



*I am the vine, you are the branches  
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much  
fruit.” John 15:5*

*Over the past ten months, Mt. Zion’s ReShape Coordination Team has been hard at work planning the launch event that was held in February at the Martin’s barn and preparing for the small groups, which ran for eight weeks beginning on March 6. The small groups are complete, but that does not mean ReShape is over! Ashley Gelder, the ReShape Coordination Team Leader, shared the following words describing what the Coordination Team is currently working on:*

Behind the scenes, the ReShape Coordination Team and small group leaders have been hard at work reviewing small group summary logs. With prayerful discernment, we are now preparing our congregation's ministry guide. We are excited to see many similar themes across the small groups. Going through this process is allowing us to see what is clearly important to the members of Mt. Zion. We are so thankful for all of you who participated in the small group process. Your voice is helping create a vision! God is calling us to be the church, not for everyone, but for someone. I am so excited to share with you all what's ahead!

Ashley Gelder, ReShape Coordination Team Leader

**Mt. Zion’s ReShape Coordination Team Is:**



Ginger Allen



Peggy Bodie



David Boggs



Phil Davis



Ashley Gelder



Jonathan Harris



Beth McWilliams



Sharon Miller

# The Church Calendar at a glance

**June 5** - Pentecost Sunday worship, 11 a.m.

**June 5-6** - South Carolina UMC Virtual Annual Conference

**June 6** - Trustee meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**June 14** - Youth Lunch at McAlister's Deli in Clemson, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**June 21** - Youth Lunch at McAlister's Deli in Clemson, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**June 26** - Swimming for children/youth/families at the Reeves' pool, 3-6 p.m.

**June 26-July 4** - Pastor Jonathan away for vacation (see below)

**June 28** - Youth Lunch at McAlister's Deli in Clemson, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**July 3** - Special service of anthems and hymns, 11 a.m.

**July 4** - Church office closed for 4th of July holiday

**July 5** - Youth Lunch at McAlister's Deli in Clemson, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**July 9-16** - Black Swamp Salkehatchie, Hampton, SC

**July 10** - Guest preacher in worship, Rev. Steve Simoneaux (see p. 5)

**July 11** - Church Council Zoom meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**July 12** - Youth Lunch at McAlister's Deli in Clemson, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**July 18** - Staff-Parish Relations Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**July 19** - Youth Lunch at McAlister's Deli in Clemson, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**July 26** - Youth Lunch at McAlister's Deli in Clemson, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**July 31** - Blessing of the Backpacks and School Supplies, during worship

**Vacation notice:** Pastor Jonathan and his family will be out of town the afternoon of June 26 through July 4. If you need pastoral care during that time, please contact Phil Davis (Staff-Parish Relations Chairperson) at 404-734-4678 so he can have one of our on-call clergy respond to your need.

## June Birthdays

2 Dot Wilbanks	16 John Malmgren
2 Ashley Gelder	17 Isaiah Mullinax
8 Beth McWilliams	21 Karen Smith
14 Holly Gelder	21 Anna Ray
14 Ansel Miller	26 Randy Martin
16 Jerry Chandler	29 Zechariah Copeland



## July Birthdays

1 Tyler Ferguson	20 Sonny Sims
2 Vicki Miesbauer	22 David Boggs
9 Sam Blackman	23 Loretta Todd
9 Wes Witcher	24 Tommy Still
10 Marissa Harris	27 Nelson Rice
11 Albert Drexler	28 Ann Wilbanks
11 Libba Carson	30 Al Cumbie
14 Braelin Cumbie	31 Sharon Chandler
19 Paige Campbell	



## June & July Anniversaries

June 1 - Jason Lee and Angie Sullivan  
June 5 - Benji and Heather Cumbie  
June 8 - Stan and Cindy Owens  
June 24 - Mac and Beth McWilliams  
July 2 - Dick and Helen Singleton  
July 13 - Kris and Elizabeth Bowman  
July 17 - Jonathan and Marissa Harris  
July 21 - Tommy and Kathy Still  
July 22 - Charles and Pam Baker  
July 28 - Herb and Karen Sprouse

# Worship

## Current COVID-19 Protocols for Worship

At its meeting on March 14, Mt. Zion's Church Council approved plans for relaxing the church's COVID-19 protocols for worship. Masks continue to be welcome for anyone who feels the need to wear one as a precaution. However, **all worshippers are no longer asked to wear a mask when entering and exiting, and there are no designated seating sections.** As we have throughout the pandemic, Mt. Zion's leaders will continue monitoring statistics from DHEC, guidance from the CDC, and protocols from the South Carolina United Methodist Conference.



