



I am the vine, you are the branches
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." John 15:5

Congratulations and thank you! These are the words that resonate with me after we have just finished what I believe is the most significant month in the life of Mt. Zion since I came here almost 3 years ago. To say that Homecoming was a success is an understatement. I want to say congratulations to the congregation on Homecoming and all that we accomplished before the day even happened. We were able to clean off the stage and rearrange some items in the church as well as get rid of some of the things that we were no longer using. We were able to finish the backdoor project and do some new landscaping around the church. We were able to print and frame some old pictures for the Fellowship Hall that made it feel a little more like home. I must say thanks to a number of people who helped clean the church. It looked better than it has since I got here.

I can't begin to say thank you enough to the Homecoming Committee, Sherri Youngblood, Myra Armistead, Sharon Chandler, and Karen Smith. Their relentless work made Homecoming a huge success. To all the people who helped cook or set up for the meal I want to say thank you. We had some extra people singing in the choir that sounded so amazing that day. We had around 170 people join us for Homecoming. We made a huge effort before hand and it turned out to be better than I imagined when we first started talking about it.

We followed up Homecoming this past week with Confirmation. We confirmed 5 young people this past week; Grayson Bowman, Quint Cumbie, Ansley Green, Ethan Green, and Cooper Koinskie. These young people spent the past 6 weeks working with Ed Martin and myself leading them through learning about their faith and what it means to be part of the church.

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In early May of this year, **Mount Zion's Time Capsule**, buried since 1989, received merciful release from a dark and wet grave. Despite water damage, most printed items contained in the capsule kept their identity. After a period of air drying, images on several pieces of crumpled, discolored paper were found to transfer nicely to smooth, clean paper through the magic of photocopying. It soon became clear that most contents of the capsule could be replicated either by photocopying or by substitution, as

in the case of the *United Methodist Women's Cookbook* which could be replaced with a duplicate from the Church Archives. The only items that could not be salvaged or replaced were an audiotape and a videotape of unknown contents, as well as photographs of the various Sunday School classes and the men's and women's organizations. These group photos had been placed in a small album. Fortunately, names written on the backs of the ruined photos remained readable and were photocopied and then transcribed. Older church picture directories show many individuals included in those groups.

The whole purpose of burying the Time Capsule back in 1989 was to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Mount Zion's earliest recorded Sunday School class in 1889. One objective of exhuming the capsule in this current year was to display its contents during a special Homecoming event that was held on May 20, 2018. Those who viewed the display (now preserved in the Church Archives) may have sensed something of the spirit that has prevailed in Mount Zion's Sunday School and in its other groups for more than a hundred years.



Submitted by Myra Armistead

Mount Zion United Methodist Church

Barbeque Rail - Road Festival

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our BBQ sale during The Central Rail - Road Festival! We were able to raise around \$1000 for missions! - Benji Cumbie





Congratulations! To **Dixie Cloninger and Patrick Caulder** who were married on **March 29, 2018**

celebrate!

Fred and Judy Cone celebrated their **64th** wedding anniversary on May 1st..Fred has a birthday coming up on June 21st..92 years young!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ANNIVERSARY



Our pianist, Jack Russell, has decided to pursue teaching ESL (English as a second language) abroad. In order to do this, he is currently pursuing certification on a full time basis. We have been blessed by his music and wish him God's speed in this new chapter of his life. Thank you Jack. We will miss you!!

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. Events take place at the church unless otherwise indicated. Note that information for each Sunday's bulletin is due by 5:00p.m. on the Wednesday before. Email the church at: mtzion@nctv.com with "bulletin" on the subject line.



June 3-6th - Annual Conference

June 5th - Family Promise Meal

June 8th - Children's Movie Night

June 17th - Father's Day



July 4th – Independence Day (church office closed)

Nursery Workers

June

3rd - Elizabeth Bowman/ Catherine Ferguson

10th - Jane Jones/ Janet Crenshaw

17th - Help Needed

24th - Libba Carson/ Randy Martin



July

1st - Heather/ Benji Cumbie

8th - Jan Miller/ Vicki Miesbauer

15th - Ashley/ Drew Gelder

22nd - Haley Lee/ Terri Lee

29th - Karen Smith/ Cindy Owens



Birthdays & Anniversaries

June

2nd - Ashley Gelder, **2nd** - Dot Wilbanks, **12th** - Douglas Walker, **8th** - Elizabeth McWilliams, **14th** - Holly Gelder, **14th** - Ansel Miller, **15th** - Miriam Griffin, **16th** - Jerry Chandler, **16th** - John Malmgren, **17th** - Edith Wisham, **17th** - Isaiah Mullinax, **20th** - Ann Michelle Aiken, **21st** - Anna Ray, **21st** - Fred Cone, **21st** - Karen Smith, **26th** - Randy Martin - **27th** - David Rice.



July

1st - Tyler Ferguson, **2nd** - Vicki Miesbauer, **8th** - Les Jones, **9th** - Sam Blackman, **9th** - Wes Witcher, **11th** - Libba Carson, **14th** - Braelin Cumbie, **19th** - Paige Evatt, **20th** - Sonny Sims, **23rd** - Loretta Lee - Todd, **24th** - Tommy Still, **27th** - Nelson Rice, **28th** - Ann Wilbanks, **30th** - Al Cumbie, **31st** - Sharon Chandler.

June Anniversaries

Cumbie, Benji & Heather - **5th**
Owens, Stan & Cindy - **8th**
McWilliams, Mac & Beth - **24th**

July Anniversaries

Singleton, Dick & Helen - **2nd**
Bowman, Kris & Elizabeth - **13th**
Still, Tommy & Kathy - **21st**
Aiken, Gene & Katie - **28th**

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Three of the young people were also baptized on Sunday morning. Confirmation is always a significant day in the life of individuals and in the life of the church.

It is true that things will slow down a little over the summer and not be as busy as we have been, but that does not mean that we are not still doing things and still planning for what is coming for Mt. Zion. Before you know it, fall will be here with our Tailgate and Water Day along with all the other significant moments that we celebrate together. One more note, myself and John Malmgren head to Annual Conference this week in Greenville. I will be officially appointed to come back to Mt. Zion for my fourth year here and I just want to say how proud I am to be the pastor of this wonderful congregation.

**In Christ,
Gene**



To the **Family of Bill Clayton** who died **Feb 5th, 2018**. A native of Central and life time member of Mt. Zion UMC.

Confirmation Sunday

On **Sunday, May 27, 2018**, we held Confirmation Sunday. Confirmation is not a sacrament in the United Methodist Church but an important step in our young people's journey of faith. Our Confirmands from Mount Zion were Grayson Bowman, Quint Cumbie, Ansley Green, Ethan Green, and Cooper Koinskie. Also on that day Ansley, Ethan, and Cooper were baptized.



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