

Flame Bearers

History:

Early in 2013 a need for a women's group at Zion UMC was identified. A group of 25-30 women met for the first time in June of 2013. During the discussion ideas were expressed as to how the group should be organized and its purpose. Over the past two years some of the structure has changed but the purpose and enthusiasm has not.

Mission:

The Flame Bearers mission is to educate, serve and fellowship. We present programs that share information with the members and give us a broader view of what is going on in our church and our community. We serve God through support for our community and our church, and by giving to others. We enjoy fun and fellowship with each other.

Our Name:

Our name was suggested by Flo Rush and selected by the group. It reflects the symbol of the United Methodist Church the Cross and the Flame.

Meeting Times and Leadership:

The Flame Bearers meet monthly at 6:30 pm in the church Social Hall. Anne Moffat and Ann Wells are the co-chairs, Jan Poteat is the Secretary, and Sara Mills is the Treasurer.

Projects:

The Flame Bearers support all projects and all other groups at Zion United Methodist Church, specifically the projects of the United Methodist Women and the Bazaar. We have an ongoing relationship with Natasha House and York County Head Start. We have sponsored a coat drive, assembled hygiene kits for the homeless, provided Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets to York County families, and are currently collecting gently used clothes for preschoolers at the Head Start Centers in York County as well as individual snacks for snack packs.

Fun:

The Group celebrates at Christmas, and this year we celebrated Christmas in July, and in December we sponsored a bus trip to "Bethlehem Walk" in Richmond.



**Christmas In July/August
to Benefit York County
Head Start Program**