



## IN TOUCH...

September 2019, Volume XXI Issue 9

**"Making, Maturing,  
Mobilizing Disciples  
for Christ"**

## The Newsletter of the Mt. Zion Family

**WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY AT 8:30, 9:45 AND 11:00 AM**  
**MOMENTS ON THE MOUNT AT 6:30 PM (Starting September 11th)**

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### RENOVATION UPDATE

The renovation project in the Sanctuary is on schedule and the contractors should complete their work in a few weeks. After that we will begin the task of moving everything back into the Sanctuary and preparing it for worship. **With this in mind, our first Sunday back in the Sanctuary will be for Homecoming on September 22nd. On this day we will have one service at 10:30 AM.**

Contributions for the Renovation Fund continue to be accepted if you have not had the opportunity to give. No donation is too small or too large. All donations are welcome! Thank you and God Bless!

As we continue to worship in the Family Life Center for the next three weeks, please keep in mind the following:

- If you are able to walk safely down the hill to the FLC, please save the parking spaces nearest the FLC for those who need to park closer.
- After Sunday School the church mini bus will be available to transport people from the ramp exit of the Education Building to the FLC and return after the 11:00 service.
- Be mindful of the fact that a quick transition will be taking place between services, so you may not get to visit as long before or after the service, but you'll get to see some other people that you might not normally get to see.

See you Sunday in the Family Life Center and in the Sanctuary on September 22nd.



*A Special Worship Service of Welcome and Celebration*



*Homecoming  
Sunday*

*192nd  
Anniversary*

*Sunday, September 22nd*

**One Church, One Service 10:30 am**

**Worship in our Beautiful Renovated Sanctuary**

**Favorite Hymns and Talented Choirs**

**A Special Homecoming Message**

**Kirkin' O' the Tartan & History Tent**

**Catching up with Members & Friends, Past and Present**

**A delicious Meal on the Lawn**

**Games, Bouncy House and Entertainment**

**Entertainment by Heaven's Reign**

*We will tell the next generation*

*Psalm 78:4*



### MOMENTS ON THE MOUNT

**Our Wednesday night programming will begin on September 11th. Kids Club and Music with Ms. Shelley will begin at 6:30 PM, and at 6:40 PM there will be a time of worship, music, and teaching/preaching in the Sanctuary (or in the FLC on Sept. 11 and 18).**

**For the first 5 weeks of the Fall, Pastor Jonathan will be teaching about the Book of Revelation on Wednesday nights. The same portions of the Book of Revelation will also be taught on Thursdays at 11:00 AM in room 209 of the Educational Building.**

### WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

**September 1- Worship in the Family Life Center  
Come learn about the Bent-Over Woman**

**September 8 - Worship in the Family Life Center**

**September 15 - Worship in the Family Life Center  
Are you a Pharisee or a Tax Collector?**

**September 22 - Homecoming  
Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM**

**September 29 - All Worship will be in the Sanctuary  
Ed Kilbourne will share during worship at all three services. Ed is a singer, storyteller and folk theologian who is leading our Adult VBS from September 30 - October 2nd.**

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



**Fall Sunday School Teachers Are Needed:** Are you feeling a call to journey alongside children on their faith journey? We learn so much from teaching children and the Children's Ministry at Mt. Zion needs you! We ask you to prayerfully consider being a lead teacher or assistant for preschool age through 5th Graders on Sunday mornings once a month from 9:30 AM until 10:45 AM. It is a small time commitment that yields big and eternal rewards for the children

and for you! Please email [smercuri@mtzionumc.net](mailto:smercuri@mtzionumc.net).

**Agape (Special Needs) Sunday School Teachers and Assistants Needed Immediately:** We have immediate openings for Teachers and Assistants in the Agape Sunday School class. Please contact the church office if you are interested in this special ministry.



**Mid Week at the Mount:** Our August session of this event was a blast! The children enjoyed having fitness fun with Amazing Athletes, learning more about the story of **David and Goliath**, and talking about drawing our strength from God (Phil. 4:13).

