



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

We have just finished a sermon series about some of the qualities of Jesus. One of the things we learned was how Jesus showed leadership in redefining what Messiah, Servant, and Teacher meant for his disciples. It is now time for us to take some of those lessons and discern where it is Jesus is leading this church.

I have done some research and we have not really set any goals for the church in the last couple of years. I think it is important for us to have goals so that we can have a vision of where Jesus is calling us. To that end, we will undertake a time to discern where this church has been and where it is God is calling us. We will do this together as a church. On four Sunday afternoons we will come together as a church to do some remembering and visioning. The four Sundays will be November 1, November 15, November 22, and December 6. I want to invite the whole church to attend these meetings. The more input we have from church members the better informed we will be about where we think God is calling us. These afternoons will consist of a time of prayer and devotion along with sharing on specific topics that will help paint a picture of the past, current, and future ministries of Mt. Zion UMC.

Our Administrative Council will take the information we have gathered and with much prayer and guidance set some achievable goals that will push us to be more faithful disciples of what we believe Christ is calling us to. I want to again encourage you if you are able to be there for as many of these meetings as possible. If you can't make all four come to as many as you can. YOU are an important part of this church, and we need to hear where you think God is calling us.

In Christ, Gene



CROP Walk: I would like to thank those of you who participated and/or donated to the Annual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 4. This is a great chance to come together with other churches in our area to help the hungry in our community. The local funds from CROP Walk go to Clemson Community Care (CCC). Last year CCC got around \$3,000 from this one event. For corporate sponsors 100% of the funds go to CCC. Thank you Baker Financial Group for your corporate donation. –Vicki Miesbauer

Share our Table: We are setting aside the first Sunday of the month at Mt. Zion as the day we emphasize our giving of canned goods and non-perishable items to donate to Clemson Community Care. Hopefully having a day set aside, will help us remember to ‘Share our Table’ with those less fortunate in our community. A basket for giving will be placed in the rear of the sanctuary.



–Vicki Miesbauer (Editor’s note: Vicki is Mt. Zion’s Representative and Board Chair of CCC. Benji Cumbie is the treasurer and Ansel Miller is a donation pick-up driver two mornings per week.)

MINISTER’S COOK-OFF

Come and see what concoction Pastor Gene can cook to rise up to the challenge of our winning tradition!

Thursday, November 5, 2015

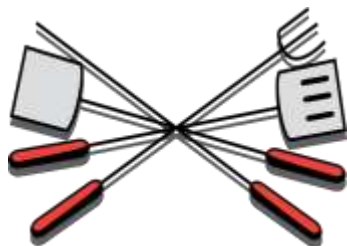
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Clemson United Methodist Church

(Christian Life Center)

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
SAFE HARBOR

Organized by Clemson
Area Congregations in
Touch (CACIT)



Small Group Opportunities for Women at Mt. Zion

The **Beverly Smith Guild** began its meetings for this year on Wednesday, September 30th at the home of Ginger Allen. We look forward to our service and social events to come including the Minister's Cook Off (see page 2). You are invited to join us. We meet one Wednesday evening per month with date, time and place announced in the church bulletin. Our mission is to provide service and support projects in our local area. *Vicki Miesbauer, Guild President*

The **United Methodist Women (UMW)** resumed its meetings September 1st. They meet every month on the first Tuesday at 2:30 in the afternoon at the church. There is also an on-line email informational site.

At the **43rd Anderson District Annual UMW meeting** at St. Andrews UMC in Easley, SC, on Saturday, September 19th, Mt. Zion's UMW received the **Mission Today Unit Certificate of Recognition** from the Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation and the **Diamond Unit Award** from the Social Action Coordinator. It was my pleasure to receive these awards on our behalf. Our programs at our meetings and the local, state and national mission projects we were involved in last year were the qualifying requirements for these awards. The programs for this year are about **Growing in Blessedness**. We are not only intended to live in *blessedness*, but also to practice and work towards extending *blessedness* to all. *Blessedness* as seen in the Beatitudes and other examples from scripture, is a fullness of life as we relate with Christ and grow in our discipleship.

The **South Carolina Conference of the UMW will hold its annual meeting on Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24 at Bethesda UMC near Powdersville**. Registration is \$25 by Oct. 9th, and \$35 after the 10th and on site. Anyone wanting registration information just contact me. We, as members of the hosting District, are asked to help with this exciting event for women from all over the state. We will discuss this at our October 6th meeting. *Elizabeth Finley, UMW President*



New Books in the Church Library

We thank Wes and Shirley Witcher for donating a box full of interesting books to the Church Library. The gifts are currently on display in the first Library bookcase. Of varied contents, these volumes are welcome additions to our book collection. Please see or call Myra Armistead (639-6240) if you have any questions about the Library.

Recycling Church Literature

Thanks to all those Sunday School Teachers who are placing unused or lightly-used Sunday School literature in the box on the stage labeled "Recycle for Missions". The most recent box-full, along with back issues of *Upper Rooms* and *Alive Now*, was donated to the library at the South Main Chapel & Mercy Center (SMC&MC) in Anderson. Formerly the Orrville UMC, SMC&MC is a United Methodist Church "new church start" in the Anderson District.



