

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
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Address Correction Requested



HABITAT RESTORE

Help fund Habitat for Humanity in Pickens County by donating items for sale in their ReStore. The proceeds from sales of the items will be used to build houses for needy families in Pickens County.

Pickens County Habitat for Humanity is planning to open a Habitat ReStore in March. The store is located at 807 Liberty Drive in Easley; it's the old J&L Food Store on SC 93 about ½ mile west of the skating rink. They are now accepting donations of items for sale.

They accept new or gently used items including appliances, furniture, jewelry, dishes, games, tools, building materials; most anything that can be sold at the store. Items can be dropped off at the store on Tuesdays 3-5 pm and on Saturdays 1-5 pm, or call 864-859-5999 to schedule pick-up of your donations. All donations are tax deductible.

They also need volunteers to accept donations and to work in the store for 2-4 hour shifts, once or twice a month. Current openings are for Tuesday, 3-5 pm, and Saturday, 1-5 pm. If you don't want to pound nails to build houses, here is another way to make it happen! Call 864-859-5999 to schedule your time and sign up. We need YOU!

Check out the website: pickenshabitat.org



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:

Whenever I am faced with the approach of a new calendar year, I usually ponder what has taken place in my life in the past year and consider what I want to change and improve upon in the coming one. My goals for the New Year are probably much like yours: lose some weight, spend more quality time with family and friends, and improve my walk with the Lord.

As I look back over what has transpired in the life of our church this past year, I am truly amazed. Just consider the following:

- A pancake breakfast and hot dog lunch provided by the Men's Group
- Several covered dish fellowships
- A successful Vacation Bible School with Lawrence Chapel UMC
- A few workdays at the church that improved the church and parsonage campuses
- An Easter Egg Hunt and a Christmas Party for the kids
- Our annual Fall Festival at the Smith's house
- A Tailgate Party and a Christmas Open House at the Parsonage
- The baptisms of three individuals and the confirmations of three young men
- A fruitful and encouraging Charge Conference
- Another good result at the Minister's Cook Off (Yea for 2nd Place!)
- New members joining the church
- Four weddings of church members
- Five church members who have gone on to the Church Triumphant and now rest from their labor
- The giving and mission-minded spirit of the church that saw us raise money for Clemson Community Care, Salkehatchie Summer Youth Project, World Thank Offering, and our own food pantry

Our church truly has had a lot to celebrate this past year. But aren't you curious about what may lie ahead for Mt. Zion in 2012? What are your goals for the coming year, both personally and for the church? I want you to share them with me as we begin this New Year, and I cannot wait to see what God will do in our midst (Matthew 19:26).

In Christ,

Kurt

A Note of THANKS from Ashley and Drew Gelder.

“With the help of many generous donations made by Mt. Zion, we were able to purchase many gifts for a family of four children in-need this Christmas. The gifts included: Clothing - 18 pairs of underwear, 7 sweatshirts, 4 coats, 4 long-sleeved shirts, 8 pairs of pants, 3 winter hats and many socks! Toys: 7 games (board games, card games and puzzles), Legos, Nerf gun and football, a variety of balls, a jewelry maker, coloring books, flashcards, candy, paints, paper, paint-brushes, nail polish, kite, wristwatch, lip balm, wood blocks, pencils, erasers and crayons.”

The Mattie May Allen Circle also adopted a family from Varennes, the elementary school that Ashley Gelder and Amy Evans work at in Anderson. The Circle provided for a family with three children.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to:

The Martin family in the death of Ed and Lynn’s mother, Linda Webb Martin, and their aunt, Ann Webb

Amy Evans and family in the death of her grandfather, Alvin Evans

Jane Jone’s and family in the death of her uncle, Jackie Calvert

Mark Your Calendar:

- Jan. 5th:** 9:00AM—Prayer Breakfast—Dyar’s in Pendleton
- Jan. 8th:** 8:30AM—Men’s Club
7:15PM—Administrative Council Meeting (see member list page 5)
- Jan. 22nd:** 9:45AM—Planning Session I -during the Sunday School hour
 (“Who we are and where have we been”)
- Feb. 5th:** 8:30AM— Men’s Club serving breakfast for all!!
 9:30AM-10:45AM—Planning Session II
 (“Where do we go from here?”)



Congratulations to Tracy Garrett Patterson and Scott Lee Pratt who were married by Dr. McPherson on November 18th at Mt. Zion.

BIRTHDAYS in January:

Buddy Evatt & Kurt McPherson (13); Bobby Garrett (18); Charles Baker (19); Ben Carson & Nancy Rice (21); Heather Cumbie (23); Quint Cumbie (25); Amanda Mullinax (26) ; Ashley Malmgren (29).

BIRTHDAYS in February:

Peggy Bodie & John Youngblood (2); Bill Carson, Katie Ferguson & Will Mullinax (3); Chery Amidon (10); Grayson Bowman (11); Logan Rice (16); Trent Allen (20); Virginia Norwood (22); Lamar Gibson (28)

ANNIVERSARIES in January:

Les and Janes Jones (10); Larry and Gale Wingard (26)

ANNIVERSARIES in February:

None

God Bless All of You On Your Special Days!

