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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

Kurt's Corner

I have been in the process of getting new eyeglasses and it has not been an easy experience. In fact, it has been downright frustrating. The first prescription the doctor gave me was clearly not correct. When I put on my new glasses everything was more blurry than before. So I had another eye exam and was given a new prescription, which hopefully should do the trick.

Having my eyes examined reminded me a little of the annual process we call "Charge Conference." It is sort of our church's "eye examination" because it helps us to stay focused and sharpens our vision. We look back at the events of the past year and celebrate them, we look at what is happening in the present, and we try to look into the future for what might be in store for us.

Getting prepared for charge conference brings to mind several important questions: What is our vision for Mt. Zion? What do you think God's vision is for us? Are they one in the same? Later this year we will be working along with other United Methodist churches in the South Carolina Conference trying to determine our vision for transforming the world by making disciples for Jesus Christ. We will be asking ourselves some very critical questions like:

- Why does Mt. Zion exist?
- What values guide Mt. Zion's decision making?
- What does our community expect from us?

Who are we called to passionately reach?

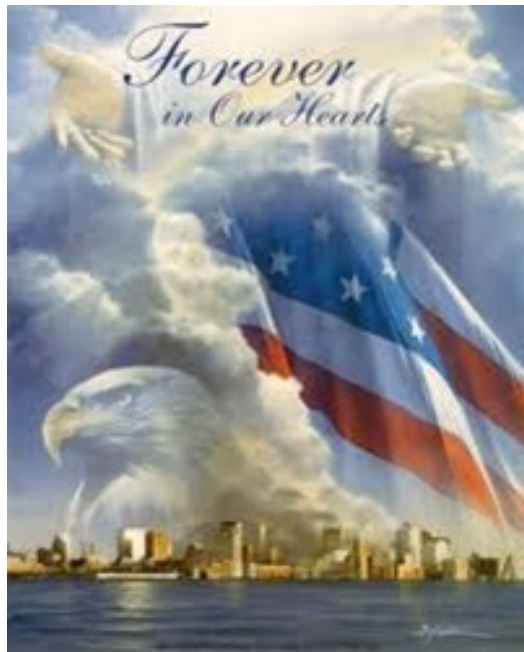
One of the most quoted scriptures concerning vision is Proverbs 29:18. I like the way *The Message* translates this passage: "If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed."

Hopefully my new glasses will enable me to see better; and hopefully, together, we all can stay focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Kurt

Sunday, September 11, 2011



God of the ages, before your eyes all empires rise and fall yet you are changeless. Be near us in this age of terror and in these moments of remembrance. Uphold those who work and watch and wait and weep and love. By your Spirit give rise in us to broad sympathy for all the peoples of your earth. Strengthen us to comfort those who mourn and work in large ways and small for those things that make for peace. Bless the people and leaders of this nation and all nations so that warfare, like slavery before it, may become only a historic memory. We pray in the strong name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Liturgy by Rev. Eileen W. Lindner and
Rev. Marcel A. Welty, National Council of Churches



UMW Executive Officers: Sharon Miller, Unit President; Sharon Chandler, Unit Vice-President; Virginia Norwood, Unit Treasurer; Chery Amidon, Unit Secretary; Vicki Miesbauer, President, Mattie May Allen Circle; Ann Wilbanks, President, Dolly Brock Circle; Elizabeth Finley, President, Eloise Gaines Circle.

United Methodist Women News

The Executive Officers of Mount Zion United Methodist Women met on Sunday, August 28, 2011 to get started on the new year. This autumn there will be an emphasis on World Hunger. In our abundance, we should remember those who are hungry in the world.

On **Saturday, November 5, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** the United Methodist Women (with the help of the United Methodist Men) will be hosting a **Tasting Luncheon**. This will be a fun time to gather together and “taste” each other’s recipes. Each cook will receive a free ticket to the luncheon and have their recipe featured in the “*Tasting Luncheon Cookbook*.” Tickets to the luncheon will be \$5 each with all proceeds, after expenses, going to the “**World Thank Offering**.” All attendees will also receive a free “*Tasting Luncheon Cookbook*.”

ALL church members (both men, women, and youth) are encouraged to cook, submit their recipes, attend and sell tickets to this event. We want you to invite your family members (children, grandchildren, etc.), neighbors, co-workers—anyone who loves to eat and enjoys recipes! They will be pleasantly surprised when they sample the bountiful fare that we know this church can provide. Help support this worthwhile cause through your participation and prayers!

The Anderson District UMW Meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011. More information will be forthcoming.



Epworth is Our Ministry! For 115 years Epworth has provided CARE to thousands of children from all across South Carolina because of the loving support of United Methodists like us. The ministry of Epworth is our ministry and on Sunday, September 11th, we will be given an opportunity to continue this tradition by financially supporting this necessary ministry through the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. For more information about Epworth Children’s Home you can visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

Our last donation was on Mother’s Day, which was the Sunday after Easter. It was one of our LOWEST ATTENDANCE days and our Epworth offering suffered. Please plan ahead to make your donation for the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering and mark your donation accordingly. You do not have to wait until September 11th.
By Elizabeth Finley, Mt. Zion Epworth Representative



Vacation Church School

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was a great success! The children learned Recipes for Living from the Old Testament. Elizabeth Bowman, Libby Carson, the McPhersons, Elizabeth Finley, Lois Bomar, Ashley Gelder, and Janet Crenshaw were our church members that taught lessons and provided and served food during the five-day school in cooperation with Lawrence Chapel Methodist Church. The average attendance each night was 50 children and 20 adults. A special Thank You goes to the volunteers and the parents for helping with this summer experience.

