



The Grapevine



I am the vine, you are the branches

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." John 15:5

Many of you have followed along these past months as I have given updates about General Conference. Many of you have asked questions about what this means - What is next for the United Methodist Church when it comes to human sexuality? How will this affect Mt. Zion?

I want to take a minute to try and update you on both.

In April, the Traditionalist Plan, as it was passed, will go before the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church to determine if the plan is constitutional for the UMC. Not all of the plan that was passed was changed to make it constitutional. It is presumed that the pieces that were ruled unconstitutional before it passed will be ruled that way again. Any part of the plan, if they take it in pieces, would not take effect until January 1, 2020. However, as far as for the denomination – and where we go from here – this is not the end. The next General Conference is scheduled for May of 2020. There are already discussions about how we move forward as a denomination at that time. This is a complex question and will most likely have a complex solution, but we have to trust that our God who is love still leads our church.

The question about what this means for Mt. Zion is a little simpler. We are a church that lives into the idea that everyone is welcome in our church and that everyone is loved. We are a church that believes in the United Methodist Church's motto – "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors." Romans 28 tells us that nothing separates us from the love of God. Scripture also tells us over and over again that we are all in need of God's grace. When I was in Aiken last week, one of the District Superintendents told us that if he could, he would change the names of all the churches to Grace Station. He says that is what each of our churches really are – outposts of grace in a world that is in need. Mt. Zion will continue to care for all who are part of our church and community and we will continue to offer grace to all we encounter.

In Christ,

Gene

Nursery Schedule 2019

April

7th - Elizabeth Bowman/Catherine Ferguson

14th - Jane Jones/Janet Crenshaw

21st - Libba Carson/Randy Martin

28th - Help Needed



May

5th - Heather/Benji Cumbie

12th - Jan Miller/Vickie Miesbauer

19th - Ashley/Drew Gelder

26th - Haley Lee/Terri Lee



Children's Sunday School Schedule 2019

April

Younger SS Karen Smith /Cindy Owens

Older SS Rotation until teachers found

May

Younger SS Sharon Chandler/Beth McWilliams

Older SS Terry Lee/Elizabeth Finley

What's going on?

The Clemson Wesley Foundation is having their annual golf tournament on **Saturday April 27th**. It is a shotgun start at 2 pm at Boscobel Golf Club. The cost is \$65 per person or \$260 per team. There will be a BBQ lunch served starting at 12:30 before the round. We encourage you to come out and support this ministry.



On **Sunday evening June 2nd** at the **TD Convention Center** in Greenville our very own Malek McDuffie will be leading the music for opening worship at Annual Conference. We encourage you to put this event on your calendar and plan to be there to support Malek and celebrate this big occasion with him.

This year we are sharing our **Holy Week** services with both Lawrence Chapel UMC and Central UMC. We will join Lawrence Chapel on **Thursday April 18th at 7 pm at Lawrence Chapel for the Holy Thursday service**. We will be joined by both Lawrence Chapel, Central, and Bethel UMC here at Mt. Zion at **7pm on Friday April 19th for the Good Friday service** in the Fellowship Hall.





April

Ronald Nonnenberg **1st** - Nate Six **1st** - Ford Lee Todd **7th** - Jennie Pea Brown **11th** - Robert Arrowood **19th** - Miriam Coffman **21st** - Aubrey Mullinax **23rd** - Teresa Thompson **23rd** - Wayne Coffman **25th** - Myra Armistead **29th** - Lance Daum **29th** - Jan Miller **30th**

May

Martha Rowland **1st** - Catherine Ferguson **5th** - Eileen Nonnenberg **7th** - Benji Cumbie **8th** - Terry Handegan **12th** - Dave Amidon **14th** - Robert Allen **15th** - Jill Sims **18th** - Lucy Gelder **23rd** - Cindy Owens **24th** - Copper Koinskie **25th** - Stan Owens **27th** - Mary Nichols **30th**



April

Al & Susan Cumbie - **7th**

May

Fred & Judy Cone - **1st**

Ansel & Sharon Miller - **11th**

Drew & Ashley Gelder - **26th**

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.



3rd - UMW at 2:30 p.m.

7th - Men's Club Breakfast 8:30a.m.

7th - Children's Easter egg hunt at **9:30 am**. Breakfast will be served to the children and their families. We hope you can join us in the fun!

7th - Last day to bring items for Leah Correctional Institute

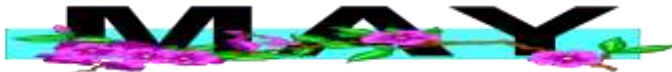
13th - The 47th Anderson District UMW Day Apart will be held on Saturday, at the McKissick Center in Liberty, SC at **9:00 a.m.**

18th - Holy Thursday service at Lawrence Chapel at 7pm

19th - Good Friday Service will be here at the church joined by Lawrence and Bethel UMC at 7pm in the fellowship hall.

