

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

AUGUST 2017 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
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Youth Director	Rev. Lucas Tribble
Nursery Director	Nikki Bonner
Pianist	Greg Waldrep
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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy that I return to work after time at home with our son, Grantham. Grantham entered into this world on April 7th. Following a short stay in the neonatal intensive care unit, he came home with us. Words cannot express the joy that he has brought to our family. I am grateful for each day spent with him and have found gratitude in the difficult nights. I would be lying if I said being a mother has not changed me, because it has. All of a sudden staring at Grantham and watching him play seems like a perfectly good use of time. Through his birth, I see how our God is a great Creator. By the worry I experienced during his time in the NICU, I see how God cares so deeply for each of us. I find myself filled with thanksgiving and gratitude in a way I have never experienced. I believe being a parent will help to make me a better pastor and for that I give thanks.

I am also thankful for you. Thank you for giving me the space to learn how to be a parent. Thank you for your prayers, words of encouragement, gifts, and notes. This is the first community of faith that Grantham will know. This is the first church he will call his "church family." My heart fills with joy knowing that you will have a large part in teaching him to "walk in the way that leads to life."

I am also thankful for Lucas Tribble, our associate pastor, who has filled in while I have been away. He is so very talented and I thank God for his calling to ordained ministry. He has done a remarkable job of serving as a preacher, pastor, and administrator. Additionally, our lay leadership has stepped up and served in my absence. Thank you!

You will be hearing more about this in the weeks to come, but one of my favorite shows is the West Wing. President Bartlett, played by Martin Sheen, often asks those around him "what's next?" It is his way of saying, "ok, now what are we going to do? What is next for us?" This is a question that I have been pondering lately. What is next for Mount Zion? What is next for our church, our ministries, our community?

This July I begin my fourth year in ministry with you. Over the past four years we have worked diligently to be faithful disciples. We have reached out into our community. We have invited Smiths Station into the walls of our church. -Continued on pg 3



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-Greg Waldrep, Wanda Long, Leo Andrews

2-Sue Williams

6-Douglas Stokes,
Joey Bonner

12-Laura Shareski,
Billie Lambert

15-Michelle Underkoffler,
Debbie Shadding

16-Tripp Duke



5-Herbert & Sue Williams
8-Douglas & Dianne Stokes
14-Wayne & Laura Shareski
16-Elmer & Carolyn Garnett
21-Greg & Liz Waldrep
27-James & Ouida Baker
28-Jeff & Terri Shepard



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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

7-Trustees @7PM
14-Finance @ 6PM
21- Admin Council @7PM
27-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

1- Golden Agers Luncheon @ 1045am

6- Dr. Jeff Wilson preaching at combined service at Epworth UMC @630

20- Bishop Larry Goodpastor preaching at Mt. Zion

“ T H E R E ’ S W I T H I N M Y H E A R T ... ”

B Y L I Z W A L D R E P



It seems fitting this month to give a shoutout to Francis Scott Key, who wrote the words to a poem called “Defences of Fort M’Henry,” which was later set to music (actually a drinking song called "To Anacreon in Heaven”), became the “Star-Spangled Banner,” and in 1931 became the national anthem of the United States.

Most folks know the story of how Key was inspired to write this poem. The U.S. was in a war with Great Britain, known as the War of 1812. In 1814, the British had captured Washington, D.C. and had taken Dr. William Beanes as prisoner. Key, who was a colleague of Dr. Beanes, was asked to use his skills as an attorney to negotiate Beanes’ release. Traveling to Baltimore and boarding a ship for the negotiation, Key was successful in securing Dr. Beanes’ release. However, he could not return to land, because the British were firing on Ft. McHenry that night. The next morning, as the smoke cleared, Key searched through the smoke for the U.S. flag that he hoped was still flying over the fort. It was there! He was inspired to write his initial thoughts about what he saw and later completed the poem. The rest is history and a vital part of our heritage as Americans.

ON A FINANCIAL NOTE....

Summer is here!
Vacation is calling!
But please don’t let
our finances be falling!

As you’re planning your budget
For all summer fun,
Remember your church
Will still have to run!

Give to God first;
Let the rest fall in place.
You still will be blessed
With all of God’s grace.

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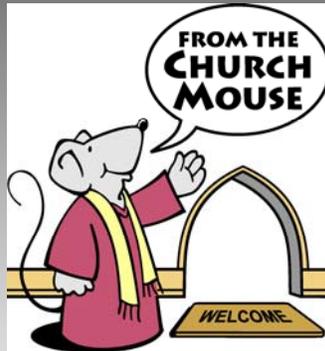
Our children have hosted wonderful VBS programs. Our youth have worked hard on mission trips and grown spiritually on retreats. Our church has sent youth to the Huntingdon Leadership Academy twice. We have had a youth serve as a delegate to Annual Conference. Through the leadership of our Trustees, we are in the middle of an exterior and interior renovation. Through the leadership of our Finance Committee we have held stewardship campaigns, cut our expenses, paid a portion of our apportionments, and witnessed our finances become stable. This summer we welcomed Chase McKoon as a ministry intern. Through the direction of Lucas Tribble, he is learning about ministry in the local church. This year we welcomed the first confirmands in four years. These young people confessed their faith in Jesus Christ and became members of our church. We have watched as children and youth were baptized and as a community we promised to journey with them as they grow in their faith. We have started a young adult Sunday School class. Our Adult classes have journeyed through Disciple I and II. We have hosted car shows, yard sales, lunches, socials, and various other celebrations. We have joined with area churches for worship services. We have worked to feed our community through food drives. We have worshiped together, prayed together, grieved together, and rejoiced together.

We have accomplished a great deal, but I want to know "what's next?" Where is God calling us? Where are we being led? What dreams do we have for our church and our community?

I look forward to dreaming and praying with all of you about this question over the upcoming weeks. There are great things in store for our church! Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace, Olívia

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Many thanks to the United Methodist Men and two other donations for our new projector in the sanctuary!

This will definitely enhance our VBS program and other worship aids this month!

Thank you!

Through Our Gifts

2017 General Fund Budget \$131,552

Weekly Budget Needs \$2,530

7/23/17 Offering \$ 372

Actual YTD \$ 59,923.79

Through our Presence

Traditional Worship Attendance 49

visit our website

www.mzumcss.org



Mt. Zion's Community of Faith



ZION KIDS SWIM SCHEDULE AUGUST

2-Micki Thornhill
9-Idle Hour park
16-Helms
23-Pittmans
30-Idle Hour park



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

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.



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.

Youth Schedule of Events

August 6th

Ice Cream at DQ after Community Worship Service at Epworth UMC

August 13th

Launch Trampoline Park, bring money for snacks

August 20th

MYF at MZUMC

August 27th

Fellowship Lunch at El Vaquero following morning worship
Bring money for lunch

September 3rd

No Youth, Labor Day Weekend

September 10th

Fall Kickoff Party, Lake Day at the Shepherd's

September 17th

MYF at MZUMC

September 24th

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October 1st

Putt Putt/ Lazar Tag at Hollywood Connection

October 8th

MYF at MZUMC

October 15th

Scavenger Hunt, Downtown Columbus
Freeze Frame following hunt, bring money for Fro-Yo

October 22nd

MYF at MZUMC



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