

Special Gifts to Zion Church

In Honor of:

Vernon Hallman by Dennis McAteer

Ellen & Clyde Walters & Pat Threatt by Dianne Martin

Our Sick on prayer list, Kathleen Robinson, Missy Snipes and those having birthdays and anniversaries in July by Horace & Eva Small & Family

In Memory of:

Aunt Bernice by Frances Parris

Kathy Stogner, Douglas Conwell, Sr & Bobby Hartley by Hazel & Terry Robinson

Special Gifts to Building Fund

In Honor of:

Our new pastor, Michael Jarrell and his family and Milburn & Virginia by Horace & Eva Small & Family

Tommy Knight by the Red Rose Seniors

Shannon, Tonya, Will & Aubree by Ken & Lib Preslar

In Memory of:

Jack Rape Love, Peggy Ann & Jackie Knight

Hope in Lancaster is in need of donations for the month of July!

Canned chicken, peanut butter, jelly, canned peas, canned fruit, Vienna sausages, tuna, juice, stuffing mix, rice AND for our diabetic clients: 100% fruit juice, sugar free jelly and oatmeal. Please place your contributions in the vestibule collection box. Donations will be taken weekly to HOPE.

All women of the church are invited to our United Methodist Women's meeting on Tuesday, August 14 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Our guest speaker will be Sally Sherrin, Executive Director of Lancaster County Council on Aging. She has a wealth of knowledge for seniors about services available in Lancaster County. Mark your calendar and join us for an informative meeting. A nursery will be provided.

Senior Adult Outing: Thursday, August 16. we will leave the church at 10:30 am and travel to The Clover Station in Clover for lunch and a brief visit to the conignment shop following lunch. Call Terry, 283-7195 to reserve a seat on the bus.

Our United Methodist Women and ladies of the church provide meals in the event of a death. In the church family. We have worked out a schedule of three groups that will take turns in a rotation to provide the food and monetary donations to help buy supplies and extra meat. If your group is providing a meal, you will be contacted for your contribution or food item. You only need to provide your monetary donation when it is your group's turn on the rotation. If you have any questions, please let Terry Robinson know. Thank you!

Our deepest love and sympathy are extended to Jody Hartley and his family in the death of his father, Bobby Hartley, to Doug Conwell and his family in the death of his father, Douglas Conwell, Sr. and to Mike Rape and his family in the death of his sister in law, Jackie Rape.

Canning season is here!! Are your knives ready for all the prep work – peeling, chopping, slicing?? If you need some new knives, don't forget UMW stock many of your favorite knives such as various paring knives, tomato slicer, other larger knives and choppers. Contact Libby Morris or Missy Snipes for anything you may need.

Coffee and Donut Fellowship: Join us for biscuits, donuts, coffee, juice and milk on Sunday, August 5 at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall.

2018 Tony Neal Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, August 5 during worship.

The Children's Committee is asked to meet on Sunday, August 5 at 5:00 pm in the TFLC. Members are: Dwayne Ray, Chris Massey, Julie Middleton, Courtney Ackerman, Sherrye Ingram, Angie Wood, Cheryl Hayes, Keli Thomas & Laura Overall.

The Youth Committee is asked to meet on Sunday, August 5 at 6:00 pm in the TFLC. Members are: Susan Scott, Missy Snipes, Dale Jenkins, Jill Thompson, Wendy VanDyke, Keli Thomas, Angie Wood, Susan Broughton & Chad Payne.

This Week at Zion

Thursday, July 19

8:00 am Senior Adult Outing, Walking Club

Friday, July 20

8:00 am Walking Club

Saturday, July 21

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

Sunday, July 22

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Worship Committee meeting

Monday, July 23

8:00 am Walking Club

Tuesday, July 24

8:00 am Walking Club

Wednesday, July 25

8:00 am Walking Club

Thursday, July 26

8:00 am Walking Club

Friday, July 27

8:00 am Walking Club

Saturday, July 28

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

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Scripture Focus this week: 2 Sam. 7: 1-14a, Ps. 89: 20-37, Eph. 2: 11-22, Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56. You are invited to continue to read the suggested lectionary Scripture to prepare for Sunday's sermon.

The Worship committee is asked to meet on Sunday, July 22 at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Members are: Diane Rape, Mary Knight, Doreen Catoe, Claudia Hartley, Jill Thompson, Anna Massey, Marion Curtis, Michael Mills and Becky H. Steele.

