

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

F E B R U A R Y 2 0 1 6 N E W S L E T T E R

Through the Windows

Mt. Zion exists to ...
+ Love God
+ Communicate God's love to families and individuals in
our community and beyond



1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. (NRSV)

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

One cannot help but think about love as we enter into the month of February. With Valentines Day approaching, I am reminded of the loves that exist between two individuals, within families, and in communities of faith. This love is powerful, and we often cling to it during times of difficulty. We also rejoice in this love through times of joy. While that love is wonderful and something to be celebrated, it pales in comparison to the love of Christ. The love of Christ is unconditional and this love is displayed through the sacrifice of Good Friday and the triumph of Easter Sunday.

On February 10th we begin the season of Lent. Our theme this year is "Prepare." During these forty days we will prepare our heart, our mind, our church, and our family for the death, and resurrection of Jesus. As Jesus walks to Golgotha, we will walk with him. As Christ gives of his life for our own life, we will witness the passion.

The Season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 10th and end on Sunday, March 27th on Easter Sunday. Lent is a forty-day season of preparation for Easter when Christians traditionally abstain from certain foods or activities and give to charity. Mount Zion's Lenten journey will be filled with opportunities to nurture your own faith in offering a free Daily Lenten Devotional, Ash Wednesday worship, Maundy Thursday, Foot washing, and a Tenebrae Service.

It is my prayer, during this season, that we will deepen our understanding of God's love for each of us and that we will offer this love to one another.

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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Olivia Poole-Reneau
Lay Leader	Carol Duke
Church School Superintendent	To be Filled
Children's Ministries Coordinator	Sara Banks
Youth Director	Lucas Tribble
Nursery Director	Nikki Bonner
Pianist	Greg Waldrep
Organist	Jeannie Boehmler
Secretary	Heather Wilmot
Custodian	Mary Carty
Newsletter Editor	Sarah Andrews

MT. ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS/
CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

- 7- Communion
- 14- Rusty P/Sarah A
- 21- Sarah A./Linda A.
- 28- Brooke Miles/Taylor S.

USHERS:

7-Tommy Henderson & William Spear
Alt. Buddy Pittman

14- Randy Hodge & Buddy Pittman
Alt. Tommy Henderson

21-Doyle Pair & James Baker
Alt. William Spear

28-Tommy Henderson & Buddy Pittman
Alt. James Baker

HOSPITALITY:

- 7- Hank Holland
- 14- Micki Thornhill
- 21-Jeannie Boehmler & Guerry Lowther
- 28- Carolyn Garnett

**BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

February Birthdays
1-Travis Garrett
2-Kenneth Vann
4-Dianne Stokes
6-Catherine Fitzwater
10-Trace Matthews
12-Audrey Matthews
13-Daisy Buffett
22-Andrew Fryer
28-Joe Hunt



ANNIVERSARIES



Please Contact Hank Holland if interested in placing Flowers in the church

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 2-Trustees Mtg @7p
- 9-Finance Committee @7p
- 29-Admin Council Mtg @7p
- 28-UM Men Breakfast @ 7:30a

Every Sunday:
Choir Practice @5pm
Prayer Mtg in Joy Class @6pm

Every Wednesday:
Supper @5:30-6:30pm
Children Ministries @630pm

Every Thursday:
Youth Ministries @ 6

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2- Golden Agers Luncheon @ 11am
- 7- Commissioning of Leadership in Worship & Leadership day 3:00-5:00
- 9-Community Shrove Pancake Supper @ 1st Baptist in Phenix City
- 14- Valentines Steak Dinner hosted by Men's Club; Superbook Adventure begins 3:30 for Zion Kidz
- 28- Superbook Adventure for Zion Kidz 3:30

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR
JANUARY 2015

TITHES FOR MONTH OF JANUARY:

1/3/16	2,565.48
1/10/16	2,370.60
1/17/16	2,089.00
1/24/16	875.00
1/31/16	<u>2,349.00</u>
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In addition to the typical Lenten practices, we are taking part in a Church Wide Prayer Initiative. I believe this prayer initiative will allow us to prepare our hearts and minds for the life, death, and resurrection of Christ and will empower us to live out our faith in a new way. During these forty days, I ask you to ask God these questions each day.

How am I called to radically live out the message of Jesus Christ?

How are WE, as a church, called to radically live out the message of Jesus Christ?

May we all experience the radical love of Christ during this Lenten season! "Love never ends!"

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Olivia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the Zion Kidz

The 2nd & 4th Sunday's at 3:30pm
Starting Feb. 14th

Bible Adventures with Gizmo, Chris and Joy



Wednesday Night Supper Line Up:

February 3rd Debbie & Heather
Wilmot

February 10 Ben & Brooke Miles

February 17 LaDonna & Friends

February 24 Micki Thornhill

WOMENS COVENANT GROUP

On the third Sunday night of each month, Pastor Olivia will be hosting a monthly women's covenant group for those who serve in our children's ministry. After meeting with our Children's Ministry Team, it has become heavy upon my heart that we must provide an opportunity for growth and discipleship for those that volunteer in this area. All women are invited to attend and become part of this covenant group, which will meet in my home. This women's covenant group will not be a bible study, but rather, an opportunity to share our joys and concerns with one another and faithfully pray for each other.

The United Methodist Men

The Men's breakfast is the 4th
Sunday of each month at 730am and
all men are encouraged
to attend.



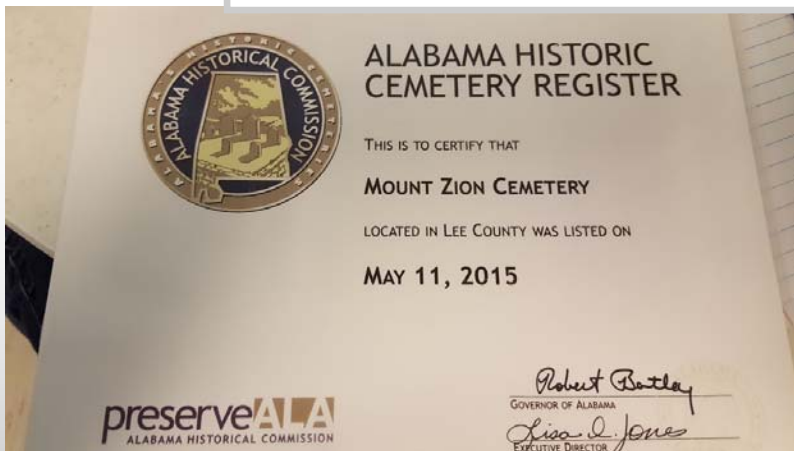
Mt. Zion's Community of Faith



Jim Gibson, Church Historian, presenting Carol Duke, Lay Leader, with the Alabama Historic Cemetery Certificate on 1/24/16.

Certificates from the Alabama Historical Commission certifying Mt. Zion Cemetery and Church/Parsonage have been added to the Register of historic places.

Thank you to Jim Gibson for all of his hard work in this endeavor!!





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