



# 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*

### Mt. Zion's "Other" Musicians

Not all of you may know that in December, our pianist, Ron Goldstein is hard at work in Florida as the chief orchestrator for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

While he was away, Mt. Zion has been blessed to have several "nonprofessional" musicians share their talents. Assisting organist Virginia Norwood have been pianists Myra Armistead and Helen Singleton. Specials featured flutist, Gail Wingard and the debut of guitarist, Pastor Michael. We thank them and the Choir, for the wonderful music they provide. We look forward to upcoming special music under the direction of Amy Evans.



## Women's News

The Beverly Smith Guild brought home First Place in Table Decorations at the **Minister's Cookoff** in November. Thanks to everyone who helped carry out the New Orleans theme. The **Jeremiah's Jambalaya** was delicious!



- The Eloise Gaines and Dolly Brock Circles met at Poncho's in Liberty for their December meeting. Fleece blankets were collected for the **Helping Hands children and also the Veterans' Hospital in Anderson.**
- The UMW Leadership Team will meet at 1:30p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 6th, followed by a joint meeting of Circles at 2:30p.m. All women are invited.

**The United Methodist Women's Reading Program for 2015** is all set to begin. See Myra Armistead (639-6240) for information about the program and a list of approved books that are in the Pickens County Library. Lists of all books in the program are available online by typing United Methodist Women Reading Program. Some of the newest selections available in the Pickens County Library are listed below:

*Sum It Up: 1,098 Victories, a Couple of Irrelevant Losses and a Life in Perspective.* Pat Summitt (Former head coach of Lady Vols.)

*Hunting Season: Immigration and Murder in an All-American Town.* Mirta Ojota.

*Praying to Change Your Life: a Guide to Productive Prayer.* Suzette T Caldwell.

## January Birthdays:

Irene Buchanan (3), John Weston Reeves (7), Buddy Evatt (13), Julie Sarasua (17), Ava Rae Six (17), Bobby Garrett (18), Charles Baker (19), Nancy Rice (21), Heather Cumbie (23), Quint Cumbie (23), Amanda Mullinax (26), Ashley Malmgren (29)

## February Birthdays:

Grayson Bowman (1), Peggy Bodie (2), Bill Carson (3), Katie Ferguson (3), Will Mullinax (3), Cherylene Amidon (10), B.J. Skeleton (11), Jeremy Sarasua (14), Logan Rice (16), Cole Parsons (17), Trent Allen (20), Virginia Norwood (22), Lamar Gibson (28), David Wingard (28), Rae Romberg (29)



## January Anniversaries:

Les & Jane Jones (10), David & Allison Wingard (16), Larry and Gail Wingard (26)

No February Anniversaries. Be sure to contact the church office if we have overlooked your special day.

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## ***Congratulations to Brian and Lorelee Cassell***

who were married on December 17th. Brian is the manager of the food/environmental services at Oconee Memorial Hospital and Lila Doyle. Lorelee, the daughter of Ginger and the late Van Mullinax, is a nurse on the second floor at Lila Doyle. They live in Walhalla.

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## Remembering in our thoughts and prayers:

The family of Sadie Canup Atkinson, long-time member of Mt. Zion. She was 93 years old.

Sheila Malmgren and Stan Owens and families in the death of their father, Monroe Owens.

The family of Jessie Dyar, sister-in-law to Dot Johnston and Joe Dyar. **Sherrie Youngblood's aunt.**

**COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP – Chair: Pastor, Michael Goldston**

2015

Dean Finley  
John Reeves

2016

Bill Carson  
Sharon Chandler

2017

Myra Armistead  
Chris O'Dell

**STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Chair: Trent Allen**

On SPRC by virtue of their position: Lay Leader – Dean Finley  
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference – Sharon Chandler

2015

David Bullock  
Trent Allen

2016

Terry Handegan  
Drew Gelder

2017

Wayne Coffman  
Sonny Sims

**TRUSTEES – Chair: TBD**

2015

Lane Miller  
Jill Sims  
Karen Smith

2016

Jerry Chandler  
Al Cumbie

2017

Steve Lee  
Virginia Norwood

**AGE/LEVEL FAMILY COMMITTEE – Co-Chairs: Libba Carson, Elizabeth Bowman**

Wayne Coffman  
Catherine Ferguson  
Randy Martin

Jan Miller  
Janet Crenshaw  
Kristine Reeves (RAPpers)

Jane Jones  
Heather Cumbie

**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE – Chair: Sam Blackman**

Randy Martin  
Elizabeth Bowman

Kris Bowman  
Ashley Gelder

Vicki Miesbauer  
Elizabeth Finley

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE – Chair: Sherrie Youngblood**

