

# Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

J A N U A R Y 2 0 1 8 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! I love the New Year. I appreciate the manner in which it allows a clean slate, a new start. Each year I make resolutions and some of them I keep, others I do not. If you are like me, often your resolutions center on organization, healthy living, exercise, and relationships. When I finish my list I often find myself lacking. I think, "I am not organized enough," or "I do not exercise enough." Then I think about my relationships and I feel worse. Again, I find myself thinking, "I am not a good enough friend," or "I need to be a better spouse/parent/daughter."

But, What if **I am enough**? What if, despite all of my imperfection, I am simply enough?

I have found New Years resolutions to be a wonderful way to start a new season of life. Once a year, we are presented with an opportunity to do something new or stop doing something that is destructive. Each year, at the top of the list, people vow to eat healthier, exercise, save money, and manage debt. They strive to stop smoking or lose weight. This is wonderful! However, it becomes disparaging when we see ourselves as deficient. We fail to live up to our new expectations of ourselves.

As we start this New Year, I want you to know that **you are enough**. You are created by God and loved by God.

Psalm 139:13-18 reminds us,

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
 Wonderful are your works;  
 that I know very well.

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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



1-Tommy Henderson & William Spear  
Alt. Buddy Pittman

8- Walter Champagne & Buddy Pittman  
Alt. Tommy Henderson

15-Doyle Pair & James Baker  
Alt. William Spear

22-Tommy Henderson & Buddy Pittman  
Alt. James Baker

29-James Baker & Jeremy Nelson  
Alt. William Spear

**HOSPITALITY:**

- 7- Hank Holland
- 14- Micki Thornhill
- 21-Jeannie Boehmler
- 29- Carolyn Garnett

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1-Stephanie Stokes
- 2-Marguerite Stone
- 4-Rachel Fitzwater
- 5-Anita Ledoux
- 6-Gloria Hodge
- 11-Eric Garrett
- 12-Alan Pledger, Micki Thornhill
- 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**

- 2-Trustees @ 7PM
- 9-Finance @ 7PM
- 22- 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**

- 7-Bible Study on Heavenly Crowns continues 6-730pm
- 10-Wednesday Night Supper & Activities resume
- 12-14 -Youth Winter Retreat at Camp Chandler
- 22-Celebrating Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River during worship. Please see Olivia if you have never been baptized and would like to be.



### Through our Gifts

2017 General Fund Budget: \$ 131,552  
Weekly Budget Needs: \$ 2,530  
December 31, 2017 Offering: \$ 2,157.10  
Actual Year to Date: \$ 107,778.37

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My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.  
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.

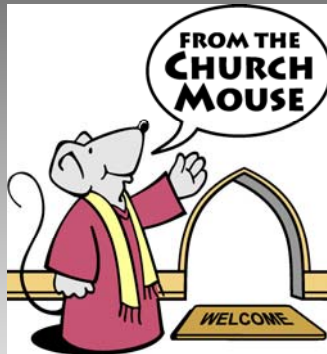
This January, enjoy making a new start but remember that you are created by God. That God is with you. Remember that you are "fearfully and wonderfully made." You are loved by God and by our community of faith. **You are enough.**

May you have a blessed New Year!

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Olivia*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER :**

**1/10- OLIVIA & STEVE**

**1/17-TOMMY & GAYLE HENDERSON**

**1/24-MICKI THORNHILL**

**1/31-WALTER & DIANE CHAMPAGE**



**YOUTH WINTER RETREAT IS AT CAMP CHANDLER!  
JANUARY 12-14TH. SEE OLIVIA OR LUCAS FOR  
MORE INFORMATION!**

**visit our website**

**[www.mzumcss.org](http://www.mzumcss.org)**

**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.**

# Mt. Zion's Community of Faith



*We celebrated the marriage of  
Lauren Duke & Chris Anderson*



*We were excited to ring in the  
New Year with the Baptism of  
Sadie Rose Forliti!*

*Sadie is the daughter of Amber &  
Pat Forliti, grandchild of Earl  
Stone and great-grandchild of  
Marguerite Stone.*





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