

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Through the Windows

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

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
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Christ our Lord!

Each Thanksgiving my mother and I attend the community Thanksgiving service in which my home church, First United Methodist in Montgomery, participates. After Steve and I married, he also became part of this tradition. For most of my life, the service has been held with Temple Beth Or, the reformed Jewish congregation in Montgomery. Recently Church of the Ascension, an Episcopal church, has joined the worship service. There were many years I found other things I wanted to do instead of joining in this worship service. I would ask my mother, "Do we have to go *this* year?" She always responded, "Yes. We have so much for which to give thanks." So, each and every year we attended the service and this continues to be a tradition for our family. It is because of her example and persistence that I find myself seeking the importance of Thanksgiving in both my personal life and the life of our community.

One of my favorite hymns is "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" written in 1844 by Henry Alford. Each year we sing this song at the community Thanksgiving service. I always find myself humming the tune for days afterward. The words are important as we enter into a season of thanksgiving.

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home!

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6-Tommy Henderson & William Spear
Alt. Buddy Pittman

13- Randy Hodge & Buddy Pittman
Alt. Tommy Henderson

20-Doyle Pair & James Baker
Alt. William Spear

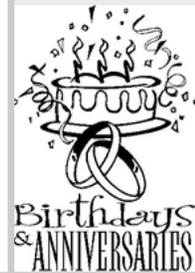
27-Tommy Henderson & Buddy Pittman
Alt. James Baker

HOSPITALITY:

- 6- Hank Holland
- 13- Micki Thornhill
- 20-Jeannie Boehmler
- 27- Carolyn Garnett

BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Eric Stein
- 5-Daniel Garrett
- 7-Joanne Pair
- 8-Weston Henderson, Lori Matthews
- 9-Ethan Andrews
- 11-William Spear
- 14-Avis McPherson, Matt Matthews
- 15-Kyra & Ian Fryer
- 19-Brantley Pittman
- 20-Kevin Fryer
- 23-Carolyn Garnett
- 25-Ouida Baker
- 28-Doyle Pair



ANNIVERSARIES

- 7-Doyle & Joanne Pair
- 23-Don & Joy Kellett



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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 7-Trustees @7
- 14-Finance @ 7
- 27-UM Men @730am
- 28-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

- 2-Golden Agers Luncheon @ 11:30am
- 6-All Saints Sunday
- 12-Operation Shoebox @11:30am in Fellowship Hall
- 15-Discipleship Meeting @ 6pm Olivia's house
- 20-Homecoming, Rev. Francis Turner officiating
- 20-Community Thanksgiving Service @6pm at First Baptist Church
- 24- Thanksgiving

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2. We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take the harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offences purge away,
Giving angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In the garner evermore.

4. Then, thou Church triumphant come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In God's garner to abide;
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home!

This song reminds me of God's faithfulness. It reminds me that God provides for our every need and that we are called to give thanks as a community of faith. I am also reminded of the eternal hope found in Christ and the assurance that the Church, through our Lord, will be triumphant.

For what do you give thanks during this season? How are we called, as a church, to give thanks? I find myself giving thanks for each of you. It is a joy to be your pastor and serve with you. It is my prayer we will be a people of Thanksgiving during this season. It is my hope we will give God thanks for harvest, home, family, and community.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Olivia

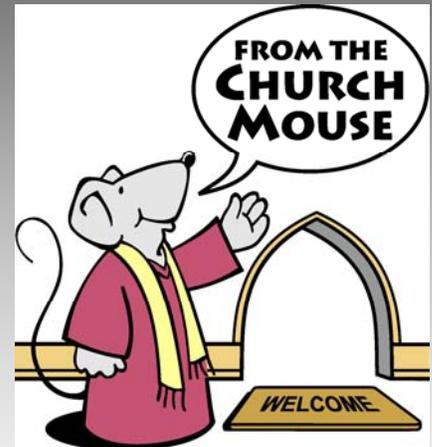


Jean Barr, Olivia, and Debbie Wilmot seek to visit the sick and homebound each week. If you know of someone who needs a visit please contact Jean Barr or the church office and we will schedule a visit.

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.



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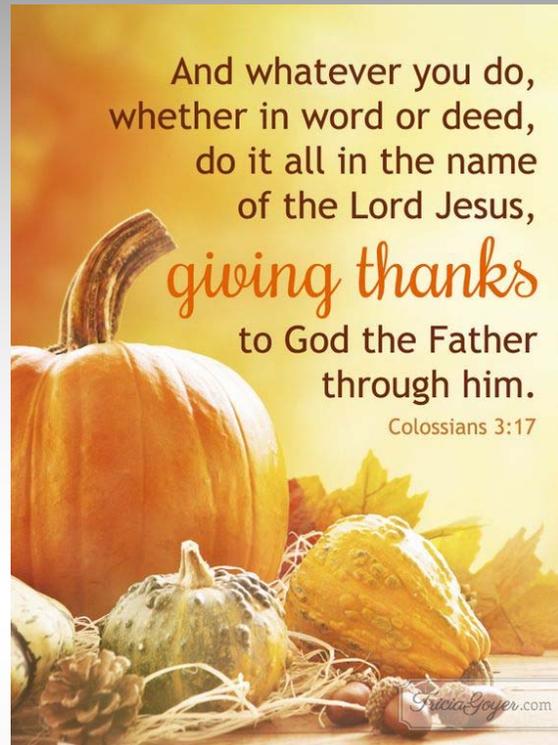
Mt. Zion's Community of Faith

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**YOUNG ADULT
MINISTRY**

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



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 20TH @ 6PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
2608 SUMMERVILLE ROAD
PHENIX CITY, AL



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*United Methodist Men
Logo Contest*

We are having a contest to design a new logo for the church. The new logo will be used on all church correspondence, signage, bulletins, and the website as well as other places to help Mt Zion be more recognizable as well as help to distinguish us from others.

Contest entries will be accepted through New Year's Eve, December 31, 2016. Judging will be completed January 15, 2017. Artwork can be submitted by anyone regardless of membership in the church. All entries will be considered, whether the artwork is hand drawn or computer generated, simple or complex. All are encouraged to submit an idea!

There will be a cash prize to be announced later.

See a representative of the UMM if you have any questions.

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