**Bible Presentation Sunday:** First Graders and 4 year olds will be presented with a Bible during all three services on October 13, 2019. Please contact Stacey Mercuri at [smercuri@mtzionumc.net](mailto:smercuri@mtzionumc.net) if you have a child in either or both of those age groups, so that we can have your child's Bible personalized.

**Kids Club & Music with Ms. Shelley Starts Back:** Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 PM in Room 201 for ages three through Fifth grade. Our fall session will meet for eleven weeks. Each week will be spent examining one of the Ten Commandments and practicing for the December Children's Musical (Save the date: 12/8/19 at 4 PM).

### Upcoming Dates:

September 11<sup>th</sup> [Kids Club & Music with Ms. Shelley starts back at 6:30 PM](#)  
September 17<sup>th</sup> [MOMS Meeting at 7 PM](#)  
September 18<sup>th</sup> [Kids Club & Music with Ms. Shelley at 6:30 PM](#)  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> [Homecoming One Service at 10:30 \(No Sunday School\)](#)  
September 25<sup>th</sup> [Kids Club & Music with Ms. Shelley at 6:30 PM](#)  
October 13<sup>th</sup> [Bible Presentation for 4 year olds and 1st Graders](#)  
October 27<sup>th</sup> [Trunk or Treat](#)

## TESTIFY YOUTH CHOIR



**TESTIFY YOUTH CHOIR** will begin it's Fall semester Sunday, September 8th. Testify is open to anyone in 6th through 12th grade. We meet in the Family Life Center from 2 to 4 PM. Come join us!



## F.U.E.L HAPPENINGS

### F.U.E.L FOR SEPTEMBER

September 8th from 3:30 to 6 PM.

#### F.U.E.L KICKOFF- **COLOR WAR**

September 15th - F.U.E.L from 3:30 to 5:30

- **F.U.E.L Information MEETING:** All F.U.E.L. parents and youth are invited to attend our informational meeting on Sept. 15th from 5:30-6:00 PM in the Youth Room # 4, right at the end of F.U.E.L. At this session, you will receive a calendar, information for retreats, mission trips, discuss expectations and yearly goals and get any questions about youth group answered.
- **CONFIRMATION MEETING:** There will be a parent and student informational meeting on Sept. 15th from 6:00-6:30 PM in the Youth Room #4. Traditionally at Mt. Zion UMC, Confirmation has been for 8th-grade students. However, any interested parents are invited to learn more about Confirmation for 2019-2020. We will go over the class curriculum, requirements, and expectations for Confirmation 2020. We will be able to answer any questions you have about the process.

September 22 - F.U.E.L - JEDI Night from 3:30 to 5:30

September 29 -Ed Kilbourne Concert in FLC @ 5 PM.  
Bring your Family and Friends

**TIMES FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR** - F.U.E.L- 3:30pm-5:30 PM - in the Mt. Zion UMC Youth Room in the Family Life Center- NOTE THE TIME CHANGE– starting September 8th. There will be a combined Praise and Worship Session for Testify and Youth from 3:30-4:00

#### F.U.E.L. YOUTH GROUP IS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE!

The youth group is looking for people in our congregation that need help out around the house. We are planning a service night and need your help letting us know of anyone that may need help around the house, raking leaves, going to the store for them or other things that teenagers could help out with. If you have any information please email Brittany at [bmorris@mtzionumc.net](mailto:bmorris@mtzionumc.net). Thank you and God Bless!

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**5<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED** on Sunday mornings once a month beginning in September from 9:30 AM until 10:45 AM. Please contact Brittany Morris @ [bmorris@mtzionumc.net](mailto:bmorris@mtzionumc.net) if you can help with this wonderful ministry!

Youth hard at work during youth clean up day.



Packing book bags for Ada Jenkins with the elementary students.



#### Mt.Zion UMC F.U.E.L Youth Kickoff Color War



**Date: September 8th**

**Time: 3:30-6:00**

**Wear: A White Shirt**

**Join us for an epic color war,  
capture the flag style! You will split  
into teams and be given colored  
powder. The object is to pour your  
color on the other team.**

## MUSIC NEWS FROM SHELLEY

Let's get excited about September's events, as so many church activities are starting again this month! Please pray for and consider joining us in an area that may interest you...

