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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

Kurts' Corner

During the worship service on April 7, John Youngblood read an announcement from Vicki Miesbauer, the Chair of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee. The announcement stated I have been asked by the Bishop and Cabinet to be appointed to a new charge and will be moving with my family at the end of June. A new pastor has been tentatively appointed to Mt. Zion, and in the coming weeks the name of this new pastor will be announced.

Since this announcement has been made I have said on many occasions that this is a time of mixed emotions for me, Lillie, PJ, and Sophie. It is hard to say goodbye to our Mt. Zion church family and begin the process of saying hello to a new congregation. In my current sermon series I have been preaching about the importance of family, and you have been an extended family to us over the past five years.

Lillie, PJ, Sophie, and I have been truly blessed to be a part of this faith community. We have ministered, rejoiced, cried, worshipped, played, shared, prayed, and grown in our faith together. I have been honored and proud to tell others through the years that I was the pastor of this great church.

The Apostle Paul frequently included words of thanks and appreciation for the people in his letters to the churches and stated that he remembered them in his prayers. Today, I want to say thanks to you, and I, too, will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

In Christ,

Kurt



MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 27TH

FLAG DAY—JUNE 14TH

Unfortunately in this day and time, Memorial Day is more celebrated as a holiday than as a day to remember and honor the memory of America's defenders who lost their lives in various wars. Originally known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868. Confederate Memorial Day in South Carolina is May 10th. In 1971, the federal government set the date for Memorial Day to be the last Monday in May.

The idea of an annual day specifically celebrating our Flag is believed to have originally begun as Flag Birthday in 1885. That banner symbolizes the freedom soldiers risked their lives to protect. Let us never forget!





Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to Lance Gregory Daum who was baptized on Sunday, April 28, by our pastor, Reverend Kurt McPherson. Lance is the son of Greg and Sheila Daum, grandson of Steve and Terri Lee and great grandson of Rae Romesburg.

Congratulations to Our Graduates

D. W. Daniel High School—June 1st

Lauren Paige Evatt (Entering TriCounty Technical College's Dental Hygiene program)

Kyle Patrick Owens (Entering TriCounty Technical College transferring to Clemson in Civil Engineering)

Wren High School—June 6th

Katie Marie Ferguson (Entering Clemson University's Bridge Program for study in communications)

Clemson University—May 10th

Jeremy William Allen—Elementary Education

Savannah College of Art and Design—June 1st

Sean Austin Baker— Fine Arts (Sound Design)

Southern Wesleyan University—May 10th

Cory Dodgens—Music



CHURCH LUNCHEON—SAVE the DATE!

June 3rd. There will be a covered-dish luncheon after church to honor the graduates.



Birthdays in May:

Catherine Ferguson (5), Larry Wingard (5), Eileen Nonnenberg (7), Benji Cumbie (8), Terry Handegan (12), Anna Bullock (13), David Bullock (13), Sara Sarasua (13), Dave Amidon (14), Robert Allen (15), Laura Smith Moore (20), Cooper Koinskie (25), Stan Owens (27), Allison O'Dell Jones (29)

Birthdays in June:

Dot Wilbanks (2), Ashley Gelder (2), Bill Clayton (8), Sophie McPherson (8), Holly Gelder (14), Ansel Miller (14), Miriam Griffin (15), Jerry Chandler (16), John Malmgren (16), Isaiah Mullinax (17), Karen Smith (21), Caroline Carson Wheeler (24), Randy Martin (26), David Rice (27)

Anniversaries in May:

**Ansel and Sharon Miller (11)
Drew and Ashley Gelder (26)**

Anniversaries in June:

**Benji and Heather Cumbie (5)
Stan and Cindy Owens (8)**

Sympathy is extended to the families of :



Ed Martin and Lynn Martin in the death of their father, Joe Martin.

Ansel Miller in the death of his brother, Bill Miller.

Lost and Found

Two spoons serving close by each other where mixed up at one of our after-church luncheons last fall. "Found" is a spoon with Karl engraved on back of the handle. "Lost" is a very similar pattern, but a slightly larger spoon with ETH engraved on it. If you can help, please call the church office at 639-2101.

New to the Church Library

Sadie Atkinson has donated a variety of publications to the Church. We sincerely thank Sadie for these gifts.

Men's Club

Mt. Zion's Men's Club will hold its last meeting before the summer break this **Sunday, May 5th at 8:30a.m.** in the church dining room. All men are encouraged to attend.

Kairos Prison

Ministries

by Sharon Chandler



God's Special Time

It's a little late to be writing an article about Kairos cookies, but they say hindsight is 20/20. I am guilty. I did not bake any cookies. I had good intentions, but I "forgot". You now—how you really intend to do something—especially when they are talking about it during a circle meeting or when you read the write-up in the bulletin. To make it even worse, I looked at my calendar on Monday and noticed my notation for Tuesday, the 23rd., "9:30...Cookies to Church...Kairos" written in the little block. I'll bake them this afternoon—but then I "forgot". I was just too busy.

Today, working on this newsletter, I wanted to make sure I was spelling Kairos correctly, so I did a search on Google for "Kairos cookies". Here's what popped up: [WHY BAKE COOKIES FOR KAIROS? - Kairos of South Carolina](#). So I clicked on it—and then the guilt washed over me.

