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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

From the Pastor

As the date for **Charge Conference** approaches (**October 24th at 4:30 p.m.** here at the church) there is much work to be done behind the scenes. One of the most important parts of this process is the selection and/or retention of committee chairs and members. I do believe that the church is best served when many people are involved by using their time, talents, and gifts of service. The *Book of Discipline* reminds us that all Christian believers are called to serve the Church, not just the ordained clergy. Will you prayerfully consider serving on one (or more) of the following committees?

AGE/LEVEL FAMILY COMMITTEE – Oversees programming from the nursery to seniors.

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP – Guides in the selection of new committee members and leaders.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE – Responsible for outreach to the community.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Oversees the financial affairs of the church and determines the church budget.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE – Responsible for church-wide meals and helps to welcome new and potential members.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE – Reaches out to members of the congregation who are undergoing difficult and trying times.

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE – Oversees concerns related to the parsonage.

PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Acts as the official liaison between the pastor and the church and provides support to both.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE – Concerned with issues related to the grounds of the church and parsonage, including the prayer garden.

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE – Responsible for the physical property of the church and approves the church's budget.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE – Provides guidance and oversight for worship services and related issues including decorations, altar flowers, and acolytes.

If you have any questions about these committees, please let me know. Please be in prayerful discernment for how God might use you at Mt. Zion this coming year.

Faithfully,

Kurt

Where is the Safest Place in the World Today.....?

1. Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Avoid staying home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Avoid hospitals—of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals.

DO NOT AVOID GOING TO CHURCH because less than .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the SAFEST place for you to be at any given point in time is at church! Therefore, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, where EVERYONE is welcome, is the SAFEST place to be!

~ Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Worship at 11:00 a.m. ~

Church and Parsonage Improvements

The Finance Committee is happy to report that improvements to both the parsonage and the church building itself are now completed. Major improvements were made to waterproof and “weatherize” the basement at the parsonage. The church restrooms have new plumbing and aesthetic improvements, while the front doors, stucco walls of the stairwells, and the upstairs ceilings have received much needed water damage repair and painting. Recently approved projects include the trimming and removal of trees, as well as repairs in the kitchen at the parsonage. Remember that these two pieces of property are the congregations’ only true investments, and when finances allow, need to be maintained. Your “cheerful giving” allows us to keep the house of the Lord and the parsonage in tip top shape whenever possible.
Miriam Coffman, Mt. Zion Treasurer

Details of Improvements

Over the past several weeks needed repairs have been finished at the church and parsonage. The following is a list of the repairs.

At the church:

- ✓ Upstairs bathrooms-completed the drop ceiling in the men’s bathroom, boxed in the pipes, replaced floor covering, and painted.
- ✓ Repaired water damage to plaster-paint.
- ✓ Cleaned and re-stained the front doors and restored the door knobs.

At the parsonage:

- ✓ Replaced sliding glass doors, insulated basement, cleaned/sealed basement floor.
- ✓ Replaced weather stripping on all exterior doors.
- ✓ Replaced threshold at front door.
- ✓ Repaired attic access ladder.
- ✓ Replaced siding on gables.
- ✓ Repaired drawers in kitchen.
- ✓ Replaced dryer hose.

The Trustees recommended to the Administrative Council the removal of two pine trees at the parsonage and the trimming of 11 pine and 3 hardwood trees. The council approved the motion and the work will be finished by the end of October or first part of November.

We are also looking into more updates for the parsonage: refinishing the kitchen cabinets, new counter tops, and a new kitchen floor.

Submitted by Cherylene Amidon,
Trustees Committee Chairman and
Kathy O’Dell, Parsonage
Committee Chairman



Many of you have told me that you can relate to the children’s sermons from past church experiences from your childhood. I firmly believe that childhood church experiences are a firm foundation for a Christian life. Many of my own childhood experiences in church, Sunday school, choir, Bible school, MYF, all of it, come to mind on a daily basis. It is a wonderful thing that we share our beliefs with the children of our church and make them a part of our church community. I believe these experiences of closeness and security and the love of Jesus will remain with them throughout life. Thank you for bringing the children to church. Elizabeth Finley

Men’s Club Breakfast

Gentlemen, don’t forget the men’s breakfast is scheduled for the **second Sunday in September (September 12)** at 8:30 a.m. This is really going to be a treat since the Youth are cooking !