- ♦ The Chancel Choir is rehearsing on a regular schedule on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:15 PM in the choir room (under the sanctuary).
- ♦ Babygarten begins on September 4th at 10:00 AM in room 201 of the Education Building. This class is offered to newborns through 2 years of age (accompanied by their parents/guardians) and includes singing, dancing, rhymes, story-telling and playtime. It will be offered at 10:00 AM on Wednesday and Saturday mornings through Saturday, October 5th.
- ♦ On September 11th, the children will begin music on Wednesday evenings, as we prepare to sing for Homecoming on September 22nd and the upcoming Christmas musical on December 8th.
- ♦ The Autumn Daze Singers will meet at Autumn Care to sing for the residents at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 13th for about 30 minutes. This is truly a "show up and sing with us" event the second Friday of every month. Please meet in the gathering room between 10:30-10:45. We sing a set of hymns, oldies and patriotic songs. Music is provided for participants.
- ♦ The Hand Bells will begin rehearsals on September 19th at 5:30 in the bell room (under the sanctuary) in preparation to ring for the congregation in November and December.



Two needs in the music department are weighing on my heart, and I pray that we can certainly fulfill these needs in the VERY near future.

- ♦ The first necessity is that the Chancel Choir is in need of new choir robes (\$130-\$180) each with stoles
- ♦ The second is that the hand bells are in dire need of full maintenance/cleaning (\$7,900).

The first thing I ask is for your prayers concerning these two areas, as fulfilling these needs are quite costly. Secondly, if you would like to give to either of these areas, please specifically put "choir robes" or "hand bells" in the memo of your check made

out to the church.

Thank you all for your continued support of our wonderful music ministry.

Blessings & prayers to you all...

## SONSHINE PRESCHOOL NEWS

Please pray for the children and the staff as we begin a wonderful new school year!

### Important September Dates:

September 3<sup>rd</sup> - The 1<sup>st</sup> day of School!!

September 3<sup>rd</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> - 2's Ease In period (10:30 AM to 1:00 PM)

September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> - Picture Day(s)

September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> - Parent Council Meeting, 9:15 AM in Rm 206

Sonshine would like to extend a very special thank you to the Women of Zion who provided lunch and goodies to our teachers during the First Staff Meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sonshine is so grateful for all the support we receive from this wonderful group. THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the generosity of those that donated to the Scholarship Fund. Sonshine Preschool is able to afford 5 children a scholarship to attend school through this amazing program!

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers that are helping hold, console and love on our 2's during the first few weeks of school!

\*It's time to relink your Harris Teeter card to Number 4635. This is the **easiest Fundraiser for the Preschool** that everyone can participate in!! Harris Teeter's "Together in Education" program. **You must relink your card every year** for Sonshine to get credit. You can ask any cashier to help you relink. Funds from this help support our Scholarship Fund for families in need, classroom equipment, teacher resources, playground equipment and much more! We thank you for blessing Sonshine Preschool by participating!



## HIS MINISTRY NEWS



*God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27*

The **HIS** Ministry of Mount Zion United Methodist Church was created in September 2017 to promote awareness, inclusion, accessibility, advocacy, and additional opportunities for individuals with special needs. We continued to grow last year and are very excited to kick off our third year with Just As I Am on **September 15!** We are actively recruiting volunteers for all aspects of the ministry.

### **HIS programs for September**

Every Sunday – **AGAPE Sunday School** - 9:45 – 10:45 AM in Room #2 of the Family Life Center. Additional volunteers are needed.

**THE FEAST** - 11:00 AM -11:30 AM - Youth Room in the Family Life Center - Modified worship service for the entire family **(Begins in October)**.

**September 15 – JUST AS I AM** - 4:30 PM- 6:15 PM at the Hut **(Note the change of date)**

**Fun, fellowship, worship!** Join us as we KICKOFF the year!! For more information or to volunteer contact [His@mtzionumc.net](mailto:His@mtzionumc.net). There is something for everyone to do - crafts, games, music or food. Additional help is always welcome.