The article says that each team takes a bag of cookies to each person in their dorm, cottage or cell block. Residents (prisoners) who have already experienced a Kairos weekend, bag the cookies and put a verse of scripture in each bag. The next paragraph is what really got to me.

"These cookies tell the residents that someone who doesn't know them still cares enough to give a part of their life—the time it takes to bake the cookies—without wanting something in return."... "Someone has said that these cookies are 'seeds of love' being sown in the hearts of those who know so little of the love God's children are commanded to show..."

It was then that I realized that not only did I not provide any cookies, but I did not provide any seeds of love. I am ashamed that I "forgot", that I was too "busy".

I'm glad Jesus didn't "forget" me. He wasn't too "busy" or "scared" to die for my sins. Next year I promise that I am going to do better.

June 9—12, 2013 South Carolina Annual Conference, Florence Civic Center, Florence, SC

It's that time of the year when Methodists from every church in South Carolina gather to fuse church business with worship and mission opportunity. Along with our pastor, Mt. Zion's lay delegate attending is Miriam Coffman. The alternate delegate is Sharon Chandler. Actually, the Conference is open to anyone who wants to attend as a non-voting visitor. There are four major resolutions currently up for vote: 1) Resolution on Minimally Adequate Education: Ending of the Neglect of South Carolina's Rural Schools, 2) Resolution to Support Affordable Care Act and Medicaid Expansion, 3) Resolution to Prohibit Guns at Church-Sponsored Activities and 4) Resolution to Support Global Maternal and Child Health through the Healthy Families, Healthy Planet Project. To read all of these resolutions in full, visit www.umcsc.org and click on the Annual Conference 2013 box on the right side of the page. Speak to Kurt or Miriam if you have thoughts about any of these which you would like to share with them.

Kurt will be one of the sixteen ordained as a **full elder in the United Methodist Church** during the ordination service on Monday night, June 10. Our church is very proud of Kurt and wish him the very best as he continues to serve our Lord in the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. His last Sunday with Mt. Zion will be June 23.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)



We will again be having a joint Vacation Bible School with Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church (2101 Six Mile Hwy., Central 29630). VBS will be held **June 23—26** (Sunday to Wednesday evenings) from **5:30 until 7:45 p.m.** Volunteers are still needed. Contact Elizabeth Bowman (885-2223) or Libba Carson for more information. Registration forms are available in the church office. Please return by Sunday, June 16th.

Greenville to Host National United Methodist Children's Conference - July 23-26 at Buncombe Street UMC. Children's ministers and teachers, pastors or anyone passionate about the faith formation of children is invited to hear preaching and teaching on effective and innovative children's ministry ideas. Conference leaders will come from all over the country for this conference which has moved around the country since the 1980s. For more information email childrensministry@gbod.org.

United Methodist Women News

- **Spring Luncheon—All Women Invited!**

- ⇒ **Honoring Catherine Carson & Dot Wilbanks**

On Saturday, May 4, the United Methodist Women will host a Ladies Spring Luncheon. The food is going to be delicious: homemade finger sandwiches, salads and desserts. Catherine Carson and Dot Wilbanks will be presented with Special Mission Recognition pins from their circles in gratitude for their loyalty, dedication, and participation. Our choir director, Amy, will provide special music, and Carolyn Briscoe, the guest speaker, will tell us of the workings of UMW Missions Programs. **All the women of the church** are invited to attend **and bring a friend**. The luncheon begins at 10:30 a.m. and should be over by 12:00 noon. Hope to see you there!

- **Clemson Wesley Foundation Meal for Students**

On Sunday, April 21, our church served an evening meal to 80 college students at the Clemson United Methodist Church. Elizabeth Bowman, her husband Kris, and son Grayson, prepared the meal of spaghetti with meatballs and Caesar salad. Libba Carson helped serve. Members of the Mattie Mae Allen Circle baked homemade bread and brownies to round out the meal. Our UMW will be contributing funds to cover the expenses of this worthwhile outreach. Many thanks to everyone who prepared food.



Grayson Bowman serves bread to the students at the Clemson Wesley Foundation.

- **A Day Apart for Spiritual Growth - Hospice House**

Five members of the Mount Zion United Methodist Women attended the annual “A Day Apart” meeting at the Hospice House in Anderson on Saturday, April 13. The purpose of “A Day Apart” is one of renewal and refreshing of the spirit within us. The theme this year was “Stir the Flame”. Those attending were: Elizabeth Finley, Myra Armistead, Sharon Chandler, Irene Buchanan and Kristine Reeves. Reverend Brenda Washington, pastor of Minus Chapel United Methodist Church in Greenville, SC, was the keynote speaker. The service, conducted by members of the Anderson District of United Methodist Women, culminated in Holy Communion, served by Reverend Susan Leonard Ray, our Anderson District Superintendent.

Stirring the Flame at Day Apart



for Spiritual Growth

Irene Buchanan, Rev. Brenda Washington, Elizabeth Finley, and Myra Armistead

- **Kairos Prison Ministries**

On Tuesday, April 23, Elizabeth Finley collected ten dozen cookies baked by members of this church. Elizabeth and her husband Dean delivered them to the Anderson District Office where a van was being loaded **to the brim** with the cookies from all the churches to be delivered to the Cookies for Kairos Prison Ministries program. Thank you Mount Zion members for taking the time to bake these cookies.

Coming in July: An opportunity to help with a meal for Salkehatchie on July 2. Watch the church bulletin closer to the time.