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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*

The Lenten season has arrived and has begun with a flurry of activity. It started with our annual Ash Wednesday service as we jointly worshipped with Bethel and Central United Methodist Churches. Rev. Calvin Smith shared a wonderful message, and our choir sang a beautiful anthem. The sixty nine people in attendance were a record for this service.

On February 20 we began a mid-week worship service that will meet every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m., leading up to Easter Sunday. The service is a time of intercessory prayer, Bible study, hymn singing, special music and testimonials. The Bible study is focusing on The Radical Sayings of Jesus, like "do not worry" and "love your enemies."

I am personally marking this Lenten season in a completely different way. After years of giving up things for Lent (sodas, sweets, etc.), I have decided to take up a habit I trust will be beneficial for me and I hope for others. During Lent, every time I look at my watch to check the time, I have decided to say a prayer for someone. You would not believe how many times a day I check the time!

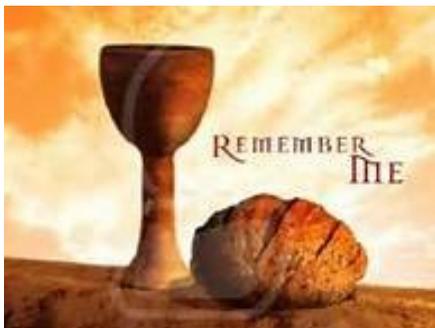
The Lenten season is a time of preparation and reflection, a time to seriously consider what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. I hope you are using this season to do the same. And remember, the next time you see me checking my watch, I might be praying for you.

In Christ,

*Kurt*

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### From *Passover to Communion*



The sacrament called Communion is a Christian celebration that was instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper, which was a Passover meal. The Passover meal is very important in the Jewish faith. It is a meal of remembrance of how the Hebrew people were taken from slavery in Egypt to a place of their own in what was called the "Promised Land". (Exodus 12:1-30)

When Jesus and the disciples met in the upper room for the Passover meal, Jesus knew that

things were coming to a head and this would be his last Passover meal with his disciples. Jesus uses the bread and the cup of wine to represent his body and his blood as a sacrifice for the sins of all. This was the institution of Communion. When we celebrate this sacrament, we remember that Christ died for us so that we would be freed from sin. No more sacrifices are needed, only true repentance and the acceptance of God's grace. (*FaithZine*, March 11, 2012)

**Holy Communion or The Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sunday of each month at Mount Zion. You are invited to His table.**

**Anderson District United Methodist Women's Executive Committee Holds Meeting at Mount Zion**



Our United Methodist Women at Mount Zion hosted the Anderson District United Methodist Women's Executive Committee on February 4, 2013. The evening meal of soups, breads, crackers and desserts was prepared by our circle members. Upon finishing their meal, the guests held their business meeting in our large fellowship area. Our guests were very complimentary.

Our unit would like to thank the following people for their contributions: Decorations: Cherylene Amidon, Myra Armistead, Sharon Chandler; Soups: Elizabeth Finley, Sharon Chandler, Heather Cumbie; Breads: Myra Armistead, Elizabeth Finley; Desserts: Cherylene Amidon, Ann Wilbanks, Kristine Reeves, Betty Walters; Beverages: Beth Bowman.



**March:** Karen Martin (5), Gail Wingard (7), Neil Smith (8), John Reeves (11), Betty Walters (17), Mike Ferguson (18), Dot Johnston (24), Sadie Atkinson (25), Allison Wingard (25), Scott Smith (28), Elizabeth Finley (28), Ruth Wolinski (30)

**April:** Ron Nonnenberg (1), Robert Arrowood (13), Miriam Coffman (21), Aubrey Mullinax (23), Wayne Coffman (25), Myra Armistead (29), Jan Miller (30)



**March:** John & Kristine Reeves (8), Kurt & Lillie McPherson (8), Trent & Ginger Allen (13), Ron & Eileen Nonnenberg (21), Dave & Cherylene Amidon (27), Scott & Karen Smith (30)