**SUSTAIN** - Mt. Zion is honored to offer Sustain, a support group for parents and care givers of those with special needs. The goal of this Pastor-led support group is to offer blessing and support. It is hoped that this small group opportunity will provide a safe place to talk/cry/laugh/share, prevent feelings of isolation, and facilitate the sharing of information about issues and solutions. Contact Rev. Lauren Hill at [His@mtzionumc.net](mailto:His@mtzionumc.net) for more information.

**September 22 – JEDI NIGHT** - 3:30 - 5:30 PM - Join FUEL (the Mt. Zion Youth) for an afternoon of fun in the Family Life Center. For more information contact Brittany Morris - [bmorris@mtzionumc.net](mailto:bmorris@mtzionumc.net)



### **Adult Vacation Bible School with Storyteller & Musician Ed Kilbourne**

On **Sunday, September 29**, Ed Kilbourne will lead all three of our morning worship services.

On **Sunday, September 29 at 5 PM** there will be a concert in the Family Life Center with Ed Kilbourne.

On **Monday September 30 through Wednesday October 2**, Ed will lead the Adult Vacation Bible School each morning. We will gather in the Family Life Center at 9:30 AM for registration and fellowship with the Bible School sessions to follow from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM. We will offer a lunch each day.

We are excited about this event and hope that you will be able to join us! RSVP to [lhill@mtzionumc.net](mailto:lhill@mtzionumc.net) or by calling the church office by Monday, September 23.





## OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

### Backpack FOOD Ministry Needs Volunteers

Beginning our 6<sup>th</sup> year, Mt. Zion is partnering with JV Washam Elementary to provide week-end meals to children who rely on the school meal program Monday through Friday, but are at risk of being hungry on Saturday, Sunday and during school breaks. It is because of the generosity of our church family that we are able to provide last year backpacks filled with food for 16 students in need.



We have been blessed in past years to have a wonderful group of volunteers who have filled the many roles needed in this outreach program. Some have sponsored and provided weekly bags during the school year to a designated child. Others have donated food to our inventory or occasionally helped to pack spare food bags. And for those who would like to help with the program financially, we gratefully accept monetary contributions. These funds are used to purchase book bags or to buy grocery gift cards which help the families over school breaks and holidays. This ministry has been a huge success because of the kind and loving support of our volunteers.

**"Whoever is kind to the needy honors God"**, Proverbs 14:31. This is an opportunity to serve the needy as an individual, family, small group or Bible class. Please stop by our Information Table after Sunday worship on September 1. For more details, please contact Deana King ([dking2002@att.net](mailto:dking2002@att.net), 704-236-3596) or Mary Shaw ([dshaw6@bellsouth.net](mailto:dshaw6@bellsouth.net), 704-252-0493).



### Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry

After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel. Mt. Zion will be collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. There will be brochures and boxes available in the Family Life Center, the Church library, and the top floor of the Education Building during the month of September. Please have your filled shoe boxes &/ or donation envelopes in the church library by Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have questions, contact Torrie Thompson at 704-896-0312. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry.

### LAKE NORMAN FAITH COALITION HOME BUILD

Mt. Zion will be participating in the Lake Norman Faith Coalition home build again this year. We have 3 Saturdays left to work this year.

Project location: 419 N. Academy Street, Mooresville

Workday Schedule: 7:45 to 1:00 PM

9/14 - Sheath roof - 7 volunteers needed

10/19 - Paint walls - 6 volunteers needed

11/9 - Landscaping - 8 volunteers needed

**If interested please contact Rick Carter at:**  
[CCarter502@aol.com](mailto:CCarter502@aol.com), Home 704-948-1642,  
Cell 704-770-6145

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**9:45 Worship @ The Mount** makes a difference in people's lives each Sunday. Join our volunteer Audio-Video team and be a part of the incredible work God is doing during our 9:45 worship service. We invite you to make use of your skills and talents at creating PowerPoint or Keynote presentations to reach our visual learners. We are looking to put together a team of people to rotate on Sundays during the month. Contact Pastor Angela @ [amarlowe@mtzionumc.net](mailto:amarlowe@mtzionumc.net)

**CDL LICENSE** – We are in need of people with a CDL to be able to drive the church buses when needed for trips or outings. Please contact Mary Ellen at the church office if you can help, 704-892-8566.