Myra Armistead  
Karen Smith  
Sheila Malmgren

Cindy Owens  
Bonnie Littrell  
Elizabeth Bowman (Bereavement)

**GROUNDS COMMITTEE – Chair: Mary Handegan**

Scott Smith  
Bill Carson

Drew Gelder  
Buddy Evatt

**PARSONAGE COMMITTEE – Chair: Pam Baker**

Terry Handegan  
Miriam Coffman

Eileen Nonnenberg  
Ginger Allen

Elaine Bullock  
Wes Witcher

Mount Zion Committees ~ 2015 ~

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE – Chair: Benji Cumbie**

Kristine Reeves (Flowers)  
Vicki Miesbauer (Communion/Altar)  
Amy Evans (Music)

Gail Wingard  
Chris O’Dell  
Elizabeth Finley

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – Chair: Pastor, Michael Goldston**

Cherylene Amidon (Bulletin)      Sharon Miller (Newsletter)      Sharon Chandler (Website)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chair: Charles Baker**

Treasurer: Miriam Coffman      Member at Large: Larry Wingard

On Finance Committee by virtue of their position:

Lay Delegate: Sharon Chandler      Church Council Chair: John Malmgren  
SPRC Chair: Trent Allen      Trustees Chair: TBD  
Lay Leader: Dean Finley

**CHURCH COUNCIL – Chair: John Malmgren**

Recording Secretary – Sharon Chandler      Member at Large – Sonny Sims  
Youth Representative – Mason Sims

On Church Council by virtue of their position:

UMW President – Elizabeth Finley      UMM President – Benji Cumbie  
SPRC Chair – Trent Allen      Finance Chair – Charles Baker  
Trustees Chair – TBD      Treasurer – Miriam Coffman  
Lay Delegate – Sharon Chandler      Lay Leader – Dean Finley  
Hospitality Chair – Sherrie Youngblood      Evangelism Chair – Sam Blackman  
Worship Chair – Benji Cumbie      Parsonage Chair – Pam Baker  
Grounds Chair – Mary Handegan  
Age Level/Family Ministries Co-Chairs – Libba Carson, Elizabeth Bowman

**WEDDING COMMITTEE**

Eileen Nonnenberg      Sheila Malmgren      Myra Armistead

**SAFE SANCTUARY COMMITTEE – Chair: Ed Martin**

Terri Lee      Jill Sims (Trustee rep.)

**LAY LEADER - Dean Finley**

**LAY DELEGATE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Sharon Chandler**

**RESERVE LAY DELEGATE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Miriam Coffman**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT—Wayne Coffman**

**BOY SCOUT COORDINATOR—Ansel Miller**

**NATIVE AMERICAN COORDINATOR—David Connor**

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY – Sharon Chandler**

**Note:** The Pastor is an ex-officio member of all committees, with full vote on all except Trustees.

**Comparison of 2014 and 2015 budgets.** Please note that the total budget stayed at \$170,000.00 even though our contributions have trended below that amount. We believe in the future of Mt. Zion UMC and have budgeted so.

	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>
<b>Conference Apportionment</b>	<u>\$18,000.00</u>	<u>\$22,228.00</u>	<u>\$4,228.00</u>
<b>Pastor</b>	<u>\$56,946.00</u>	<u>\$67,380.00</u>	<u>\$10,434.00</u>
Salary - Total	<u>\$42,000.00</u>	<u>\$48,000.00</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
Pension	\$9,054.00	\$9,504.00	\$450.00
Med Insurance	\$5,892.00	\$9,876.00	\$3,984.00
<b>Professional Ed and Travel</b>	<u>\$6,200.00</u>	<u>\$6,200.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Pastor Travel	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Discretionary Funds	\$1,200.00	\$700.00	(\$500.00)
Continuing Ed	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
Conference	\$1,250.00	\$1,000.00	(\$250.00)
<b>Other Salaries</b>	<u>\$28,524.00</u>	<u>\$27,575.00</u>	<u>(\$949.00)</u>
Choir director	\$10,660.00	\$11,100.00	\$440.00
Pianist	\$7,800.00	\$8,100.00	\$300.00
Hired Singers	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$0.00
Organist	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	(\$2,600.00)
Guest Performer	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
Guest Speakers	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Custodian	\$4,014.00	\$4,175.00	\$161.00
<b>Personnel Expenses</b>	<u>\$2,400.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>(\$900.00)</u>
Employment Taxes	<u>\$2,400.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>(\$900.00)</u>
FICA & Medi	\$2,400.00	\$1,500.00	(\$900.00)
<b>Ministry Activities</b>	<u>\$12,850.00</u>	<u>\$11,300.00</u>	<u>(\$1,550.00)</u>
<b>Age/Family Activities</b>	<u>\$4,750.00</u>	<u>\$4,600.00</u>	<u>(\$150.00)</u>
VBS	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
Youth	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	(\$250.00)
Family Activities	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Sunday School Supplies	\$2,400.00	\$2,000.00	(\$400.00)
RAPpers	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Evangelism</b>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
Evangelism Support	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Salkahatchie	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>Communication Committee</b>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>(\$950.00)</u>
Misc Fees	\$1,200.00	\$250.00	(\$950.00)
<b>Hospitality</b>	<u>\$1,950.00</u>	<u>\$1,700.00</u>	<u>(\$250.00)</u>
Meals	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	(\$200.00)
Bereavement	\$750.00	\$700.00	(\$50.00)
<b>Worship</b>	<u>\$3,450.00</u>	<u>\$3,450.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Publications	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Supplies/Flowers	\$1,500.00	\$1,300.00	(\$200.00)
Choir Supplies	\$750.00	\$950.00	\$200.00
<b>Finance</b>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>(\$500.00)</u>
Software Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)