GETTING TO KNOW OUR CHURCH FAMILY

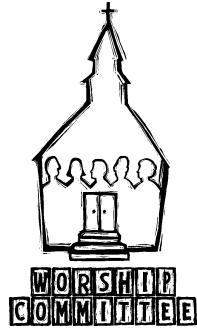
Ron and Eileen Nonnenberg have lived in the upstate for over 20 years, having relocated here from Savannah, GA. Ron is retired after 39 plus years of government service, nine of which involved serving in the U.S. Army.

Eileen stays busy operating her business, “Occasions”, from their home. They have three daughters: Celeste, who lives in Savannah, GA; Ruth, a resident of The Woodlands, TX; and Ronni, who lives in Simpsonville, SC. Their seven grandchildren (six boys and one girl) range in age from 5 to 22. Ron and Eileen are very proud of their daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.

They very much enjoy living in this very special part of Americana, and particularly enjoy Clemson athletic events and spending time with their special friends. They feel very fortunate and truly blessed being a part of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

Welcome New Acolytes

On Sunday, August 29, David Connor, Worship Committee Chairman, met with the youth (ages 8—16) who were interested in taking acolyte training.



The lighting of the candles signify the beginning of worship and are lit in remembrance of Jesus, the Light of the World. Before the candles are extinguished, the acolyte takes the light from the wick and carries the light to the back of the sanctuary, showing all of us that when we leave we should take the Light with us as we go out into the world.

Our new acolytes are:

- ✂ Tyler Ferguson
- ✂ P. J. McPherson
- ✂ Isaiah Mullinax

Continuing Acolytes are:

- ✂ Katie Ferguson
- ✂ Nancy Rice
- ✂ Nelson Rice

Retiring Acolytes are:

- ✂ Chandler Coffman
- ✂ Paige Evatt

The new acolyte robes were donated by the Mattie Mae Allen Circle.

A big thanks go to all the acolytes for their service to Mt. Zion.!



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was held July 25-29 cooperatively with Lawrence Chapel UMC. "Saddle Ridge Ranch" was the theme for the week. The Bible School was held at



Lawrence Chapel for ages 3 through 6th grade. The children experienced God through music, storytelling, crafts, and recreation.

A cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs was held on the last night. This was for all the children, their parents, and adult helpers. **We want to give a very special thanks to Randy Martin who brought his grill to Lawrence Chapel and cooked for the entire group on that hot summer day.** Additional thanks also goes to Elizabeth Bowman, Jan Miller, Kurt McPherson, Lillie McPherson, Miriam Coffman, Kris Bowman, and Libba Carson for their help during the week.



Meet the New Choir Members

Whitney Steele is nineteen years old and is a Sophomore Music Education Major with a concentration in voice. She also is minoring in English. Whitney is an avid reader and always has a book of some sort with her. She has a passion for mission work which started when she was called to the mission field at the age of twelve. She plans to use her education at SWU for the work God has called her to do. Whitney also has a passion for music and is very excited for the opportunity to be a part of Mt. Zion.

Amy Evans is a graduate of Wren High School and is currently completing a B.A. in Music Education at Southern Wesleyan University. She is student teaching at Easley High School this fall. She plans to eventually pursue a Masters Degree in Vocal Performance. Amy enjoys performing in ensembles, vacationing in Florida, reading, and sky diving. She is extremely excited to have the opportunity of singing in the Mount Zion United Methodist Church Choir.