## Holy Week services

Thanks to all who helped plan, set up, lead, and attend the shared Holy Week services in April. Lawrence Chapel hosted a Communion service on Maundy Thursday, and Mt. Zion hosted a service downstairs in the fellowship hall on Good Friday.

Thanks to **John Reeves** for setting up and preparing the Easter cross and to all who brought flowers. And thank you to **Gabby** for arranging the leftover flowers and helping deliver them to some of Mt. Zion's members who could not attend the Easter service.



## The 2022 Flower Calendar is up!

To place flowers in the sanctuary:

- Use the calendar by the water fountains
- Call 864-639-2101
- Email [mtzionumc.central@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionumc.central@gmail.com).



# Worship, continued

## THE 7 HABITS OF A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE MESSIAH AND THOSE WHO FOLLOW HIM

Sundays at 11  
June 12 - July 31

### Upcoming Summer Worship Series!

In Ephesians 4:15, the Apostle Paul wrote to the early church, “we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.” In other words, we have been called by God to become like Jesus! Join in worship each Sunday this summer as we explore some of the habits Jesus practiced that you and I can do, too, so that we will become more like him!

### July Communion Change

Did you know that in The United Methodist Church, Communion can be administered only by an ordained elder or by a pastor appointed to that charge? Because Pastor Jonathan will be away on July 3, we will celebrate Communion in July on the second Sunday, July 10.



### Special 4th of July Weekend Service!

Join in worship on July 3rd as the choir leads a special service of patriotic anthems and congregational hymns!

### Guest Preacher on July 10!

The Rev. Steve Simoneaux will preach and lead communion at Mt. Zion on July 10 while Pastor Jonathan is leading a group from Mt. Zion at Salkehatchie. Rev. Simoneaux is the campus minister at the Clemson Wesley Foundation.



## Thank you for your support of Epworth Children's Home!



Mt. Zion received this certificate in April for achieving the conference's goal of giving at least \$6 per member to Epworth Children's Home in 2021. We have already surpassed this goal in 2022, as you gave **\$1,413.38** on May 8 to the Epworth Mother's Day offering. Your generosity supports children who receive care through Epworth's residential and foster care programs. Way to go!



**2022**  
South Carolina  
United Methodist  
Annual Conference  
JUNE 5-6 | ALL-VIRTUAL

On June 5-6, Pastor Jonathan and Peggy Bodie (Mt. Zion's Lay Member of the South Carolina Annual Conference) will attend the 2022 South Carolina Annual Conference. For the third year in a row, this conference will be held virtually. The business of this annual gathering of Methodists across South Carolina will include commissioning and ordaining new pastors, passing a budget for the conference's shared ministry, and the fixing of pastoral appointments for the coming year. The conference also includes times of worship and reports on how God is at work through the many ministries that United Methodists are doing throughout South Carolina. Please be in prayer for Pastor Jonathan, Peggy, and the hundreds of other South Carolina United Methodists who will be participating in this two-day conference. For more information, visit [www.umcsc.org/ac2022](http://www.umcsc.org/ac2022).

## Serving in Worship!

### Upcoming Acolyte schedule:

6/5 - Holly Gelder

7/3 - Kaitlyn West

6/12 - Isaac Harris

7/10 - Anna Ray

6/19 - Braelin Cumbie

7/17 - Ethan Green

6/26 - Caydenn Rowland

7/24 - Grayson Bowman

7/31 - Quint Cumbie

### Upcoming Lay Reader schedule:

6/5 - Benji Cumbie

7/3 - Peggy Bodie

6/12 - Bonnie Littrell

7/10 - Mason Sims

6/19 - Isaac Harris

7/17 - Serena Miles

6/26 - Angie Sullivan

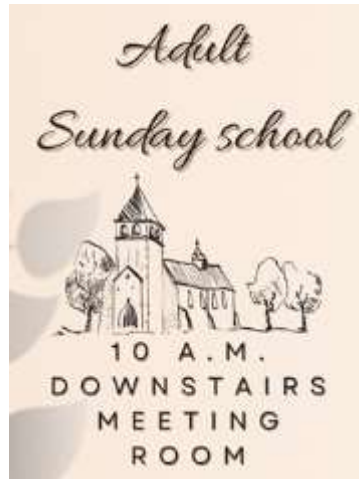
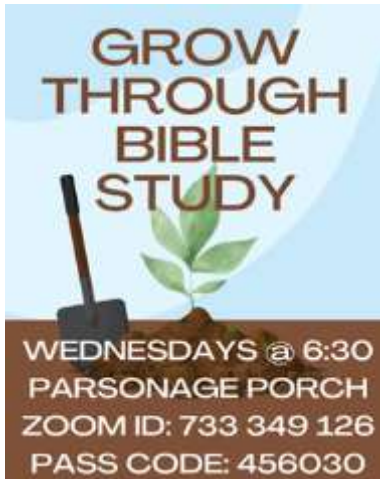
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### Church Council Recap from May 9, 2022