	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>
<b><u>Operating Expenses</u></b>	<u>\$22,600.00</u>	<u>\$15,867.00</u>	(\$6,733.00)
<u>Office Supplies</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	(\$500.00)
<u>Computer/Copier</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	(\$500.00)
<u>Utilities</u>	<u>\$12,600.00</u>	<u>\$12,150.00</u>	(\$450.00)
Telephone/Internet	\$2,400.00	\$2,000.00	(\$400.00)
Cell Phone	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Gas	\$2,100.00	\$2,200.00	\$100.00
Electric	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
Water	\$900.00	\$750.00	(\$150.00)
<u>Kitchen/Janitorial Supplies</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>	(\$200.00)
<u>Banking</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	\$0.00
<u>Misc.</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$517.00</u>	(\$83.00)
<u>Moving Expense</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	(\$5,000.00)
<b><u>Property Expenses</u></b>	<u>\$22,480.00</u>	<u>\$17,950.00</u>	(\$4,530.00)
<u>Church Insurance</u>	<u>\$5,580.00</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	\$420.00
<u>Property &amp; Equip Maintenance</u>	<u>\$16,900.00</u>	<u>\$11,950.00</u>	(\$4,950.00)
<u>Building</u>	<u>\$12,100.00</u>	<u>\$8,200.00</u>	(\$3,900.00)
Building Maintenance	\$12,100.00	\$8,200.00	(\$3,900.00)
<u>Grounds</u>	<u>\$2,400.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	\$600.00
<u>Parsonage - Misc Repairs</u>	<u>\$2,400.00</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>	(\$1,650.00)
<b><u>Total Budget</u></b>	<u>\$170,000.00</u>	<u>\$170,000.00</u>	\$0.00

Submitted by the Finance Committee. Charles Baker, Chairman



**United Methodist Youth** meet on Sundays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Lawrence Chapel UMC. Youth in grades 6-12 are welcome.

- **Ski Retreat—January 16th**
- **Super Bowl Party—February 1st** →
- **Pancake Supper Fundraiser** prior to the Ash Wednesday service on February 18th.



# Thanks to ALL Who Serve During Sunday Worship Service!

## Nursery

### January

- 4—Heather/Benji Cumbie
- 11—Jan Miller/\_\_\_\_\_
- 18—Libba Carson/Vicki Miesbauer
- 25—Wayne Coffman/Chandler Coffman

### February

- 1—Elizabeth Bowman/Catherine Ferguson
- 8—Jane Jones/Janet Crenshaw
- 15—Sims Family
- 22— Anna Goldston/Randy Martin

*As the Father hath loved me,  
so have I loved you ...*

*John 15:9*



## Acolytes and Scripture Readers

### January

- 4—Grayson Bowman and Anna Goldston
- 11—Isaiah Mullinax and John Reeves
- 18—Tyler Ferguson and Serena Miles
- 25—Quint Cumbie and Wayne Coffman

### February

- 1—Braelin Cumbie and Elizabeth Finley
- 8—Mason Sims and Dean Finkley
- 15— \_\_\_\_\_ and Lynn Martin
- 22- \_\_\_\_\_ and Ansel Miller





## **Christian Discipline for the New Year**

By Pastor Michael Goldston

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! As we move into a new year, I am excited to continue our journey in discipleship together. Our culture has a tradition of New Year's resolutions, by which a person pledges to him or her self to improve their personal lives in the coming year. As Christians, we have a similar tradition to strengthen our faith each year by focusing on Christian discipline during the season of Lent. I would like to encourage you to join me in Lenten discipline this year.