**HOSPITALITY TEAM** - We are looking for volunteers to join our 9:45 Hospitality Team. If interested and for more details please contact Pastor Angela.

**Guidelines for Youth Volunteers** – Construction – Age Guidelines

Ages 12-13 – landscaping (must be accompanied by an adult), Ages 14-15 cleaning, painting, landscaping and installing soil-retention fencing (accompanied by an adult only). Ages 16-17: most construction tasks, climbing ladders or operating power tools. Ages 18+ all construction tasks

How to register as a volunteer... Please visit our website [www.ourtownshabitat.org](http://www.ourtownshabitat.org) and at top of page select volunteer. On volunteer page select sign up today.

## DEVELOPMENTS IN UNITED METHODISM

### Developments in United Methodism

By Pastor Jonathan

Many members of Mt. Zion were able to attend the information meetings led by me in November and February of this past year. If you attended these meetings, or if you have been following the stories in various media outlets, you know that the United Methodist Church has been struggling to come to some forms of agreement about how to go forward together as a church regarding issues of human sexuality. The General Conference of Feb. 2019 approved the "Traditional Plan" which affirmed prior policies with respect to not ordaining self-avowed, practicing homosexuals and not allowing same-sex weddings in United Methodist Churches. The Traditional Plan also provided for stricter enforcement of our current policies, and it is set to be put into effect as of January 2020.

In April of 2019, the Judicial Council (which is like the Supreme Court for the United Methodist Church and makes rulings about whether new pieces of legislation are consistent with our UMC Constitution) ruled that most of the provisions of the Traditional Plan were constitutional, although some of the measures that would be used for enforcement were unconstitutional.

The Western NC Conference met in June of 2019 and elected lay and clergy delegates to the 2020 General Conference, which will take place in May of 2020 in Minneapolis. Most if not all of the delegates who were elected from the Western NC Conference were people who had publicly stated that they were opposed to the Traditional Plan. The Western NC Conference also passed a petition stating that it is opposed to the Traditional Plan. This petition reflects the majority of those who voted at annual conference, but it does not become church law. It will be sent to General Conference for consideration at the May 2020 General Conference. Only General Conference speaks for the whole church and has the authority to establish church policy or polity.

As a congregation, Mt. Zion will continue to abide by the Discipline of the United Methodist Church. Different people within our congregation have different thoughts and feelings on this topic, yet we are all committed to loving each other and our community in the name of Jesus Christ. I want to emphasize again that all people (regardless of their race, nationality, economic condition, or sexual orientation) are welcome at our church and encouraged to participate in our ministries. If you research various media outlets, you may discover a multitude of different proposals for how the United Methodist Church will continue into the future. Different people, churches, and groups are advocating for their proposals, but none of them have any official status unless they are approved by the General Conference of May 2020. If you have more questions about any of these developments, you are welcome to call the church office and make an appointment with me to discuss these matters in more detail. We ask all members of Mt. Zion to pray for the unity of the church and for the church to continue to focus on our mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Peace,

Jonathan

## WORSHIP AT AUTUMN CARE

### WORSHIP LED BY MT. ZION AT AUTUMN CARE

**Every Sunday morning at 10:00**, worship services are conducted by Mt. Zion members at Autumn Care - Our services each Sunday are part of our mission to reach out to seniors in our church and community. This is a way to bring worship to those who are unable to get out to attend this church or their home church.