- A **new railing** was installed along the parsonage front porch and steps the week of May 2. Thank you to the Parsonage and Grounds Committee for their work on this!
- We were able to collect nearly \$5,000 as a going-away **love offering for Zechariah Copeland**, which is a huge help toward his missionary work next school year. Thank you for your generosity!
- Plans continue for the **Centennial Celebration this October 29-30**. Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Steve Patterson, will preach at that service.
- We are in need of caring adults to lead Sunday school lessons with our children and youth. To help, contact Pastor Jonathan.

## Adult Discipleship!



### United Women in Faith Spring Luncheon



The United Women in Faith met at the Fiesta Grille in Central on May 4, 2022 for their “end-of-the-year” luncheon. It was well attended with members from Mount Zion, Central, and Bethel United Methodist Churches.



Formerly known as United Methodist Women, we’ve taken a new name to better reflect how we answer our calling today. It’s an exhilarating time, as we commit to even greater inclusivity, action, and impact. We remain women of passion and power, united by God’s love in our mission to support women, children, and youth.

We will be taking the summer months “off” with our local meetings, but will attend either in person or on Zoom the Anderson District Annual Meeting. Our local meetings will resume in September when we will begin our new calendar year of activities for 2022-2023.





## Centennial Celebration!



Do you have any pictures of activities in this church building from over the years? If so, please send them to [mtzionumc.central@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionumc.central@gmail.com) OR give them to Sharon Chandler in an envelope with your name on it so she can scan them for inclusion in a video slide show as part of our centennial celebration later this year. After scanning, the pictures will be returned to you along with a digital copy for your use. The deadline to submit pictures is August 29.

### School Supplies for Central Academy of the Arts

During the month of July, please bring the following items with you to worship and leave them along the altar rail by July 31. These items will be delivered to Central Academy of the Arts on August 1.

**Supplies needed:** Clorox wipes, boxes of Kleenex, Gallon Ziploc bags, Quart Ziploc bags, white copy paper, dry erase markers, pencils, highlighters, regular sized glue sticks, durable headphones (not earbuds), Crayola crayons, rectangular erasers, backpack, wide-ruled notebook paper, 1-inch binder, composition notebook, Elmer's glue.

## Celebrations!

### Celebrating Zechariah's ministry!



Thanks to everyone who participated in the meal and love offering on April 24 in celebration of Zechariah Copeland's ministry at Mt. Zion over the past 2.5 years! We were able to collect nearly \$5,000 as a going-away love offering for Zechariah, which is a huge help toward his missionary work next school year. Thank you for your generosity and support!

### New Parsonage Railing!

Thank you to Lon Martin and the parsonage and grounds committee for arranging for railings to be installed along the front porch and steps at the parsonage. They look beautiful and will help keep people safer for years to come. Thank you!



### Salkehatchie is back!



Pastor Jonathan, Janet Evatt, and Grayson Bowman will be representing Mt. Zion at Black Swamp Salkehatchie in Hampton, SC from July 9-16. Please be in

prayer for all of the youth and adults who will be serving as the hands and feet of Christ by providing free home repairs to families in that community!

## Discipleship for Children and Youth!

**Children's handbells** - All children are invited to join Marissa Harris at 9:40 each Sunday morning to practice handbell music. Practice will be done in time for Sunday school at 10.



### Sunday school

**Sunday school** for children and youth is downstairs **in the fellowship hall** each Sunday morning at **10 a.m.**

### Easter Egg Hunt, April 3



Thanks to all the children, youth, and volunteers who participated in the egg hunt!

### Pool Party for Children, Youth, and Families, June 26!

John and Kristine Reeves will host children, youth, and their families for a pool party on June 26 from 3 to 6 p.m. Hot dogs will be provided. All families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please let Elizabeth Bowman know if you plan to attend.

### Weekly Youth Summer Lunches at McAlister's!

All youth (and their friends) from Mt. Zion and Lawrence Chapel are invited to join Pastor Jonathan and Rev. Mollie Reddic for lunch at McAlister's Deli in Clemson (1390 Tiger Blvd., Suite 306, Clemson, SC 29631) each Tuesday at 12:30 from June 14 to July 26!



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