The difference between New Year's resolutions and Lenten discipline is the goal. New Year's resolutions are often personal goals, such as learning a new skill or seeking to lose five pounds. You usually seek self-improvement. Lenten discipline opens new opportunities for God to work in our lives. You seek to allow God to make you a better disciple.

A fast may allow new space for God to bring grace into our lives. Unlike a new year's resolution, a fast is not a permanent change, but a temporary period of abstention from something in order to re-order your life towards God. A fast reminds us that "one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord" (Deuteronomy 8:3). If you are physically able, you may refrain from food for a time, like during daylight hours on Wednesdays or Fridays. Or you may fast from other things, like your TV, your use of Facebook, or your weekly round of golf. It doesn't need to be something that is "bad" for you, simply something that will free up extra time each week for you to spend time with God.

To that end, you may substitute a Christian discipline in place of your fast. You may spend the time studying the scripture or make a commitment to Sunday School. You may spend the time in prayer. You may dedicate some hours to an after-school program or to Clemson Community Care. Whatever direction God leads you, the goal is deeper life in the Word of God, Jesus Christ. So make a New Year's resolution to follow a Lenten discipline this year.

# Mission Corner



Mini Mission Study:  
Saturday, Feb. 21st from  
9:00 a.m. until noon at  
Trinity UMC  
1809 N. Main St., Anderson  
“Who Are These People” by  
Rev. Kempie Shepard.  
Free, all invited.

*Congratulations to Mount Zion members* for outstanding stewardship. You have paid 100% of apportioned funds to contribute to the mission and ministry of the South Carolina Conference for 2014. Thanks to you and thanks be to God!

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Thanks to all those who helped make our sanctuary so beautiful with poinsettias during the Christmas season. Please remember to pick yours up as soon as possible.

The **2015 Flower Calendar** is located in the hall through the door next to the organ. Flowers will not be used during Lent (Feb. 22-March 29). If you would like to provide flowers to the glory of God and in honor or in memory of someone on a specific Sunday please indicate so on that date.

# Opportunities For Growth in Grace

**The Bishop's Road Show** will be coming to Zion UMC (5708 Hwy. 187) in Anderson on Saturday, February 7th. All church lay leadership is invited to attend this 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (lunch included) session to engage in dialogue with our Bishop and other Anderson District lay leadership. Bishop Holston started visiting each of the Districts in South Carolina last fall in order to offer insights and ideas on ways to develop healthy lay leadership teams and healthy churches. It will be a fun time to gather together with the Bishop and talk about ways churches focus on the goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Men's Breakfast** – Jan. 4th, Feb. 1 at 8:30 a.m. All men invited. Prayer Breakfast—**Jan. 8th, Feb. 5 9:00 a.m. at Margaret's, Hwy. 93** in Norris. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Pastor' Michael's Bible Studies will resume after his paternity leave.**



Come join men from Mt. Zion and from across the state for worship, music, workshops, speakers, and outreach ministries. We are sending a team to learn from our brothers and inspire new direction and deep spirituality in our men's ministry.

Sponsored by The South Carolina Conference United Methodist Men

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310 Church Street  
Central, South Carolina 29630  
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## Lenten Sermon and Bible Study Series

### **Preparing Good Soil: Jesus and Women in the Gospel according to Mark**

Lent is a season of forty days for preparing our lives to receive the word of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, which we celebrate at Easter. In the parable of the sower, Jesus describes people whose soil is not prepared to receive the word and people whose soil is. During the season of Lent, using this parable as a guide, we will explore the stories of women who, by their faithful encounters with Jesus, are prepared to receive his word. We will seek to understand what these women teach us about preparing good soil, so we may “hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop.” (Mark 4:20)

February 18 Ash Wednesday – At Lawrence Chapel UMC, Rev. Michael Goldston to preach

February 22 – Mark 4:1-20 The parable of the sower

March 1 – Mark 5:21-43 A woman with hemorrhages and a young girl

March 8 – Mark 7:24-30 The Syrophenician woman

March 15 – Mark 14:3-9 The anointing at Bethany

March 22 – Mark 15:22-24, 40-41 The women at the cross

March 29 – Mark 11:1-11 Palm Sunday

April 2 Maundy Thursday – At Central UMC, Rev. Peggy Garland to preach

April 3 Good Friday – At Mt. Zion UMC, Rev. Calvin Smith to preach