**GREETINGS FROM THE
MT. ZION UMC CHOIR!
AMY EVANS, CHOIR DIRECTOR**

We are extremely excited to welcome our new members this season. Our newest member, Serena Miles, is a senior majoring in Vocal Performance at Southern Wesleyan University. I am proud to say that our church has continued a reputation of welcoming and loving new members, and I wish to thank you all for your support.

Unfortunately we will be losing Kayla in January as she leaves to travel with the University Singers, Southern Wesleyan University’s top group. We are all extremely happy for her, and proud of her. This is the same group that Ashley McGrath, Emilie Cox and Melissa Heck all left our church choir to join. It’s amazing that there are only four female places on the team and we have established a reputation of “rotating” people either from the Mt. Zion Choir to the University Singers, or from the University Singers to the Mt. Zion Choir (as is how I was invited to Mt. Zion under Amber’s direction).

**ELECTRONIC VERSION OF “THE
GRAPEVINE” - MT. ZION’S
NEWSLETTER**

If you are still receiving a paper copy and would prefer the e-version, contact Sharon Chandler at
chandler.sharon@gmail.com

Thanks to everyone who provided flowers for our worship services in 2011. The 2012 Flower Calendar is now posted in the hallway located through the door next to the organ. If you have a question, contact Kristine Reeves (639-6918), Flower Coordinator.



We Won Again!

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church won second-place in the Comfort Food category at the Ninth Annual Minister's Cook-Off held in November. This year's entry was "Part of the Red Sea" (a tomato bisque soup). Thanks especially to the Mattie May Allen Circle who helped Kurt cook.

United Methodist Women Reading Program, 2012

Many Reading Program books explore current issues facing our society. Here are several new selections included in the 2012 Program:

Beaded Hope. Cathy Liggett. (Four women take a mission trip to So. Africa.)
The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona Borderlands.

M. Regan.

14 Cows for America. Carmen Deedy. (a gift from Kenyan people)
children's book.

Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril. Kathleen Dean Moore, ed.
Outlive Your Life: You Were Made to Make a Difference. Max Lucado
Why Women Should Rule the World. Dee Dee Myers (a former White House Secretary).

Women Lead the Way: Your Guide to Stepping Up to Leadership and Changing the World. Linda Tarr-Wheelan.

Please see Myra Armistead (639-6420) for a complete list of Reading Program books that may be borrowed from the Pickens County Library. You may decide to participate in the Program to earn credit for yourself and for Mount Zion's UMW.



United Methodist Women

The Eloise Gaines Circle:

The Eloise Gaines Circle will have its first meeting of 2012 on Tuesday morning, **January 3rd at 10:30AM** in the downstairs meeting room of the church. Circle Leader :

Elizabeth Finley, 639-4397.

The Dolly Brock Circle: NOTE: NEW meeting time

The Dolly Brock Circle will have its first meeting of 2012 on Tuesday, **January 10th, at 2:30PM** in the downstairs meeting room of the church. Sharon Miller will give the program which will include a report on her trip with Ansel to Israel in November of 2011. Circle Leader:

Ann Wilbanks, 885-6023

The Mattie May Allen Circle:

The Mattie May Allen Circle continues to give ladies an evening (7PM) meeting time alternative and contains the most members, of the 3 Circles, who have email! Circle Leader:

Vicki Miesbauer, 654-5766

Did you know that you don't have to be a member of our church to join a circle? All women who are interested in attending a circle are welcome. You don't even have to be a member of our denomination to become a member! As taken from the UMW website:

The United Methodist Women welcomes **all women** who commit themselves to our Purpose.

"The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church".

Trinity UMC in Anderson invites all women to a short mission study on Saturday, Feb. 18th, 8:30AM-12N. Light refreshments and on-site registration begins at 8:30. Our study leader is Rev. Ken Nelson and the topic is "**Coming Out On The Side Of Grace: Forgiveness and Reconciliation**". Trinity is located at 1809 North Main Street. Contact Sharon Miller if you'd like to carpool.

COMMITTEES
2012

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Chair - Mary Handegan Scott Smith
Bill Carson Drew Gelder David Amidon

Lillie McPherson

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP

2012 – Dean Finley, Dav

Chair – Myra Armistead
Benji Cumbie Gail Wingard Chandler Coffman

Flower Coordinator - Kristine Reeves

Vicki Miesbauer - Communion Coordinator

Lois Bomar Ashley Gelder Elizabeth Finley

**ALTERNATE LAY DELEGATE TO ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**
Sharon Chandler

Chairman, Trustees - Cheryl Am...

Chairperson - John Malmgren
Recording Secretary - Virginia Norwood
Lay Leader - John Youngblood

Chairperson, Trustees - Chery Amidon

Treasurer- Miriam Coffman
Lay Member to Annual Conference - Miriam Coffman
President of United Methodist Women - Sharon Miller
President of United Methodist Men - Bill Carson
Chairperson, RAPpers - Ann Wilbanks
Co-Chairs, Age/Level Family -

Libba Carson, Elizabeth Bowman

Chairperson, Hospitality - Sherrie Youngblood
Chairperson, Evangelism - David Connor
Chairperson, Worship - Myra Armistead
Youth Representative - Nelson Rice

Young Adults Representative - Kris Bowman

Membership Secretary - Vicki Miesbauer
Chairperson, Parsonage Committee – Pam Baker
Chairperson, Grounds Committee – Mary Handigan
Music - Virginia Norwood
At Large Member - Lois Bomar
Pastor - Kurt McPherson