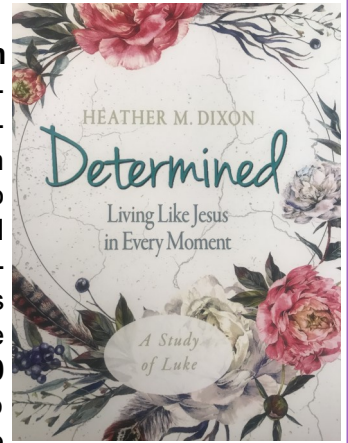
September Worship led by -  
September 1st -- Rev. Tim Nichols  
September 8th - -- Leslie Matz  
September 15 -- Michael Norman  
September 22 -- David Hodson  
September 29-- Rev. John Zsittnik  
Music by Anna Akins



# HAPPENINGS AROUND MT. ZION

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are excited to tell you about a new Women's Bible Study that will kick off on **September 10!** We will be diving in to *Determined: Living Like Jesus in Every Moment*. This book is a study of the Gospel of Luke that follows the life and ministry of Jesus, and the choices he made, as he made his way to the cross. Do you ever zip through life without appreciating the gift of every moment? It is so easy to do, but when we do that, we miss the joy of being in sync with God and we feel more stress, and less joy and passion. Through this study, we will ask ourselves, "How can we live intentionally and experience abundant life every day, making the most of every moment?" The answer is found in following the footsteps of Jesus, who lived with joy-filled determination so that we might live to do the same. **Please join us beginning on Tuesday September 10 from 10:00 -11:30 as we begin this journey.** Our first meeting will be a breakfast meeting (so bring something to share) and an orientation session. You may pick up your book in the church office. The cost of the book is \$12.85. We hope you will join us!



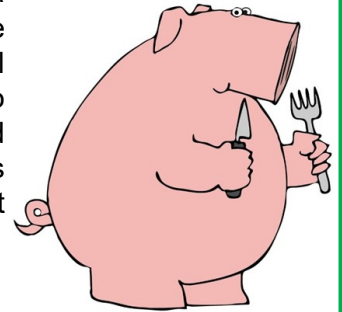
## Towel and Basin Award

If you know someone who is deserving of this award, please take the time to complete a nomination form and tell us all about them. Nominations are open beginning Sept. 1 – 15. This award is given to a person, family or group who demonstrates a servants heart. You can pick up a Nomination form at the Church office, Welcome Table in the Family Life Center, Sunday School Rooms, or email [kfellows@mtzionumc.net](mailto:kfellows@mtzionumc.net) to request a form to be emailed to you to fill out.



## Annual Mt. Zion UMC BBQ

Mark your calendars!! The annual Mt. Zion UMC BBQ will be here soon. Mark your calendar for **SATURDAY, November 2nd, 2019**. This is a church wide tradition that has gone on for 80 years. It is a wonderful opportunity for all three services to join together in work, food, and fellowship. Please make plans now to be a part of this great event.



# Thank You!

## MESSAGE FROM ASP (APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT)

Dear Mt. Zion United Methodist Church,

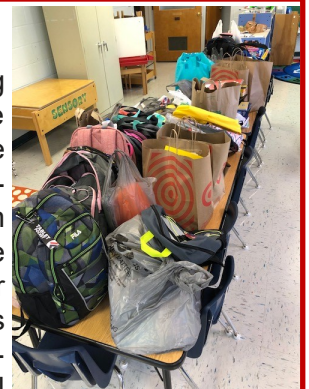
On behalf of our homeowners, volunteers, and local communities we would like to say thank you for all of your generosity towards Summers County. It was truly a blessing to have you all serve with us this summer. The dedication and passion your group displayed towards the projects was exceptional. God gave us a gift in a group of volunteers so passionate in helping others. Love and peace,  
ASP Summers County Staff

## Back to School Supply Drive

Y'all sure know how to make a person nervous!! Leading up to the deadline for our Ada Jenkins School Supply Drive I was a little worried. We had 24 backpacks going into the weekend. By the time we delivered the supplies and backpacks to Ada Jenkins, we had **55** backpacks and more than enough supplies to fill them all! A special thanks to the Journey and Woody Washam Sunday School classes for your contributions to this mission. The cash donations raised in all three services will be more than enough to support the Adult Education class that Ada Jenkins' LEARN Works program will begin in September. Also, additional thanks to Stacey Mercuri and Brittany Morris and the children/youth Sunday School classes who helped sort/load/deliver the supplies.

In related news, we also partnered with Love Lake Norman Church to support the Neighborhood CARE Center, just down the road in the Smithville neighborhood. Through this collaboration we helped fund another 85 backpacks with supplies to those community children at their Back to School Bash. Mt. Zion has really stepped up this back to school season and I am so thankful!