**April:** Al & Susan Cumbie (7), John & Sheila Malmgren (8)



**Congratulations to Nate and Sara Six upon the birth of Ava Rae Six on January 17, 2013. Ava has a big brother, Charlie.**

**United Methodist Women Preparing the Flame**

**Prayer as Fuel +  
Praise as Oxygen  
+ Bible as Ignition  
= FLAME**

The Anderson District United Methodist Women Officers' Training took place January 12, 2013 at Arial United Methodist Church in Easley, SC. Elizabeth Finley, President; Virginia Norwood, Treasurer; Chery Amidon, Secretary; and Sharon Chandler, Program

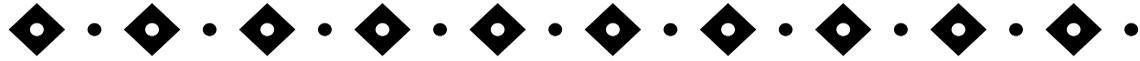
Committee Chair; attended from our UMW group. The morning workshop consisted of breakfast refreshments, a general meeting with all in attendance, and then breakout training sessions for the various officers.



**Trent Allen** and family in the death of his mother.

**John Malmgren** and family in the death of his son.

**Peggy Bodie** and family in the death of her brother in December.



### Note: Changes

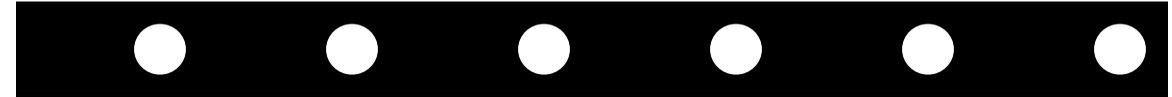
- The **Grief Support Group** will not meet until further notice.
- The **Dolly Brock Circle** has changed its meeting day to the **second Monday** in the month. They meet at 2:30 p.m. in the dining room of the church. Visitors and /or new members are welcome.
- The following **adjustment needs to be made in the list of Mount Zion UMC Church Committees** which was printed in the last issue of "*The Grapevine*".

**Additions:** **Sam Blackman** to Evangelism Committee, **Cindy Owens** to the Hospitality Committee, **Amy Evans** to the Worship Committee. **Gail Wingard** will serve as the Interim Chair of the Worship Committee.



**Remember to  
move your  
clocks  
forward one  
hour on  
March 10!**

If you forget to change your clock and arrive an hour early for church, feel free to join one of the Sunday School classes which begin at 9:45 a.m. In this newsletter, we'll highlight the Senior Adult Class. It meets in the room next door to the pastor's office. This room also serves as the church library. This class uses the *Adult Bible Studies*, an official resource of The United Methodist Church. Bible passages for March and April deal with The Kingdom of God and Resurrection Hope. Kristine Reeves and Ansel Miller are co-teaching this class.



### Coming in March:

#### Easter Egg Hunt

We will be having our Easter Egg Hunt on **Easter morning, March 31**. We will begin at **9:30 a.m.** with a light breakfast for the children and parents. Each child will need to bring a basket. This will be for all children through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Hope to see you there!

### Coming in April:

**Gospel Blues Sunday, April 21, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Clemson United Methodist Church.** This free event is part of the Clemson Blues Festival. It will feature local gospel choirs singing the old time religion so closely associated with the Blues.

**Central Railroad Festival** begins at **10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 27**. Along with the food and entertainment, two museums within a block of Mount Zion will be open to the public. The **Central Railroad Museum** is the former home of the late B. E. Allen family. Mrs. Allen is the name sake of Mount Zion's Mattie May Allen Circle. The **Central History Museum** is the former home of the Jephtha Morgan family. Both of these families were members at Mount Zion.

### Coming in June:

#### Vacation Bible School (VBS)

We will again be having a joint Vacation Bible School with Lawrence Chapel UMC **June 23-26 from 5:45-7:45 p.m. at Lawrence Chapel**. Planning has started and we are looking for individuals who are able to help with this. We need some help telling a short Bible story on two of the nights and also help is needed in the kitchen for two evenings. Please contact Elizabeth Bowman or Libba Carson if you can assist in any way.