On Sunday, July 29 Pastor Michael would like to meet with all Sunday school teachers, youth and children's teachers and the Education Committee at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Education Committee members are: Donna Conwell, Brooke Collins, Louise Rutledge, Laura Everall, Myra Funderburk, Susan Scott, Barbara Hall, Tammy Vincent & Pat Threatt.

Senior Adult Luncheon: Our Senior Adult Council is cordially inviting all adults 55 and older to a special luncheon in their honor on Sunday, August 5 following worship in the TFLC. Join us for this wonderful meal and Christian fellowship!

Church Secretary: Our church secretary position at Zion is open. Office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9am-1pm, 16 hours per week. Microsoft office knowledge is preferred, with a strong emphasis in Publisher. For an application for consideration, please contact the church office, 285-3864 or by email, zionumc@comporium.net for an application and job description.

Please pick up your second quarter statement of financial giving in your vestibule mailbox. Thank you!

Visitors on 7/15: Tonya, Shannon, Aubree & Will Rape and Sunni Kennington.

Last Week's Record

Prayers: Are you praying for our church?

Presence:

Present for 7/15 Sunday School 76
Present for 7/15 Morning Worship 111

Gifts:

Needed each week for General Operating Expenses, this includes TFLC mortgage \$5899
Received 7/15 for General Fund \$5130
Received for Building Fund \$563
Received for Needy Fund \$26.79
Received for Tony Neal Scholarship Fund \$10
Received for Community Meal \$15
Received for HOPE \$15

Serving Zion UMC this Sunday

Liturgical Color: Green

Flowers: Mr. & Mrs. Hazel Robinson

Children's Church Volunteer: Angie Wood

11:00 am nursery: volunteers needed

Ushers: Randy Cauthen, Tom Salisbury, Sonny Curtis & Jimmy Neal

Worship opening and closing: Steve McDonald

Musings for July 16, 2018

Being Anxious for Nothing

Last week, I was amid a typical morning in that I got a cup of coffee, read a little bit, and watched some of the news on television. I should have stopped after the first two things and started over, skipping the last part. It was one story after another of violence, political hostility, and generally divisive rhetoric. There was little to nothing being broadcast that did not in some way or another incite a sharp emotional response and attempt to sway a person in one direction or another. I would have been better served I think to go back to my book.

Sometimes I feel like all the news media be it on television, internet, or a plain old newspaper, should have a disclaimer that reads: *Caution – the following news stories can significantly raise your anxiety level.* Nearly every morning, regardless of the medium, I find stories that feel like they are intended to make us nervous or to get us to react strongly one way or another about whatever issue that media provider feels strongly about or thinks we will strongly about. I also find people who watch/read these stories and need meditation, medication, or some other means of reducing their blood pressure and lowering their anxiety.

Yet in the *Sermon on the Mount*, one of the pinnacles of Jesus' teaching while here on earth, Jesus tells his audience, *do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' (Matthew 6:25-31).*

In this, I believe Jesus is clearly trying to help us understand that the worries and cares of this world are taken care of if we choose to live a Kingdom of God lifestyle. This passage, along with the entirety of chapters five, six, and seven, are a way for us to know how to be a part of the Kingdom of Heaven and in doing that, calm ourselves from of the anxiety of the world, putting them aside to focus on the mission of the Kingdom, realizing that God has us, along with the whole of Creation in his hand.

So, watch the news. Just don't need get worked up about it or anything else. You have more than food and clothing, more than the birds of the air and lilies of the field. You children of God and part of his Kingdom.

Pastor Michael

Our Prayer List as of Monday

Gene Blackmon	Elizabeth "Libby"	Horace Small
Nancy Blackmon	Hunter	Freda Snipes
Caleb Catoe	Rick Joyner	Karen Starnes
Buddy Cauthen	Henry Ray Knight	Becky M. Steele
Linda Coker	Lillian McAteer	
Bill Dingler	Linda McAteer	Jim Thomas
Sophia Dixon	Mary Jane McAteer	Edith Threatt
Angie Dobson	Max McDonald	Sarah Pauline Threatt
John Elder	Phyllis Morgan	Mike Vick
Nancy Evatt	Rusty Mosier	Pat Vick
JoAnn Funderburk	Betty Jo Phillips	Sandra Walker
Steve Ghent	Ann Powers	Ellen Walters
Travis Gordon	Vicky Pickett	Qa'Mora Walton
T.R. Grier	Ann Reed	Randy Williams
Bucky Hardin	Bennie Robinson	EmmaGene Wright
JoAnn Hinson	Kathleen Robinson	Kim Yost
Virginia Horton	Bonnie Sears	
Kyle Hudson	Eva Small	