

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

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Through the Windows

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



To What are you Called?

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace in the name of Christ our Lord! As we begin a New Year in the light of the church, I find this a great time to reevaluate my call and vocation. I often find myself renewed with a new year. It is a fresh start, a new challenge, and a new opportunity. Each of us are called to something. For you, it might not be ordained ministry (or it might be!), but God calls each of us. Some of us are called to hospitality, others to teaching, while others are called to serve others. Some of you are called to compassion and care while others are called to administration and organization. At Mount Zion we have many different gifts and callings! For this, I am grateful.

Martin Luther was a German professor of theology, priest, monk, and a champion of the Reformation in the 1500's. As part of his ministry, he championed the notion of the priesthood of all believers. This is a Protestant doctrine, which states that ordinary Christians share a common priesthood and are called to ministry in profound ways that form and shape the life of the church. Basically, God's call upon your life, and your spiritual gifts, shape who we are as a community of faith at Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

So, I ask you, "To what is God calling you in 2017?" Are you called to start a new discipleship opportunity or outreach program. Are you called to teach children or youth? Are you called to lead our church in a new community initiative?

As we begin a new year, I invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you in 2017. Spend some time renewing your commitment to your faith journey and your ministry at the Church. I have often found the Wesley Covenant prayer as a way to renew my commitment to ministry and the church. John Wesley attributed this prayer to other sources, but it has become known as the Wesley Covenant prayer and is often attributed to his ministry. I invite you to pray this prayer with me over the next few weeks.

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 Boehmle
Secretary	Heather Wilmot
Custodian	Mary Canty
Newsletter Editor	Sarah Andrews

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1-Tommy Henderson & William Spear
Alt. Buddy Pittman

8- Randy Hodge & Buddy Pittman
Alt. Tommy Henderson

15-Doyle Pair & James Baker
Alt. William Spear

22-Tommy Henderson & Buddy Pittman
Alt. James Baker

29-James Baker & Randy Hodge
Alt. William Spear

HOSPITALITY:

- 1- Hank Holland
- 8- Micki Thornhill
- 15-Jeannie Boehmler
- 22- Carolyn Garnett
- 29-Linda Archer

BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Stephanie Stokes
- 2-Margaurite Stone
- 4-Rachel Fitzwater
- 5-Anita Ledoux
- 6-Gloria Hodge
- 11-Eric Garrett
- 12-Alan Pledger
- 14-Kim Rhames
- 16-Denise Morgan
- 17-Wayne Shareski
- 22-Sue Bass
- 24-Randy Hodge
- 28-Karen Howard



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9-Wally & Sharon Carpenter
- 10-John & Jean Barr



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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 1-Trustees following service
- 9-Finance @ 7PM
- 23- Admin Council @7PM
- 29-UM Men @730AM

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3- Golden Agers Luncheon 11:30AM
- 8- "How We got the Bible" Study resumes w/Jim Gibson
- 11-Wednesday Night Supper & Activities resume
- 13-15 Youth Retreat to Camp Alamisco, see Lucas for more info
- 15-SPRC Meeting @ 630PM
- 29-Confirmation Class begins



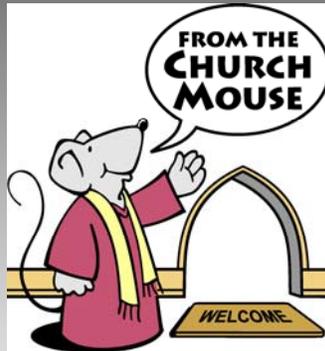
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Loving and Gracious God,
I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
exalted for you, or brought low for you;
let me be full,
let me be empty,
let me have all things,
let me have nothing:
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.

It is my prayer that this New Year will be a time of renewal for both you and our church. Know that you are in my prayers each day. I am grateful to serve as your pastor.

Grace and Peace,
Reverend Olivia

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Through our Gifts

2017 General Fund Budget: \$ 152,156

Weekly Budget Needs: \$ 2,926.08

January 1, 2017 Offering: \$

Actual Year to Date: \$

Through our Presence

Traditional Worship Attendance: 52

2015 Average Attendance: 70

visit our website

www.mzumcss.org



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.

**TREE OF LIGHTS TO
SUPPORT MT. ZION
YOUTH MINISTRY!**

Lights are \$5 to purchase in memory or in honor of someone to raise funds for Winter Retreat & Summer Mission Trips.

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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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