



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

It is hard to believe more than 3 months have passed since my family and I arrived here. In that time, we've done a lot together! In July, we met in people's homes so I could learn more about you and what is important to you. In August, I met with our Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and Church Council to share what I learned and discern next steps to take together. Steps affirmed by Church Council were:

1. Visit Central Academy, our neighboring apartments, the fire and police stations, Central UMC, the Highway Patrol, and other neighbors to begin building relationships with them and explore how we can best partner together and support one another.
2. Leverage our proximity to Southern Wesleyan University (SWU) and Clemson (and our abundance of teachers and parent/grandparent-like figures) to have college intern(s) who would give support to children's and youth ministries and mentoring while gaining ministry experience in a nurturing, supportive environment.
3. Identify college students to sing in our choir to further enhance our worship, with the intent of having families "adopt" these students (and the intern students, too) to intentionally nurture them in their lives, career development, and faith journeys.

Everyone at our September quarterly meal heard about these steps and shared which steps they were most passionate about personally. Several church members have already made trips with me to visit community neighbors. In fact, you can read inside this newsletter about upcoming opportunities to connect with some of these neighbors.

I've also met with faculty from SWU about how we can partner together in a way that will allow this nurturing, family-like church to have the greatest impact possible on any college students, youth, and children who enter this sacred space. In the days ahead, I will be in conversation with SPRC, Finance, Church Council, and those who have expressed a passion in pursuing these steps to discern how to fund and carry out this important work. Thank you for your prayers and service as we live into this vision!

In Christ, Pastor Jonathan

Veteran Recognition



Do you recognize these two men? Fred Cone (left) and Wes Witcher (right) are Mt. Zion's two surviving World War II veterans! As we approach Veterans Day, please take a moment to thank these two men, along with all of the veterans in our church and community, for the sacrifices they have made for us. And make sure to be in worship on **November 10**, when the choir will sing each military branch's hymn, and we will recognize the veterans in our church who have served in each branch of the armed forces.

Charge Conference



If you missed out on what our District Superintendent, the Rev. Steve Patterson, and Chris O'Dell were talking about in this picture from last year's Charge Conference, come be part of it this year! Our Charge Conference will be in the sanctuary on **November 11 at 7 p.m.** This annual gathering is a celebration of our ministry together over the past year as we look ahead at what God has in store for the future. See you there!



October

4th Lane Miller - **19th** Jane Jones - **22nd** Micah Harris
25th Heather Drexler - **28th** Haley Lee - **31st** Frances Reid

November

2nd Elaine Bullock - **4th** Joe Dyar - **7th** Dean Finley
13th Chris O'Dell - **14th** Kristine Reeves - **15th** Mary Handegan
16th Carlisle Jones - **23rd** Pam Baker - **29th** Charlie Six



October

13th Albert & Heather Drexler

November

10th Steve & Terri Lee

19th Wes & Shirley Witcher

27th Ed & Karen Martin

Engaging our Community



Partnering with Central United Methodist Church

The Rev. Alfred Wright (pictured left), pastor of Central UMC, has invited us to partner with our sister church for these upcoming events!

October 26th - First Responders Appreciation Day at Central UMC, 2-4 p.m. We will celebrate and meet those in our community who serve us.

November 19th - Joint Thanksgiving Service at Central UMC, 7-8 p.m. Pastor Jonathan will preach, and Mt. Zion's choir will lead music. These are both great opportunities to get to know our neighbors and help our

community become all God would have it be!

Mt. Zion and Friends Race Fundraiser

In memory of John Wisham, Pastor Jonathan and a few others from the community and United Methodist Conference will be running in the races in Greenville on October 26 to raise money for Clemson Community Care and Mt. Zion's landscaping project. We will split the money raised 50/50 between these two worthy causes. Our goal is \$10,000 total: \$5,000 for each cause. If we reach that goal, we will be a long way towards completing the landscaping, and Clemson Community Care will be able to feed a lot of people! If you write a check, write "Race Fundraiser" in the memo line.



The Church Calendar at a glance

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.

