

**Special Gifts to Zion Church
In Honor of:**

Vernon Hallman by Mary P. Knight
Doreen Catoe, EmmaGene Wright & Terry Robinson by Lillian McAteer
Pastor Michael Jarrell and his family by Steve & Susie McDonald
Barbara Catoe by Cheryl Catoe

**Special Gifts to Building Fund
In Honor of:**

Tony Cauthen by Ken & Lib Preslar

In Memory of:

Buddy Cauthen by Ken & Lib Preslar, Peggy Ann & Jackie Knight and Mary P. Knight,
Buddy Cauthen & Jackie Rape by Mike & Diane Rape

Kids & Youth of Zion UMC Back to School Bash/Pool Party will be Sunday August 12th at 5:00 PM at Arrowood Pool – 1209 Craig Ave Lancaster, SC – Please wear Bathing Suit & Bring Towel, Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the fellowship & fun. *Lifeguard will be on duty* Come and join in on the fun!!!!

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.

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 Sherin, 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 then a brief visit to the consignment shops following lunch. Call Terry, 283-7195 to reserve a seat on the bus.

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

Visitors on 7/22: Lee & Carolyn Thornton, Cathy King, Brandon Bowers, Brooke Carroll, Sunni Kennington, and Rick Hammond.

All men of all ages are invited to our United Methodist Men's Breakfast on Sunday, August 19 at 7:45 am in the Men's Rec. Bldg. Join us for breakfast, a devotional and a business meeting.

**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.

With the new school year approaching, here is a Sunday school update: The Toddler Classroom 2s, 3s, & 4s class is taught by Courtney & Nancy Ackerman, The Kindergarten / 1st Grade class is taught by Laura Everall, 2nd & 3rd graders class is taught by Ms Pat Threatt & Jessica Bailey, 4th -6th graders class is taught by Barbara Hall, Miriam Griffin & Diane Rape & the Youth 7th & up class is taught by Steve McDonald. We would love to have your children & youth join us during the Sunday School hour this fall!!!! **Join us for Sunday School!!!!**

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!

The Council on Ministries is asked to meet on Sunday, August 26 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Members are: Keli Thomas, Dianne Sweatt, Missy Snipes, Lisa Lucas, Marion Curtis, Carol Cauthen, Beth Craig, Diane Rape, Laura Everall, Earl Hinson, Myra Funderburk Terry Robinson, Kathryn Hicks & Claudia Hartley.

Our deepest love and sympathy are extended to Tony Cauthen and his family in the death of his father, Buddy Cauthen.

This Week at Zion

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

Sunday, July 29

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Education Committee and all teachers Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 30

8:00 am Walking Club

Tuesday, July 31

8:00 am Walking Club

Wednesday, August 1

8:00 am Walking Club

Thursday, August 2

8:00 am Walking Club

Friday, August 3

8:00 am Walking Club

Saturday, August 4

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

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Scripture Focus this week: 2 Sam. 11: 1-15, Ps. 14, Eph. 3: 14-21, John 6: 1-21. You are invited to continue to read the suggested lectionary Scripture to prepare for Sunday's sermon.

This 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.

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.

Sunday August 5th We will have a Mandatory Meeting for all Look Up Lodge Attendees & their Parents immediately following the worship hour! Please contact Keli Thomas if you are unable to attend this meeting!

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!

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 Everall.

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.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is asked to meet on Sunday, August 5 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Members are: Susan Broughton, Janet Webster, Jeffrey Thomas, Rob Wood, Shawn Thomas, Susan Scott, Tammy Cooper, Marcene Plyler, Judy Humphreys & Laura Everall.

Last Week's Record

Prayers: Are you praying for our church?	
Presence:	
Present for 7/22 Sunday School	62
Present for 7/22 Morning Worship	120
Gifts:	
Needed each week for General Operating Expenses, this includes TFLC mortgage	\$5899
Received 7/22 for General Fund	\$3803.40
Received for Building Fund	\$501
Received for Needy Fund	\$50
Received for Look Up Lodge Registration Fees	\$320
Received for Children's Ministry	\$28
Received for Community Meal	\$312.50

Serving Zion UMC this Sunday

Liturgical Color: Green

Flowers: Ray & Margie Vincent

Children's Church Volunteer: Brooke Collins

11:00 am nursery: volunteers needed

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

Worship opening and closing: Steve McDonald

Musings for July 23, 2018

Seeing beyond the moment

My son loves movies. He loves stories of any kind, especially if he can tell them, but movies are without a doubt his favorite medium. He tends to like franchises (as many of us do) where the story spans across multiple films and into books and comic books. Among his favorite stories is the *Star Wars* saga, and he even likes the prequel trilogy.

For many die-hard fans of the franchise, that last part would be blasphemy. The three movies that George Lucas made in the late nineties and early two thousands that were stamped with the *Star Wars* logo were considered horrible affronts to the original films and garnered only a 55% rating from critics. Listen to some of these comments about the first film in the series, *The Phantom Menace*.

"From the ridiculous title, with those two M's gummily stuck together in the middle, to the uniformly atrocious performances, from the incomprehensible plot to the sluggish pacing, *The Phantom Menace* is an unsalvageable disaster."

"Look, I wanted to love *The Phantom Menace*, too. I was an adolescent boy and would enjoy being one again for a couple of hours. But the movie has a way of deflating all but the most delusional of hopes."

"It is not remotely devoid of value. It's just that none of this value comes from plot, character, or capacity to provide entertainment."

Ouch.

I think after reading many of these reviews and seeing the movies themselves, what people who were critical of the film experienced was let-down. They probably saw the original films, spectacular stories that were at the forefront of film making and special effects at their time and remembered that feeling they had in the moment of seeing it: the awe, the delight, the sheer thrill of something new and exciting that had never really existed before. When the new films came along, which were continuations of an experience they already had, people were not and *could not* be wowed again. They had been there, done that, and worn out the t-shirt.

In our faith life, I think we sometimes suffer from *Star Wars* syndrome: the original experience of faith was great, incredible, a high we would never come down from. Until we did. And then faith became old hat and we began to measure the content of our faith by that one moment or a few moments like it and feel like faith is more of a chore than joy. I believe a lot of this comes from putting too much emphasis on having a big emotional moment and not enough emphasis on spiritual relationship building. We want that high, that intense feeling as a sign or marker that we are doing it right in much the same way that the people of Jesus day – including his disciples – wanted Him to provide them with.

All this reminds me of a saying I heard from Don Miller at a youth conference several years ago. He was talking about the life of Joseph, a life fraught great moments and great disappointment. He said that Christianity was "...not like winning the lottery; it's more like climbing a mountain." Joseph had highs and lows throughout his years, but the one constant for Joseph was that no matter his circumstances, he never forgot God and never took his relationship with God for granted. He took a step at a time and walked with God through everything to the place of saving his family and people from famine.

Yes. We might have big moments, but the life of faith is lived one day at a time, one step at a time, building a day to day, moment to moment relationship with God through understanding the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

So, don't live in the let-down. Keep walking. Keep living. Keep loving God and neighbor. And remember, faith is not found in a big moment; it is a lifetime of moments with God and one another. ~ Pastor Michael

Our Prayer List as of Monday

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