

MOUNT ZION

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

serving Christ & the community since 1831

A P R I L 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

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Olivia Poole-Reneau
Assoc. Pastor	Rev. Lucas Tribble
Lay Leader	Tommy Henderson
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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace in the name of Christ our Lord.

What a day that must have been! Sorrow turns to joy and fear to jubilation. Can you imagine the day?

The women approach the tomb to prepare Jesus' body. They arrive and the stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. EMPTY! Surely someone has stolen the body and taken it away, maybe to destroy or perhaps to sell. Then they see Jesus. They see the Lord, the Messiah, the author of Salvation. This cannot possibly be Jesus, can it? Jesus was crucified and buried. Jesus is dead. They look closely. Jesus speaks, "Mary!" Jesus calls Mary Magdalene by name. Mary looks upon the face on her Lord, not just seeing Jesus but recognizing him.

Sorrow to Joy. Fear to Jubilation. Salvation for the world is found in the bare and empty tomb.

This past week we had a wonderful Holy Week remembrance and celebration. We started with Palm Sunday with our children leading us in worship. We remembered Jesus last meal with his disciples, watched his betrayal, and heard his final words from the cross. On April 1st we will witness, like the women who go to find the body, the empty tomb. The resurrection!

During this time of year, as new life is coming to the earth I am reminded of the juxtaposition between death and life. The earth is coming alive. The limbs, which once looked dead, are showing blooms and green leaves. The azaleas are blooming and reminding us of God's creative power. The dogwood trees are prepared and ready for the Easter celebration. Yet, for us to celebrate the resurrection, Jesus has to die. Death is an iatrical part of the story and one that must not be ignored. Golgatha is important. The cross is imperative.

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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:

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



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

BIRTHDAYS

4- Eleanor Pledger
10- Brenda Hunt
13- Ladonna Nash
18- Danny Bonner
19- Carol Sherer
20- Matt Andrews
24- Jared Banks
27- Billie Bonner
29- Carlie Terry
30- Eric Williams



3- Fort & Dillie
Elliott
13- Sherman &
Billie Lambert

**COMMITTEE
MEETINGS**

2-Trustees @ 7PM
9-Finance @ 7PM
23- Admin Council @7PM
22-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- Easter Sunrise Service @ 7:30am; breakfast to follow
courtesy of Men's Club, Traditional worship @ 11

7-Annual Carshow 8-2 PM, Come out and enter your car or join
us in fellowship on this day.



Through our Gifts

2017 General Fund Budget: \$ 132,602

Weekly Budget Needs: \$ 2,550.04

March 11, 2018 Offering: \$ 2,501.05

Actual Year to Date: \$ 26,408.53

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This past week, Steve and I journeyed to Virginia to celebrate the death and resurrection of his grandmother, Mary Isabelle Grantham Blakenship. During Holy Week, I was reminded once again of the reality of death. However, Paul's words to the church in Corinth ring true once again,

""Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- 1 Corinthians 15: 55-57

Oh yes, Thanks be to God who gives us life, and victory. Thanks be to God for the empty tomb. Thanks be to God for sorrow that turns to joy and fear which is transformed to jubilation.

What a day that must have been!

It is my prayer that during this season of Easter, we will see the empty tomb with new eyes and with an open heart. May the journey of Holy Week and the joy of Easter remind you that you are loved. You are loved.

Grace and Peace,
Olivia



MT. ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 11TH ANNUAL CARSHOW APRIL 7, 2018

**Show Location: 2616 Lee Road 243 Smiths Station, AL
Church (334) 298-4337 ~ Show Info (706) 575-3512**



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8AM-2PM
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- Best GM
- Best Ford
- Best Chrysler
- Best Engine
- Pastors Choice
- Best of Show



**Proceeds to Benefit
Mission Programs**

Mail Pre-Entries to:
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 205
Smiths Station, AL 38677
For more info Contact Winston88cup@aol.com

**Rain Out
Date:
April 14**

*** Pre-Entry Fee is valid on entries postmarked by or before 3/19/18**

I agree as a participant in this custom vehicle show to hold harmless Mt. Zion United Methodist Church and the volunteers and their agents of this show from any damage claims etc; I also agree with the judges decision to be final.

Signed _____

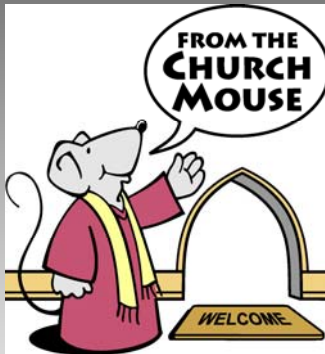
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



WE NEED TO BE
DEEPLY AWARE OF
WHAT THE PURPOSE OF
COMING TO CHURCH ON
SUNDAY IS AND MAKE
SURE THAT EVERYONE
WHO COMES FEELS
**LOVED, NEEDED,
ACCEPTED, AND
LIFTED.**

CAROL F. MCCONKIE



**VBS IS COMING SOON
JULY 8-13**

visit our website

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.**



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