~ Christa Johnson, Outreach Committee Chair





# CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members who joined at the 8:30 service on August 11, 2019!



**Nancy Keating**  
8518 Lake Pines Drive Cornelius,  
NC 28031



**Paul and Terri Nolasco**  
106 Meadow Lilly Court  
Mooresville, NC 28115



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NC" using your podcast app, or go to:

<https://podpoint.com/mt-zion-umc-cornelius-nc>

## A SPECIAL GIFT WAS GIVEN

**IN HONOR OF** Wendell Fox a gift was given to the Sanctuary Renovation Fund. **IN HONOR OF** Patsy Barker a gift was given to the Sanctuary Renovation Fund. **IN HONOR OF** Fran Conard a gift was given to the Sanctuary Renovation Fund. **IN LOVING MEMORY OF** Rev. Philip H. Gibbs a gift was given to the Sanctuary Renovation Fund. **IN HONOR OF** Billie Bost and **IN MEMORY OF** John Bost a gift was given to the Sanctuary Renovation Fund. **IN MEMORY OF** Harry Brown a gift was given to the Cemetery Fund.

## THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION

is extended to Dolores Edwards and family on the death of her Brother, Lamar Hodge, on July 30th, and to Gaylon White and family on the death of his Stepmother, Addie White on August 11th.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### July Financial Report

Thank you for supporting the mission and ministries of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

Our 2019 approved budget total is \$1,174,805

Total budget income July – \$ 72,550

July expenses - \$ 85,903

Year-to-Date budget income - \$683,755

Year-to-Date expenses - \$603,479

Difference \$ 80,276

Total available cash for budget expenses: \$142,754

Total designated fund balance is \$128,701

This includes:

Capital Fund – \$ 9,555

Helping Hands Fund – \$23,513

Please contact Patti Loner ([ploner@mtzionumc.net](mailto:ploner@mtzionumc.net))

if you have questions.

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## AUGUST ATTENDANCE

Date	8:30	9:45	11:00	Total
8/4	90	100	148	338
8/11	94	104	116	314
8/18	92	97	170	359
8/25	85	98	151	334

## Autumn Care Attendance

8/4	23
8/11	26
8/18	26
8/25	17



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Please send any articles you would like to have included in the October newsletter to the church by September 25th.



They may be emailed to [kfellows@mtzionumc.net](mailto:kfellows@mtzionumc.net)

Thank you!!

**MOMS – Mothers Offering Mutual Support** meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

**All moms are invited!**

**MEN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME** to attend a **MEN'S COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST** meeting on Wednesdays at 7 AM at IHOP in Huntersville.



**All women of the church and community are invited to join the WOMEN OF ZION small group!** Our group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Galway Hooker Restaurant in Cornelius. We meet at 7:00 pm for fellowship and a devotional program. Please contact us at [mzwoz1@gmail.com](mailto:mzwoz1@gmail.com) if you would like more information and to get the monthly meeting reminders. We look forward to seeing you the first Tuesday of each month!

**NEW BEGINNINGS...** We bowl, go to movies, take tours and just have friendship with others that have lost a spouse. **We have something going on all the time!**

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**CONTINUING IN THE FALL...**

**YOU ARE INVITED....SEWIN' LOVE (FORMERLY DRESS A GIRL) MEETS THE SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH** in the Youth Room at 6:30 PM. Everyone is Welcome! We will teach. No experience necessary! Bringing your own sewing machine is welcome but not necessary. You may contact Jennifer Hall at [jmartinhall@hotmail.com](mailto:jmartinhall@hotmail.com) or Robin Lambert at [rlambert96@gmail.com](mailto:rlambert96@gmail.com).

The ladies of the **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** invite you to join them on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 to knit/crochet prayer shawls and baby blankets. No matter what your skill level may be, there is a place for you. If you are interested in learning how to knit, they can help with that, as well. (Yarn is provided.) They meet in the church Parlor (located on the upper level of the Family Life Center) and hope to see you soon!