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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*

## Kurt's Corner

I just finished preaching a series of sermons called *Five Commitments That Will Change Your Life: Give, Grow, Serve, Share, and Worship*. Today, I want to bring to your attention some areas of service that are desperately needed in the church:

- Karen and Ed Martin have done a wonderful job of ministering to our youth this past year, but unfortunately they are no longer able to do so. We need someone to teach the weekly youth Sunday School class. We also need someone to lead the youth group that was meeting every other Sunday evening.
- We need substitute Sunday School teachers for the children's classes when either the Gelders and/or Ginger Mullinax are unable to be here.
- We constantly are in need of individuals to serve in the nursery during the worship time.
- We would like to offer another Adult Sunday School class on Sunday morning and need a teacher or teachers to lead such a group.

Please prayerfully consider getting involved in one of the above areas of service. Remember, when we serve others we also are blessed.

In Christ,  
Kurt

## Minister's Cook-Off

The Minister's Cook-Off will take place on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, from 5:30—7:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, 397 College Avenue, Clemson. The Mattie May Allen Circle will be helping Kurt and Lillie in the kitchen! Tickets are available at the door (\$1 per sample). All proceeds from this wonderful event go to Safe Harbor II. This year's entry will be "Parting of the Red Sea Soup". Mt. Zion won the Comfort Food Award in 2007, 2008 and 2010. You won't want to miss this year's entry—it could mean a fourth win for our church!



Children's Sunday  
School  
December 11, 2011  
9:30 a.m.

Please Join Us  
For Our  
Christmas Eve  
Candlelight  
Service  
from  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.



- Christmas Eve Message
- Communion
- Candlelight and Carols

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*Mattie May Allen Circle\**  
*Christmas Dinner*  
*The Red Minnow*  
*Wednesday, December 7, 2011*  
*Time to Be Announced*



*The Dolly Brock Circle\**  
*Christmas Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.*  
*The Village Bakery*  
*Thursday, December 15, 2011 (Tentative)*



*The McPherson Family*  
*Cordially Invites You*  
*To a Christmas*  
*Open House*  
*at the Parsonage*  
*Sunday, December 18, 2011*



*\*The United Methodist Women's Circles wish to invite anyone who would like to attend our holiday activities. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Finley at 639-4397 for the Eloise Gaines Luncheon; Cherylene Amidon at 868-9068 for the Dolly Brock Luncheon; or Vicki Miesbauer at 654-5766 for the Mattie May Allen Dinner.*



October 19, 2011—Manna Health Care (formerly Laurel Hill), Pickens, SC

It was three weeks early, so the surprise was even greater for Mrs. Lillian Begley. Lillian's sister Ruth and her brother Hal were there as well as her nieces Scarlett and Wendy. Guests from Mt. Zion were Ansel and Sharon Miller, Dot Wilbanks, Lois Bomar, and Sharon Chandler (behind the camera).



Congratulations to the Mullinax Family on the baptism of Aubrianna Mullinax. Pictured with pastor Kurt are baby Aubrianna and the proud parents, Will and Amanda Mullinax. Aubrianna is the granddaughter of Van and Ginger Mullinax.



Clemson Community Care

CCC is again passing out Holiday Food during this season. Clients can pick up the food beginning on November 14. Each family will get bags of holiday food along with a turkey. Our community has done an excellent job in providing turkeys for these needy families. If you are able to donate a turkey, you may drop it by Clemson Community Care Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00-1:00. You may also purchase a turkey at BiLo in Clemson and they will hold it for Clemson Community Care. Due to Federal Budget Cutbacks particularly, Clemson Community Care has extra monetary needs this year. Consider a financial donation in honor of someone as a special gift this Christmas season. In addition you may provide heating assistance through your Duke Power Bill Share the Warmth program. Clemson Community Care is able to provide heat assistance thanks to this program. I appreciate all the support our members provide to help the needy in our community. CCC is participating in BiLo's Booster Plus program. Use one of the coupons below as your enrollment form which will link your BiLo card to the CCC account.





We are participating in BI-LO's new boostersplus program this year. We can earn money simply by shopping at any BI-LO with our BONUSCARDS. One percent of our purchases will be given back to our organization! If you do not have a BONUSCARD, you can sign up for one FREE at the Customer Service Counter of any BI-LO location.

