

Special Gifts to Zion Church

In Honor of:

Our Sick, Ellen Walters and those having birthdays and anniversaries in August by Horace & Eva Small & Family

In memory of:

Chuck Byrdic by Judy Hammond

Brandon McAteer by Wanda Murphy

Special Gifts to Building Fund

In Honor of:

Ellen Walters & Emily Salisbury by Lillian McAteer

Jackson & Gabe Massey on their birthdays by Carolyn Massey

Colt Twitty -Happy Birthday Love, PaPa & MiMi

In Memory of:

My friend, Kenny Brown by Darlene Hallman

Special Gifts to the Tony Neal Scholarship Fund

In Memory of:

Buddy Cauthen, Jackie Rape & Bobby Hartley by JoAnne Smith

Special Gifts to Children's Fund

In Memory of:

Tony Neal Love, Laura Overall

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.

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 Trustees are asked to meet on Tuesday, August 28 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Members are:

Shawn Thomas, Max Funderburk, Rock Love, Teresa Evans, Wand Murphy, Tim Steen, Angie Wood, Ralph Craig and Chris Massey.

The family of Bobby Gene Hartley would like to thank Zion's church family for the meals prepared for our family. Mostly for all the prayers and love shown during the loss of our loved one.

~God Bless! Bobby Hartley Family

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 Overall, 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!!!!**

We will have a church wide Clean Up Day on Saturday, September 8 beginning at 8:00 am! Please plan to come out to help prune the shrubs and put out pine straw and spruce up the church grounds in anticipation of Homecoming! Everyone's help is greatly appreciated!!!

Visitors on 8/5: Lee & Carolyn Thornton, Cathy King, Sunni Kennington, Christian Griffin, Eric Broughton, and Brandon Bowers.



This Week at Zion

Thursday, August 9

8:00 am Walking Club

Friday, August 10

8:00 am Walking Club

Saturday, August 11

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

Sunday, August 12

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Back to School Pool Party @ Arrowood pool

Monday, August 13

8:00 am Walking Club

Tuesday, August 14

8:00 am Walking Club

7:00 pm UMW meeting in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 15

8:00 am Walking Club

6:00 pm Community Meal in TFLC

Thursday, August 16

8:00 am Walking Club

10:30 am Senior Adult outing to Clover

Friday, August 17

7:30 am Christian Services Food Pantry

8:00 am Walking Club

Saturday, August 18

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

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Scripture Focus this week: 2 Sam. 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33, Ps. 130, Eph. 4: 25-5:2, John 6: 35, 41-51. You are invited to continue to read the suggested lectionary Scripture to prepare for Sunday's sermon.

We will receive our annual Tony Neal Scholarship Fund offerings on Sunday, August 12 and Sunday, August 19 during worship. Please mark your special offering "Tony Neal".

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!!!!

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 you calendar and join us for an informative meeting. A nursery will be provided.

Community Meal: Invite family, friends, neighbors and those you meet who could benefit from a good meal and join us on Wednesday, August 15 at 6:00 pm in the TFLC.

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.

Zion will host a Christian Services Mobile Food Pantry on Friday, August 17. Volunteers are needed and are asked to arrive by 7:30 am!!!! Thank you to each one who helps in this ministry outreach to those in need!

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.

Last Week's Record

Prayers: Are you praying for our church?

Presence:

Present for 7/29 Sunday School 92
Present for 7/29 Morning Worship 141

Gifts:

Needed each week for General Operating Expenses, this includes TFLC mortgage \$5899
Received 7/29 for General Fund \$5147
Received for Building Fund \$846
Received for Needy Fund \$60
Received for Tony Neal Scholarship Fund \$20
Received for Children's Ministry \$50
Received for Epworth Children's Home \$15
Received for Community Meal \$15
Received for HOPE \$10

Serving Zion UMC this Sunday

Liturgical Color: Green

Flowers: To the Glory of God

11:00 am nursery: volunteers needed

Ushers: Steve Moseley, Steve Duell, David Lindsey & Richie Burn

Worship opening and closing: Hazel Robinson

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 Overall, Earl Hinson, Myra Funderburk Terry Robinson, Kathryn Hicks & Claudia Hartley.

Musings 6 August 2018

Distractions

I sat down at my computer, began opening the usual applications I use and started my day. I usually open Outlook, OneNote, Word, and Amazon Music and start sorting things into order. I usually look at email, deleting half of what's there because it's junk. Occasionally though, something catches my eye and I stop long enough to look at an article or follow a link to read the rest of a story. That's usually a mistake. Reading the article or following the link can lead to following other links and other stories and things that have nothing to do with the original message. Curiosity gets the better of me and I keep following and find that I have wasted half an hour looking at nothing. Simply put, I am distracted.

I feel a similar story is being played out in the Christian story that we as the universal church are telling the world. We get distracted with issues (some important and some not) which by and large red herrings. They look important. We make them sound important. In the end, however, they amount to nothing more than time wasted arguing over something that no one will change their mind about and the real work of the church fails to get done.

What is the real work?

I think you can find it in two passages, Luke 4:18-19 and Matthew 25:31-46. In these two passages we find a mission statement and marching orders. In Luke, Jesus says his mission (and by extension ours as his followers), is to "bring good news to the poor...to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." In Matthew 25, we find part of the how for those things when Jesus says we are to give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit those who are imprisoned. IN doing these things we fulfill the goals of ministering like Jesus and give expression to the greatest commandment. By loving and caring for those that God loves, we show our love both to God and to neighbor and none of it has anything to do with the issues that sidetrack our focus.

Is it just me or is it ironic that I am posting this on Facebook?

~ Pastor Michael

Our Prayer List as of Monday

Gene Blackmon	Hunter	Freda Snipes
Nancy Blackmon	Rick Joyner	Karen Starnes
Caleb Catoe	Henry Ray Knight	Becky M. Steele
Linda Coker	Lillian McAteer	
Bill Dangler	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	
Elizabeth "Libby"	Horace Small	