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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*

Earlier this year we were invited to join with several other United Methodist churches in the area working together to raise money for a worthy cause, purchasing an ark of animals for Heifer International. This ark means two (or more) of every Heifer animal - oxen, donkeys, water buffalo, cows, sheep, goats, bees, chicks, rabbits and more healthy, hardy animals that will go forth and multiply. The cost of this ark is \$5,000 and our church's goal is to raise \$500 by the end of December.

Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. They give families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, and empower them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope.

Through gifts of livestock and training, Heifer projects help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. They refer to the animals as "living loans" because in exchange for their livestock and training, families agree to give one of its animal's offspring to another family in need. It's called "Passing on the Gift" – a cornerstone of their mission that creates an ever-expanding network of hope and peace.

November is typically a month when we count our blessings as we observe Thanksgiving. I hope we will be able to raise at least \$500 so we can bless others as we have been blessed.

In Christ,
Kurt

Please note the new phone number for the parsonage: 864.952.5009

A Thanksgiving Prayer by Jackie Marie White
Dear Lord, it seems that we forget just how much we owe to You,
And we often take for granted all the many things You do.

Forgive us for not thanking You for each day you let us live
And for the many blessings, Lord, that You always daily give.

Our health, our homes, our families are evidence of Your love,
But the best gift is Your promise of eternal life above.

And so today we thank You, Lord, for Your blessings—every one.
We praise You and adore Your name, and pray that Your will be done.

Give us the faith to trust in You as we go along life's way,
That we might place our hands in Yours to lead us throughout each day..

*Please join us for our
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
from 5:30—6:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Message
Communion
Candlelight and Carols*

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK: NOVEMBER 12-19, 2012

- 1. **SHOE BOX** Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.
- 2. **BOY OR GIRL** Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Cut out the appropriate boy/girl label below. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box toward the end.
- 3. **FILL WITH GIFTS** Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Also good to include are school supplies and hygiene items. **Do not** include used or damaged items; war-related items such as guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids; medications or vitamins; aerosol cans or breakable items such as glass containers or snowglobes.
- 4. **INCLUDE \$7 DONATION** Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can give online (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/followyourbox/>) or click on this link: "[Follow Your Box Donation](#)" option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.
- 5. **DROP OFF** Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and bring it to **church by Sunday, November 18** or drop it off at the collection center nearest you (Clemson Presbyterian Church) during collection week, November 12-19, 2012.



BIRTHDAYS:

November: Elaine Bullock (2), Dean Finley (7), P. J. McPherson (9), Lillian Begley (10), Chris O'Dell (13), Kristine Reeves (14), Mary Handegan (15), Carlisle Jones (16), Pam Baker (22), Wayne Sarasua (28), Frances Snipes (30)

December: Golda Noblitt (3), Kathy O'Dell (9), Shirley Kolp (15), Ashley Smith-Ray (15), Allan Bomar (19), Debbie Cumbie-Cooler (23), Kris Bowman (26), Blake Jones (27), Mason Sims (30), Gregg Miller (31)

ANNIVERSARIES:

November: Steve & Terri Lee, John & Sherrie Youngblood (11), Wes & Shirley Witcher (19)

December: Van & Ginger Mullinax (17), Jerry & Sharon Chandler (20), Lane & Jan Miller (29), Terry & Mary Handegan (31)

Congratulations to:

- The Mullinax family on the birth of Allison Kay Mullinax, weighing 7.4 pounds, at 11:03 p.m. on September 24th. Proud big sister is Aubrianna. They are the daughters of Will and Amanda Mullinax and grand-daughters of Van and Ginger Mullinax.
- Sara Payne Kelly on celebrating her 100th Birthday on September 19, 2012.
- Tommy Still and Kathy Taylor who were married by Rev. McPherson on July 22, 2012.
- Sara Sarasua who recently completed the requirements for a PhD in Genetics at Clemson University.