It's as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Give one of the enrollment forms below to the cashier next time you shop. You only need to bring an enrollment form to the store one time. This will enroll you until the end of the program year. Sign up NOW to have your purchases eligible for boostersplus donations at the beginning of next month.
2. Each time you shop at BI-LO and use your BONUSCARD, your purchase amount will be credited to our organization.
3. BI-LO will donate 1% of the total purchases accumulated by our organization.

By signing up for boostersplus, you'll help us raise money for the things we need!

P.S. Give the extra enrollment forms to family and friends so they can help us raise money as well.

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Christmas Services

After reviewing responses from our recent survey, the Worship Committee has approved the following plan:

A full worship candlelight service with sermon, communion and carol singing will be held on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2011, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

There will be no worship service or Sunday School on Christmas Day.

Please join us on Christmas Eve for this special service.

The **United Methodist Women's Unit** at Mt. Zion was one of the Units recognized at the annual meeting of the Anderson District UMW on October 8th. Mt Zion received recognition as a Five Star Unit with Gold Seal and Myra Armistead received recognition for completion of Plan I of the UMW Reading Program. For more information on Mt. Zion's UMW Unit contact Sharon Miller at 654-1151.



Recently Kurt preached the importance of **SERVICE**. As I thought about his message, it came to me that each of us is important. Did you know that your attendance in church is a huge SERVICE! All the time and talent that it takes to make a meaningful church service is insignificant without YOU! The lit candles, the children's sermon, the pastor's message, the music, the choir, the ushers, the flowers, the maintenance, the grounds, the meetings, the bulletins, the newsletter, the prayers, the praises, the baptisms, the people joining the church, the camaraderie, the food you bring, and the list goes on and on, is only with YOUR help! Stewardship of time, talent and possessions is the very heart of Christian discipleship and our way of expressing our love in response to God's amazing grace. Your time, by attendance, is a service to our church and makes Mt. Zion work. Thank You!

Elizabeth Finley, Children's Church Leader



## Flowers to Honor or Remember

Providing flowers for the altar is an excellent opportunity to remember a loved one or honor a special person or event. The Flower Calendar is located in the hallway on the left side of the choir loft. Just as a reminder, flowers for the first Sunday of the month should be white for Communion Sunday. Information on the poinsettias for Christmas will be inserted in your bulletin soon.



*Pictured: Butch Hooper, Merle Hooper, Kristine Hooper Reeves, John Reeves and Ann Hooper.*

*Butch and Kristine provided the altar flowers in memory of Kristine and Butch's mother, Lyda Esther Rowe Hooper, and their sister, Gail Hooper.*

## Grief Support Group

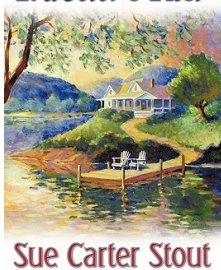
The Grief Support Group meets on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Please see Dr. David Connor or the pastor for more information.



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The Family of Russell Poole

### Traveler's Rest



### Church Library

A recent addition to the church library is a novel entitled Traveler's Rest written by Sue Carter Stout. At the March 2011 UMW joint meeting, Ms. Stout spoke to our circles about Kairos Outside. We thank Dot Wilbanks for donating Ms. Stout's first novel to our church library. Please remember to sign out for books and magazines borrowed from the library. Look for the circulation sheets attached to clipboards.

## BIRTHDAYS in November:

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

## BIRTHDAYS in December:

Golda Noblett (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 in November:

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

## ANNIVERSARIES in December:

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

## Congratulations To



*Caroline Carson and Sam Wheeler who were married October 15, 2011. Caroline is the daughter of Libba and Bill Carson and the granddaughter of Catherine Carson.*

## Up-Coming Men's Club Breakfasts



- Sunday, December 4 @ 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday, January 8 @ 8:30 a.m.



## Welcome New Members

A warm Mt. Zion welcome is extended to our newest members, Peggy and Henry Bodie.

## Crop Walk 2011

The 26th annual Clemson Community CROP Walk was held October 2, 2011. There were 213 walkers who raised about \$13,000 to feed the hungry. Kristine Reeves who represented Mt. Zion collected \$630 in pledges. Mt. Zion's total donation was \$705.