United Methodist Women

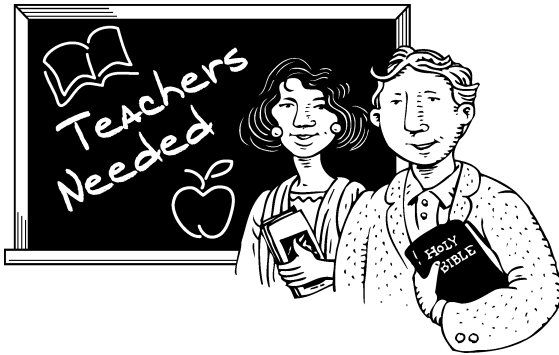
Mt. Zion's UMW Circles resume meeting after a summer break.

As our pastor mentioned on page one of this newsletter, there are many ways to serve here at Mt. Zion. Being a UMW officer or Circle officer provides many opportunities. There are several vacancies for the year 2011...one of those being UMW president. Please contact Sharon Miller (654-1151) if you are able to help. A big THANK YOU to the outgoing president, Frances Snipes.

Save the date: October 9th Anderson District UMW annual meeting at Trinity UMC, Anderson.

Thanks to all those who prepared a kit for Safe Harbor, our local facility for abused women. Twelve kits along with additional personal hygiene items were donated.

Also, thanks to everyone who has contributed to the collection of Campbell's Soup Labels and Box Tops for Education. Box Tops for Education are found on General Mills products. Our church donated 800 points with these labels to Central Elementary this past spring. We want to encourage you to continue saving these and put them in the box in the kitchen. Please keep up the GOOD WORK! (The recipient of our next collection is yet to be determined.)



As a result of a recent Age Level and Family Committee Meeting, the need to extend our adult and children's Sunday School programs is evident. We need volunteers to teach classes. Opportunities for sharing this responsibility are available. If you are interested, please contact Wayne Coffman (cell phone 508-2225) or



The Mt. Zion UMW will receive the Annual Work Day Offering to benefit those who call Epworth home on Sunday, September 12, 2010. Please be in prayerful consideration about what

God is calling you to give to this valuable and life-changing ministry.

Church Directory UPDATE

Last Chance—Photo Deadline
October 3, 2010

If we don't have your photo, please email one to the church ASAP or contact Cherylene Amidon (She has camera, will take your picture!)

E-Mail photos to: mtzion@nctv.com

Our second Tailgate at the Parsonage was held on Sunday, August 15. The entire congregation enjoyed the hospitality of the McPhersons as we gathered to fellowship and to eat together. Church members brought their favorite appetizers, sides and desserts. We are pleased that we had around 80 in attendance. **A very special thanks goes to Randy Martin and Scott Smith as they grilled all the hamburgers and hot dogs for the event.** We greatly appreciate the McPhersons, as they opened their home for all of us to have this time together.



Birthdays in September

Ed Martin (1), Drew Gelder (3), Dick Singleton (10), Sharon Miller (14), Sara Kelly (19), Chelcee Coffman (22), Ginger Mullinax (23)

Birthdays in October:

Glenn Abbott (1), Lane Miller (4), Jeremy Allen (8), Ron Goldstein (11), Van Mullinax (14), David Conner (15), Sara Parsons (18), Jane Jones (19), Catherine Carson (26), Agnes Bray (27), Lillie McPherson (28)

No Anniversaries in September or October

Please continue to remember our shut-ins. **Agnes Bray** recently moved from Sterling House in Central to be closer to family. Her new address is: Oakmont West, Room 323, 600 Sulphur Springs Road, Greenville, SC 29617



- *Janey Dalton Garrett (sister-in-law of Hal Garrett and Lillian Garrett Bagley).*
- *Steve Smith (Scott Smith's brother).*



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Need a babysitter for Clemson home football games? Several students associated with Clemson UMC and Clemson Wesley will provide this service at Clemson UMC at 300 Frontage

Road during home games. Times depend on kickoff time. Cost is \$45/child (\$35 for each additional child/family) and is payable in cash. The students will split the money raised. For more info, contact Jessica Goodrich at 803-873-8648 or jgoodri@clemson.edu