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Holly Jane Gelder, infant daughter of Drew and Ashley Gelder, was baptized during the morning worship service on September 2, 2012. The congregation welcomes this new addition to our Mount Zion family.

Mattie May Allen Circle

The Mattie May Allen Circle will once again be assisting Kurt in the Minister's Cook Off. This year's cook off is on Tuesday, November 13th. It will be held at First Baptist Church in Clemson. Our planned dish is top secret. Let's just say that we have Lane Miller to thank for his culinary donation for this year's entry. Come on out and join the fun. Proceeds go to Safe Harbor.

You will also be seeing some new additions to the Crismon tree this year as we are individually attempting to add to those we have already made. We look forward to sharing these with our church family.

Looking for a fun and active evening Circle to join. Please know we welcome new folks with your energy and ideas. Vicki Miesbauer

November dates to remember:

- 4 **Men's Club Breakfast** meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Daylight Saving time ends.
- 5 **Charge Conference**, 7:00 p.m.
- 6 **Election Day**. Don't forget to VOTE.
- 8 **Fall Bazaar** (7:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) at Grace UMC, Pickens. Turkey dinner (\$10) available from 11:00a.m.-1:30p.m.
- 11 **Hot Dog Lunch** after church.
Veterans Day. THANK YOU to all of our veterans!
Fall Bonfire/Hayride, 5:00 p.m. at Scott and Karen Smith's home in Central. Pizza, S'mores provided. You may want to bring a chair.
- 13 **Minister's Cook-Off**, 5:30 p.m. at Clemson First Baptist Church.
- 17 **Holiday Bazaar** (8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.) at First UMC, Easley. Lunch of soup, sandwiches and dessert (sold individually), 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m.
- 18 **Native American Worship Service**.
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox deadline at Mount Zion.

December dates to remember:

- 2 **Men's Club Breakfast** meeting, 8:30 a.m.
- 4 **Eloise Gaines Circle** Meeting 11:00 a.m. Pot Luck Christmas Luncheon at the home of Elizabeth Finley in Central.
- 6 **Prayer Breakfast**, 9:00 a.m. at Dyar's Diner, Highway 88, Pendleton.
- 9 **Covered-dish Lunch** after church.
- 12 **Dolly Brock Circle Christmas Luncheon** 11:30 a.m. at the Village Bakery Café, Pendleton
- 16 **Parsonage Open-House**, 4:00-6:00 p.m..
- 24 **Christmas Eve Worship Service** 5:30 p.m.

Report on Updates and Maintenance at the Church and Parsonage

The following are the items that have been completed at the church.

- Nursery – painted, new flooring, Dutch door made from existing door, new furniture
- Shelving added to closet outside of nursery
- Three Sunday school rooms (K-6) – painted and new furniture
- Adult Sunday school room – painted, new carpeting, blinds
- Youth Sunday school room – painted
- Outside at back corner of the church the area was cleaned out and a weed barrier put down and new mulch added. Two drain spouts extended and also extended air conditioner pipes (air return) for proper drainage away from the church. The drainage ditch lined with weed block and gravel was added to the ditch.
- Maintenance on all HVAC systems was completed this summer.
- Parking lot extended and paved to allow for more parking. Existing parking lot re-surfaced and restriped.
- Sidewalk added to north side of the church to existing steps and new railings added alongside the existing steps.

The following are the items that have been completed at the parsonage.

- Blinds were added to the kitchen windows and kitchen door.
- A new patio screen ordered and installed for oversized patio door.
- Drapes added to the patio door and den window.
- New cushions made for outside wicker furniture.
- The master bath was completely renovated and the second bathroom had several updates made to it.
- A new entry hall light fixture in foyer and new microwave oven for kitchen.

And finally, a new lawn care company was put on retainer to maintain the church and parsonage lawns.

With everyone's help and assistance, it has truly been a good year for us at Mt. Zion. Thanks to all of you for your commitment to help in these matters of the church. God has blessed us in so many ways this past year. We are so thankful for His watchful eye on us.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

Reading Program



The 2013 UMW Reading Program is now under way. Women seeking credit should start their magazine reading with the September 2012 issue or issues. Reports on books and magazines read will be due near the end of August, 2013.