Elizabeth Finley

Honoring
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Singleton Field

Mt. Zion is very proud that the new stadium at D. W. Daniel High School here in Central, SC has been named “Singleton Field” in honor of Coach Dick Singleton. It’s not every day that a football stadium is named for one of our church members!

At Mt Zion, Dick currently serves as one of the Sunday School teachers for the Adult Sunday School class (which meets in the classroom beside the Pastor's Study). He is also an active member of the Men's Club, often providing his home-made biscuits at their breakfast meetings.

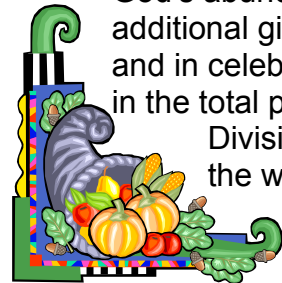
Dick was honored on the field prior to the first game played in the new stadium. To top that off, Corbin Singleton scored the first touchdown in the stadium named for his grandfather!

We know that both Dick and Corbin as well as all the fans were bursting with pride on Friday night, August 26, 2011. Congratulations to the entire Singleton family on this momentous occasion.

World Thank Offering—What is it?

The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance of grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. These additional gifts can be given out of gratitude for God's abundance and in celebration of the joys of life. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through the Women's Division—in missions in the United States and around the world.

The proceeds from our Tasting Luncheon on November 5 will go to these missions.



CROP WALK

Starting the first Sunday in September, several area churches, including Mt. Zion will begin raising money for Clemson's annual CROP Walk, which will take place on Sunday, October 2. The CROP Walk motto is "We walk because they walk." Walkers walk in solidarity with people around the globe who must walk miles every day just to obtain water, food and health care.

I will have donation envelopes for walkers who would like to solicit sponsors beginning the first Sunday in September. Donors may also leave donations with me or put them in the offering with a designation for CROP Walk. If you would like to donate online and solicit sponsors on line, that option and the directions will be available as well.

Don't really know what a CROP Walk is about? It raises money for Church World Service (CWS), a cooperative ministry of 36 Christian denominations and communion, working to eradicate hunger and poverty, providing sustainable development, disaster relief and refugee assistance around the world. In 2010, CWS provided emergency assistance after Haiti's earthquake and Pakistan's devastating flood. So far in 2011, CWS has helped survivors of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami and is currently providing famine relief in East Africa. CWS and its partners also work in impoverished communities world-wide to improve living conditions. Some examples of this type of help include digging wells, teaching sustainable agricultural methods, educating midwives and mothers about infant health and nutrition, working with AIDS orphans who have become heads of households, and providing food, water and health care to people in refugee camps.

You can participate in this year's CROP Walk in one of three ways. 1.) Be a Walker and collect donations from friends, coworkers, and neighbors 2.) Be a Spirit Walker. This is the same as being a Walker without actually walking the route on October 2. 3.) Donate to a Walker or Spirit Walker.

It is important to know that locally the Church World Service through the CROP Walks, donates to Clemson Community Care, providing poverty relief in our own community.

Last year's CROP Walk in Clemson raised over \$21,000.00. Mt. Zion raised \$1,000.00. Let's see if we can meet or exceed that amount this year.

Thank you!

Vicki Miesbauer

To learn more about Crop Walk go to www.churchworldservice.org/CROP. If you go to SC on the map, it will show you the Team Honor Roll and the Top Fundraisers in our area.



- ✧ Bill Clayton and family in the death of his brother, Willis Ramsey Clayton.
- ✧ Bonnie Littrell and family in the death of her brother, Terry Littrell.
- ✧ Jane Jones and family in the death of her father, Murphy Mahaffey.

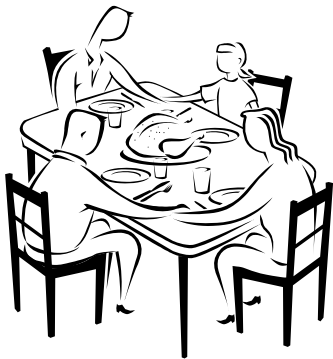


Dear Church Family

*We truly appreciate the delicious food dishes provided to our family and friends after the funeral. Sincere thanks to each one of you for the food and for taking the time to prepare and serve it for us.
The family of Ramsey Clayton*



Thank You



Elizabeth Bowman carried out a great service to our church organizing two dinners provided in our church dining area after the funerals of Betty Washnok and Ramsey Clayton.

Thank you to all the men and women that supplied the delicious food and served the dinners for our bereaved families.

Our reputation for good food precedes us and it is a blessing that so many of you are willing to do this on such short notice.



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

God Bless You all on your Special Days!

Please call the church office (639-2101) with additions and/or corrections or you may use the Birthday Calendar which is located at the back of the church (use the door on the right).

Please don't confuse this calendar with the flower calendar.



The Flower Calendar



The Flower Calendar is located at the back of the church between the water fountain and the Youth Sunday School Class (use the door on the left).

Just as a reminder, flowers for the first Sunday of the month should be white for Communion Sunday.



The Grief Support Group meets on Wednesday mornings from 10:00—11:00 a.m. Please see Dr. David Connor or the pastor for more information.

**Men's Club Breakfast
Sunday, Sept. 4 @ 8:30 AM**

**Charge Conference
Sunday, Sept. 11 @ 6:00 PM**

**Church Luncheon
Sunday, October 16
Immediately following the service.**