15th - Alzheimer's Support group on the third Monday of each month at 6:30

27th - Men's Club They are having the annual BBQ sale for the Central Railroad Festival on Saturday get info from Benji or Scott Smith



1st - UMW at 2:30 p.m.

5th - Men's Club Breakfast at 8:00a.m.

12th - 18th - Family Promise week at Clemson UMC

20th - Alzheimer's Support group on the third Monday of each month at 6:30

Katherine Jones, daughter in law of Jane Jones, is in Houston receiving treatment for her sarcoma. She has completed the chemo that has depleted her immune system and is undergoing the immunotherapy. Kat will be in Houston for about another month, and any cards or shows of support would be appreciated. If you would like, you can mail her a card or letter to: Katherine Jones 1711 Old Spanish Trail, Unit 203, Houston, TX 77054.

We would like to thank the **United Methodist Men** for their work on the landscaping around the church. In preparation for the new landscaping that is being worked on, we took out the old bushes and covered the area with mulch.

The landscaping committee that was formed by the Church Council has been at work looking at the needs of the church and what would work for new landscaping around the church. We have contracted with Paul Russell to design the look of the new landscaping. We have begun some preliminary discussions and will present a proposal to the Church Council when the work is done. The committee is comprised of Pastor Gene, Lynn Martin, Ed Martin, Kathy O'Dell, and Scott Smith.



Easter fun at Mt. Zion

Mark your calendar for the children's **Easter egg hunt** on **April 7th at 9:30 a.m.**

Breakfast will be served to the children and their families. We hope you can join us in the fun!

Barbara Anderson is a native of Oconee County and graduate of Walhalla High School. She felt God's call to music ministry at the age of 13 and has been serving in churches since that time in many capacities. Barbara has a Master of Music Education from Winthrop University and a Master of Music (Voice Performance) from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.



She has taught public school music K-12 for six years in both SC and Texas; voice, music education block courses and choral diction at Dallas Baptist University; private studio voice and piano instruction; and high school math in NC and now at West Oak High School in Westminster.

Barbara is an ordained minister and has served as a full-time minister of music at Bayshore Baptist Church in Tampa, Florida. There she led children's, youth, and adult choirs as well as planned, coordinated and led worship services.

When she is not teaching or playing the piano, Barbara enjoys woodworking, needle crafts, puzzles, reading and playing with her dogs Buddy and Dakota. Barbara is very grateful for the opportunity to serve Mt. Zion UMC as pianist and appreciates the many kind words of welcome and gratitude. She welcomes all correspondence. Her information can be found in the church directory.

Open House at Asbury Hills – 150 Asbury Drive, Cleveland

(about an hour's drive from Central, near Caesar's Head)

- **When: Sunday, April 7 – 1:00 to 5:00pm**
- **Activities** are available on a first come, first served basis including: archery, rock climbing, camp tours, GaGa, 9-square-in-the-air, and corn hole.
- **Do you need to bring money?** Activities are free. Our camp store will be open with various items for sale.
- **What to bring:** to participate in any of our high adventure activities you need to be wearing closed toed-shoes and complete our liability release form*. *Filling this out before hand will save time!

Whether you are looking for a summer camp for your children or family, a retreat for your group, or a team building site for your business – this is a great time to check out Asbury Hills!

Registration for **summer 2019** is open now!! For more information call: **864-836-3711** or go to www.asburyhills.org

Note that ages for camp are determined by what grade the camper is ENTERING for the fall school year. Elementary is 2nd-5th grade, Jr. High is 6th-8th grade, and Senior High is 9th-12th grades.

FYI: Named one of the 30 best family camps in North America by babble.com, Asbury Hills Family Camp offers a chance to experience summer camp with your entire family. Experience a weekend of contemporary worship, family centered devotions, group games, and activities of your choosing.



The first Meeting Place for Methodists in the Central area was located near what is now called **Ballentine Cemetery**, which is about two miles north of town on Johnson Road. Surrounded by private property, the cemetery has no perpetual care. If you are able to help with this year's effort to keep it from becoming overgrown, please contact Ansel and Sharon Miller at 864-654-1151 or miller2@earthlink.net.

Many of the graves are only marked with stones. The following last names have been recorded: (*Cemeteries in Central, South Carolina* by G. Anne Sheriff)

Ballentine

Brewer

Campbell

Chapman

Evatt

Gaines

Garvin

Gassaway

Hopkins

Maw

Mullinax

Mullinnax

Mullinnix

Oliver

Perkins

Parsons

Power

Powers

Russell

Watson



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