Maybe you'd like to participate in this program, but lack the time. You can benefit by reading only one or two of the informative and inspirational books. Of course, if you persevere and complete Plan I (five approved books and issues of *Response*) or Plans II, III, or IV, you will benefit even more and will receive a certificate!

Reading the magazines for each plan takes some persistence. Issues of *Response* (for all four plans) and *New World Outlook* (for plans II, III, and IV) are in the Church Library next to the Pastor's Office. These issues are easily checked out, but some women like having their own subscriptions.

For a handout explaining requirements and listing the approved books that are in the Pickens County Library, please see Myra Armistead (639-6240). On request, books from anywhere in the county library system can be brought to Central, often in a day. If you live in another county or just want more books to choose from, Myra has tips for accessing Reading Program books in other library systems. Residents of adjoining counties have reciprocal library privileges. Purchasing books-new or used-is always a possibility.



We thank **Vicki and Steve Miesbauer** for the following donation: *Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven*, by Todd Burpo. You may borrow this and other interesting books from the Church Library, which is next to the Pastor's Office.

We thank **Sharon and Jerry Chandler** who recently gave the church a set of lovely banners that support our observance of Holy Communion. **As a memorial to Lois Bomar**, this gift has special significance in November, the month of Lois' birth. We thank the Chandlers for their generous donation.

I would like to thank those of you who contributed to the **CROP Walk** this year. Although I thought I was going to be out of town, I was not able to go so I did participate. The Mount Zion Team raised \$175.00 this year. That is down from previous years but I am proud that we did participate. I do not yet have a total for the entire walk. I will pass on the overall total when I get it. Thanks again, Vicki Miesbauer

United Methodist Women (UMW) News

The 40th Annual Meeting of the Anderson District of the United Methodist Women was held October 13 at First United Methodist Church in Easley. Mt Zion UMW representatives were Elizabeth Finley, Irene Buchanan, Ann Wilbanks, Virginia Norwood, Kristine Reeves, and Sharon Chandler. Following refreshments and registration, there was a two-hour business meeting. The luncheon was served in the fellowship hall where all could view the anniversary displays.

Mt. Zion UMW received several UMW local awards and several special recognition certificates. These included Five Star for Generous Giving in Five areas of Mission, Mission Today, Diamond Unit for Charter for Racial Justice Implementation, Pledge to Mission, and Planning and Membership reports.

Special recognition went to three of our UMW members, Sara Kelly, Christine McAlister, and Shirley Kolp for members being in the 90 years old and above "Living the Legacy" group. We were proud for them!

Myra Armistead and Irene Buchanan were recognized for completing the 2012 Reading Program requirements for UMW. They each read one book from each of the following categories: Education of Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. Also, a regular reading of RESPONSE magazine. Way to Go!

The morning program included the reading of Anderson District UMW Departed Saints for 2011-2012 including Lois Bomar and Sara Parsons from Mt. Zion. What a blessing they were to our group and we miss them.

Our local United Methodist Women organization is a *combination* of the three CIRCLE groups: Mattie Mae Allen, Dolly Brock and Eloise Gaines. But we also depend on our congregation in our mission projects that enable us make money for our mission requirements. A huge "Thank You!" to all of you for helping us meet our goals.

A "thank you" note for the postage stamps collected this summer has been received from the Marion Mission Storehouse. A copy of their last newsletter is on the UMW bulletin board outside the church office.



Elizabeth Finley is this year's recipient of the UMW's Special Mission Recognition. In addition to being the Eloise Gaines Circle Leader and the new President of our UMW unit, Elizabeth regularly delivers the Children's sermon during Sunday Worship service. Her "A Lesson Learned About Monuments" in the June 2012 issue of *The South Carolina United Methodist Advocate* is an indication of the effort she puts into all she does for Mount Zion and we are grateful for that.