- October 2nd** - Coffee with a Cop at Starbucks, 1198 Tiger Blvd, 9:30-11 a.m.
- October 2nd** - United Methodist Women's Joint Circle Meeting, 2:30-4 p.m.
- October 6th** - Men's breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- October 6th** - Denver Downs trip for children, youth, and families after church
- October 15th** - Begin new book in Bible study (203 Joseph St.), 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- October 21st** - Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- October 26th** - Mt. Zion and Friends Race Fundraiser in Greenville, 7:30 a.m.
- October 26th** - First Responders Appreciation Day at Central UMC, 2-4 p.m.
- October 27th** - Serve dinner for Clemson Wesley at Clemson UMC, 6:30 p.m.
- November 3rd** - Men's breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- November 6th** - United Methodist Women's Joint Circle Meeting, 2:30-4 p.m.
- November 7th** - Minister's Cook-off at Clemson UMC, 5:30-7 p.m.
- November 8th** - Fall Festival, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- November 11th** - Charge Conference, 7 p.m.
- November 17th** - Blessing of Operation Christmas Child boxes in worship
- November 18th** - Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- November 19th** - Joint Thanksgiving Service at Central UMC, 7-8 p.m.
- November 27-28** - Church office closed for Thanksgiving

Nursery Workers

October 2019

6th - Elizabeth Bowman / Catherine Ferguson

13th - Jane Jones / Janet Crenshaw

20th - Libba Carson / Randy Martin

27th - Martha Rowland / Ansley Green

November 2019

3rd– Heather / Benji Cumbie

10th - Jan Miller / Vicki Miesbauer

17th - Ashley / Drew Gelder

24th - Haley Lee / Elizabeth Bowman



Everyone has a gift!

Do you have a child or grandchild who draws or colors pictures during worship? Each Sunday, all children are invited to place their artwork in the offering plate as their offering to God. Their works of art will be delivered to shut-ins to brighten up their rooms and remind them that their church loves them!

What time is Sunday school? 9:45!



Each Sunday, all children and youth are invited to attend Sunday school in the rooms off of the fellowship hall downstairs. Our teachers are working hard to make this an experience that will help our children and youth grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Please bring your children or grandchildren for this special time of nurturing and growth!



And for the adults...

Did you know there is also a **Sunday school class for adults at 9:45** each Sunday morning, too? It meets upstairs through the door at the top of the ramp in the sanctuary. And if you can't make it at 9:45 on Sunday mornings, then...

Bible study meets each Tuesday evening at the parsonage (203 Joseph St.) from 6:30-7:30 p.m. If you haven't been part of this study yet, October 15th would be a great time to jump in, as we begin studying a new book of the Bible, 2 Thessalonians. See you there!



Centennial Celebration coming in 2022!

BOTH CHURCH AND SCHOOL FINISHED

The Central Methodist church building erected at a cost of \$60,000, has recently been completed and services have begun in the new structure. This is one of the most handsome and attractive houses of worship to be found in this section of the state and compares with those to be found in the largest cities of the state.

The Rev. M. T. Wharten, who was stationed at McCormick last year, has been assigned to the pastorate of the local church by the Upper South Carolina Conference, and has already entered upon his duties.

The church has enjoyed a successful year in many ways, as is shown by reports compiled by the officers of the organization. The board of stewards of the church consist of J. H. Ramscur, R. G. Gaines, F. B. Morgan, H. G. Powers, R. Ramscur, J. W. Wallace, C. J. Tarrant and C. G. Roland. Mr. Roland is superintendent of the Sunday school, which has a large and active membership. The men's Bible class has a membership of more than 50.

In 2022, Mt. Zion will celebrate 100 years of worship in our current building. While that might sound like a long way off, it will be here before we know it! Myra Armistead found the Pickens Sentinel article to the left from December 7, 1922 commemorating the completion of Mt. Zion's sanctuary building. How wonderful to stand on the shoulders of so many faithful people who went before us and made possible the great church we are each part of today!

Ornaments coming soon!



To celebrate Mt. Zion's history and raise money for ongoing mission and ministry, the Beverly Smith Guild will soon begin selling Christmas ornaments featuring this beautiful stained glass window from our sanctuary. More details soon to come!

Mark your calendars for **November 7, 2019**. That is the day of the **Minsters Cook Off**. Once again our award winning team of the Beverly Smith Guild will be assisting in competing for the best dish and table decorations. This year we will be entering the dessert category. John Cesserich will be doing the weather live from the Cook Off, which will be held at Clemson Methodist Church. Tickets to sample will be sold at the door. Proceeds for this event go to Safe Harbor, an organization to assist abused women and families. The Cook Off has raised about \$120,000.00 for Safe Harbor since it first began. The fun begins at begins at 5:30.