A weekly Bible Study, led by Pastor Gene, will begin at **6:30pm on Tuesday, October 13th** and continue for six weeks. Meeting at the parsonage, located at 203 Joseph St. in Central, the first topic will be a book, *The Way*, by Adam Hamilton. Watch the church bulletin for more information including obtaining the book or check with Pastor Gene.

The Samaritians Purse "shoeboxes" with instructions will be available in the sanctuary on October 18. **The last day to bring your box back is November 15th when they will be "dedicated" during the 11 AM worship service.** Each box is an opportunity to take the news of God's love and the true meaning of Christmas to a child.

"For me, the most valuable gift was that my brother got salvation in his heart by saying 'yes' to Jesus."
—Gift recipient, Kazakhstan





October: Glenn Abbott (1), Lane Miller (4), Jeremy Allen (8), David Connor (15), Jane Jones (19), Catherine Carson (26), Haley Lee (28), Frances Reid (31).

November: Elaine Bullock (2), Katie Aiken (2), Joe Dyar (4), Dean Finley (7), Chris O'Dell (13), Kristine Reeves (14), Mary Handegan (15), Carlisle Jones (16), Pam Baker (22), Charlie Six (29), Frances Snipes (30)



October: None

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

Please notify the church office (639-2101) if we do not have your special date.



Many thanks to all of you wonderful ladies for a wonderful meal! It was greatly appreciated by all! My mother loved her church and all of you! So do I!

Much love,

Sara Lou Kelly Palmer

Our heartfelt sympathy to:

The family of Sarah Payne Kelly, long-time member of Mt. Zion. She would have had her 103rd birthday on September 19th.

The family of Peggy Taylor, mother of Kathy Still.

providing our family with a wonder-



Those Who Serve: Nursery

October:

- 4—Elizabeth Bowman/ Catherine Ferguson
- 11—Libba Carson/ Vicki Miesbauer
- 18—Ginger Mullinax/ Isaiah Mullinax
- 25—Libba Carson/ Randy Martin

November:

- 1—Heather Cumbie/ Benji Cumbie
- 8—Jan Miller/ Jill Sims
- 15— Libba Carson/ Vicki Miesbauer
- 22— Sharon Chandler/ Terri Lee
- 29— Karen Smith/ Sheila Malmgren

Acolyte

October:

- 4— Isaiah Mullinax
- 11— Braelin Cumbie
- 18 - Quint Cumbie
- 25 - Grayson Bowman

November:

- 1— Isaiah Mullinax
- 8— Braelin Cumbie
- 15— Grayson Bowman
- 22— Quint Cumbie
- 29— Isaiah Mullinax

Altar Flowers are needed for

the following Sundays:

October 4th and 25th

November 1st, 8th and 29th

Sign-up sheet is located next to the water fountain or call Kristine Reeves at 639-6918.



Scripture Reader

Sharon Chandler
Lynn Martin
Serena Miles
Ansel Miller

Benji Cumbie
John Reeves
BJ Skelton
Sharon Chandler
Lynn Martin

The Church Calendar

The following take place at the church unless otherwise indicated. In some cases more details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter and/or will be forthcoming in a church bulletin. Note that information for each Sunday's bulletin is due by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before. Email to Chery Amidon at: camidon@clemsun.edu

OCTOBER

4: Communion at 11:00 AM service; CROP Walk, 2:30 Fort

Hill Presbyterian

6: UMW, 2:30 PM

8: Trustees Meeting, 7:00 PM

11: Men's Club, 8:30 AM

13: Bible Study, 6:30 PM at the parsonage

18: Men's Club Bar-B-Q after church; Meal for Wesley students, Clemson UMC

20: Charge Conference, 7:00 PM

23-24: SC Conference UMW Annual Meeting, Bethesda UMC, Easley

25: Corn Maize, Denver Downs, Anderson

27: Bible Study, 6:30 PM at the parsonage

31: Set your clock back one hour before going to bed

NOVEMBER

1: Men's Club, 8:30 AM; All Saints Day and Communion at 11:00 AM service; Remembering and Visioning, 3:00 PM

3: UMW, 2:30 PM; Bible Study 6:30PM at the parsonage

5: Minister's Cook-Off, 5:30-7:00 PM at Clemson UMC

10: Bible Study 6:30 PM at the parsonage

15: Shoebox dedication at 11:00 AM service; Remembering & Visioning, 3:00 PM

17: Bible Study, 6:30 PM at parsonage

22: December/January Newsletter Deadline; Remembering & Visioning, 3:00 PM

29: First Sunday in Advent—Hanging of the Greens at 11:00 AM service

A Special THANK YOU to Katie Ferguson, who in addition to being a Junior at Clemson University and a member of Tiger Band, is now assisting with the bimonthly production of The Grapevine.

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Saints, by the New Testament meaning, are “all Christian people of every time and place”.

We will celebrate All Saints Day during the 11:00 a.m. worship service at Mt. Zion on Sunday, November 1st.

On this day we will celebrate all the saints who have gone before us to the Church Triumphant, not only during the past year, but all the years. Also, not only those who have died in our local congregation, but throughout the church universal. All are encouraged to bring a picture of a loved one whom you want to celebrate and to share with the congregation. We will have a table set up in the front of the sanctuary where we can place the picture and remember those who have gone before us.

The first Sunday of every month is Communion Sunday at Mt. Zion. "All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive the bread and cup. We have no tradition of refusing any who present themselves desiring to receive". UMC *Book of Discipline*
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