

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

O C T O B E R 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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Christ our Lord! As the weather becomes (a bit) cooler and the leaves start to change, we find ourselves in the middle of an election season. As an ordained clergyperson I choose not to share my political opinions with the congregations I am called to serve. While this is the case, I am very interested in politics on both a national and state level. Steve and I listen to political podcasts, read newspapers, and seek to stay informed. In each election and with the advent of social media, the rhetoric becomes charged and can become hurtful.

During each election season, I am reminded of John Wesley's advice to those in his community of faith. On October 3, 1774, John Wesley writes about his experience.

I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them:

1. *To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy.*
2. *To speak no evil of the person they voted against.*
3. *To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.*

In his first piece of advice, Wesley encourages individuals to not receive payment for their vote. This was a common practice in England during this time. While that is not the case in modern America, his second part of this is valuable. He encouraged them to vote for "the person they judged most worthy." Secondly, John Wesley advised them to not speak unkindly about the person whom they voted against. Thirdly, He encouraged them to make sure their "spirits were not sharpened against" those who voted for the other candidate.

It seems like this advice not only applies to those in England in 1774 but also to us today. As your pastor, I encourage you to exercise your right to vote. Our forefathers and foremothers fought for this civic right and it is our task to exercise this duty.

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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Olivia Poole-Reneau
Assoc. Pastor	Rev. Lucas Tribble
Lay Leader	Carol Duke
Children's Ministries Coordinators	Brooke Miles & Sarah Andrews
Youth Director	Rev. Lucas Tribble
Nursery Director	Nikki Bonner
Pianist	Greg Waldrep
Organist	Jeannie Boehmler
Secretary	Heather Wilmot
Custodian	Mary Canty
Newsletter Editor	Sarah Andrews

MT. ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



2-Tommy Henderson & William Spear
Alt. Buddy Pittman

9- Randy Hodge & Buddy Pittman
Alt. Tommy Henderson

16-Doyle Pair & James Baker
Alt. William Spear

23-Tommy Henderson & Buddy Pittman
Alt. James Baker

30-James Baker & Randy Hodge
Alt. William Spear

HOSPITALITY:

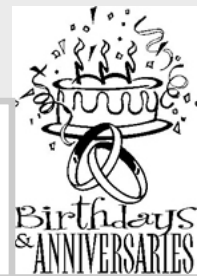
- 2- Hank Holland
- 9- Micki Thornhill
- 16-Jeannie Boehmler
- 23- Carolyn Garnett
- 30-Linda Archer



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

BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Amber Hiller
- 2-Kaitlyn Howard
- 4-Jeffrey Fitzgerald, Elaine Raines
- 7-William Ledoux, Samantha Anderson
- 8-Adel Gannon, Christian Clack
- 9-Jim Gibson
- 13-Rita Leffler
- 24-Sue Outlaw
- 26-Tex Helms
- 31-Johnny Fitzwater



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9-Keith & Patsy Moore
- 9-Ben & Brooke Miles
- 25-Buddy & Kathy Pittman

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 3-Trustees @7
- 10-Finance @ 7
- 30-UM Men @730am
- 24-Admin Council @7

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

- 9/30-10/2-Golden Agers Rummage Sale
- 24- Charge Conference
- 30- Hallelujah Festival



Antioch Update

Antioch Update: Imaging Committee is working with the Trustees and UMM to complete the next steps in the Imaging recommendations. Discipleship is meeting with Dr. Robbins Sims and Lisa Hunt in plans to meet the recommendations in that section.

Mission and Visioning Committee will be created later and the coach for this will be Dr. John Ed Mathison, former Senior Pastor at Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church. Dr. Mathison will help us create a mission and a vision that will relate to every aspect of ministry.

Worship Committee will be working with our coach Geoffery Lentz also in the upcoming months.

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In addition to voting, I also encourage you to guard your heart and your words. Paul writes these words to those in Ephesus, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen (Eph. 4:29)." Our task, as Christians, is to share the love of Jesus Christ with each individual that we encounter. It is my prayer that we will not let our hearts become sharpened during this election season but we will seek to embody the love of Christ our Lord.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Olivia



Jean Barr, Olivia, and Debbie Wilmot seek to visit the sick and homebound each week. If you know of someone who needs a visit please contact Jean Barr or the church office and we will schedule a visit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 7: 30am and all men are encouraged to attend.



Deadline to Enter 12/31/16!!
See Tommy Henderson for more info!



Mt. Zion's Community of Faith

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Join us for a new young adult Sunday
School Bible Study taught by Brooke
Miles.

Mt. Zion's Annual Hallelujah Festival Sunday, October 30, 2016





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