Operation Christmas Child 2019

Operation Christmas Child, sponsored by United Methodist Women, is an annual event at Mount Zion. It begins with the ladies from our unit assembling 100+ shoeboxes. We will be assembling the shoeboxes on **Wednesday, October 2nd at 2:30 p.m.** and would love any of you, men or women, to help us assemble them!

Each year the UMW shops for 25 boys and 25 girls, filling 50 shoeboxes. The congregation and church friends fill additional shoeboxes, making our grand total well over 100 each year.

The Blessing of the Boxes will be on November 17th, so be sure to have your shoebox ready by that date. The shipping has gone up to \$9 per box which you may insert as a check made out to Operation Christmas Child or you may insert cash in an envelope that we will provide with the box. Or you may use this link to pay for the shipping and have your box "followed" online so that you will know in which country it was delivered: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/9-dollar-donation/>

Thank you so much for your continued support of this mission project which impacts so many needy children in countries around the world!

Children's Ministry

Water Day was a blast for children of Mt. Zion and their friends! August 24 was an oddly chilly day, but that didn't stop any of the kids from enjoying the inflatable slide and pools for hours! Thanks to everyone who came together for this event.!



On October 6, the children and youth of Mt. Zion are invited to **Denver Downs**. After worship, we will eat lunch at church, then head over to the farm. Parents pay for their own tickets; the Children's Ministry Team will cover all child/youth tickets. Please let Elizabeth Bowman or Ashley Gelder know how many are in your party so that we can supply enough lunch for all.

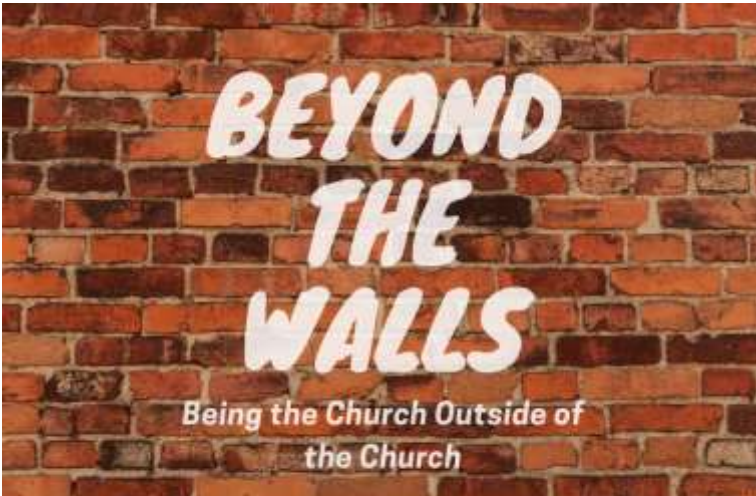
Mt. Zion Family Fall Festival: November 8, 5:30-7:30

Help make this a fun experience by contributing:

- Cake walk donations - Bring baked goods.
- Activity Station Supervisors - Help out at a game or activity area for a portion of the event.
- Dinner prep, serve, and clean-up
- Individually wrapped candy and monetary donations
- Got the skills to build? One station will see which kids have what it takes to become the next Trevor Lawrence. We need a target for our football toss game. Can you create something for this?
- Be an artist for our face-painting station.
- Have a business that offers a service or product that could be a blessing to others? Make a donation to our "register to win" giveaways.



Coming Soon in Worship:



Each Sunday in October, we will look at ways God has called us to look “**Beyond the Walls**” of the church building to be in relationship with others, through whom we encounter the image and presence of God. Don’t miss it!

All Saints Sunday, November 3

To honor those who have gone before us, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday by once again bringing in pictures of loved ones who have passed away, but who live on in the love of God that defeats death. We will also have the chance to hear the names of those we lost over the past year. Please be present for this special service, and bring pictures of some of the saints who have gone before us.

One day a year is not long enough to celebrate all the things for which we are thankful. **Each Sunday in November**, we will have the chance to remember and celebrate a few of the many things God has given us. Come cultivate a grateful heart each Sunday during a “**Month of Thankfulness!**”



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