just means that our group is on top of requirements, is **mission focused** and a vital contributing member of the Anderson District. We are proud of this accomplishment and will reach for the same goals this year.

In addition, **Irene Buchanan** and **Myra Armistead** were recognized for participating in the **UMW Reading Program**.



Upcoming UMW events include:

- **Tuesday, November 12th**, 9:45 a.m., short **Leadership Team Meeting** before the Circles meet.
- **Tuesday, November 12th**, 10:30 a.m., **JOINT Eloise Gaines and Dolly Brock** circles meeting at the church.
- **Tuesday, December 10th**, 11:00 a.m., **JOINT** "get together" at the home of Elizabeth Finley that will take the place of the regular monthly circle meetings. **All UMW members are invited including Eloise Gaines, Dolly Brock, and E-Circle members.**

Finance Committee Report to the Congregation

General Fund results for 9 months ending 9/30/13:

Income	\$134,015.00
Expenditures	\$118,244.00
Budget	\$123,423.00

Plus other funded expenditures of \$8,669.00 for paving parking lot, Epworth, Love Offering and Pastoral moving.

Charles Baker
Chair, Finance Committee

Special Note: Please remember that 12/29/13 will be the last day to make contributions to the church and still receive credit for your taxes for 2013.

Important Dates:

- **Nov. 7th—Charge Conference**—7:00 p.m. at the church. Our annual meeting with the Anderson District Superintendent.
- **Nov. 12th—Minister's Cookkoff**—5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center, Clemson First Baptist Church. Proceeds go to Safe Harbor.
- **Nov. 17th—Shoebox dedication** (see pg. 4) during Worship service and luncheon following the service
- **Starting December 8th**, the church will be decorated with poinsettias until Dec. 22nd. If you would like to remember someone and be a part of this tradition, the information will soon appear in the bulletin or you may contact Kristine Reeves at 639-2918. Please pick up your plant(s) after the service on the 22nd.
- **Dec. 25th— Luke 2:10-11...I bring you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior...**
- **Jan. 2014**—First Class US Postage (up to 1 oz.) goes from 46 to 49 cents. If you are not currently receiving our Electronic Newsletter, sign up today by e-mailing the church at mtzion@nctv.com.



Lillian Garrett Begley

9/18/13

Carmen Thompson

10/30/13

Mount Zion's Pall is located in the cabinet outside of the pastor's office. Both the cabinet and the pall were a gift to the church from Lillian Begley in 1992. It is available for use in the sanctuary by church members.

Most of us are used to hearing of pallbearers, but we are not as familiar with a pall. The word comes from the Latin word "pallium", a cloth used to cover the deceased back in the time of ancient Rome. In more recent times, the pall is a large cloth that covers the coffin. Centuries ago, palls were usually black, the color of death and mourning, Today they are white or of color. There are many choices of fabric (polyester, cotton damask, silk or tapestry), symbols, embroidered bandings and trimmings. Mrs. Begley's pall is full of beautiful colors and a cross runs its full length. As most are today, it is fully lined so that it hangs gracefully over the coffin.

"The pall helps the congregation focus on the worship of God and the hope of the resurrection by de-emphasizing the relative expense of coffins and showing the equality of all people in Christ." "None have any special claim, and all leave this life as they were born into it- with nothing except God's love."

James 2:1-9 signifies that all are equal in the eyes of God.
(from "A Symbol of Faith: "Using a pall in Christian funerals" by Eloise Van Heest. *Reformed Worship*, June 1992)

Submitted by Sharon Miller

Birthdays

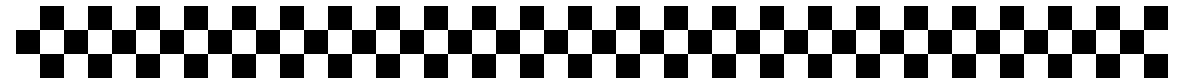
November: Elaine Bullock (2), Joe Dyar (4), Dean Finley (7), Chris O'Dell (13), Kristine Reeves (14), Mary Handegan (15), Carlisle Jones (16), Pam Baker (23), Wayne Sarasua (28), Charlie Six (29), Frances Snipes (30)

December: Susan Drexler (2), Golda Noblitt (3), Kathy O'Dell (9), Ashley Smith-Ray (15), Allan Bomar (19), Robert Musgrave (22), Debbie Cumbie-Cooler (23), Jim Elder (24), Kris Bowman (26), Blake Jones (27), Gregg Miller (31)

Anniversaries

November: Steve & Terri Lee (10), Wes & Shirley Witcher (19), Ed & Karen Martin (27)

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



Spread the WORD!

- Mt. Zion has a **NEW** web address: **MtZionCentral.org**
- We're on **FACEBOOK!** Find us at:
www.Facebook.com/MtZionCentral
(You don't need to be a member to view our page!)

Pastor Jim's office hours during a normal week are usually the following: Mondays, 2-4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12:00 noon and Fridays, 2-4pm.

Office hours may change due to visitation and/or conference meetings. If these office hours do not fit within your schedule, please feel free to call the church office(864-639-2101), the Pastor's cell phone (803-372-9754), or the parsonage (864-952-5026) at any time to reach him.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Mt. Zion has set a goal of 100 boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. The green and red boxes are on the back pew. Grab one or two to help us reach our goal! **The National Collection Week will be November 18-25 this year. We will "dedicate" our boxes on Sunday, November 17 with the help of**

the children in our congregation.

United Methodist Women Reading Program

The following books are among the latest additions to the UMW Reading Program. All volumes are available in the Pickens County Library:

A History of the Romani People. Hristo Kyuchukov. (Explores the distinctive "gypsy" culture.)

King Peggy. Peggilene Bartels. (Tells how an American secretary changed an African village.)

100 Simple Things You Can Do to Prevent Alzheimer's and other Age-related Memory Loss. Jean Carper.

The Power of Serving Others. Gary Morsh. (Discover meaning through daily service.)

Finding Higher Ground: Adaptation in the Age of Warming. Amy Seidl. (Concerns adaptation taking place in the natural world.)

Jesus: a Biography from a Believer. Paul Johnson. (readable work with "insightful analysis.")

Taken all together, books and magazines chosen for the Reading Program mirror the wide-ranging concerns and diligent work of United Methodist Women. For more information about the books and the program, please see Myra Armistead (639-6240).

Our Active Military Service Prayer List

Amanda Chivers—Mississippi

Jordan Cox—Kuwait

Christopher Heck—California

Joshua Heck—Fort Bragg

Jake Lumsden—Japan

Derek McDonald

Kyle Mundell—Fort Campbell

Chris Trumbower

Josh Trumbower

Wayne Smith

John Youngblood, Jr.—Alaska

Travis Wilbanks—Italy



Thank You!!! to all those who are currently serving or have served in the military. Veteran's Day is Monday, November 11. We especially want to recognize Mt. Zion's two World War II veterans: Bill Clayton and Wes Witcher.

Congratulations to Van Mullinax who has retired after forty-one years of service to his country.

Van started out in the South Carolina National Guard in 1972 and rose through the ranks, serving in various Air Defense positions in C Battery, 2/263rd ADA in Clemson.

In 2004 he was promoted to the rank of Command Sergeant Major (CSM). During his time as CSM of HHB 2/263rd ADA, he was mobilized in support of Operation Noble Eagle where he served one year and 5 months in Washington, DC protecting the nation's capital.

On March 3, 2013, Van was inducted into the South Carolina Army National Guard Enlisted Hall of Fame. In the program for this ceremony, along with a list of Van's awards was the statement that "CSM Mullinax is the epitome of a Senior NCO in every way."

