

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

Ellen & Clyde Walters, Pat Threatt, Wayne & Linda Pardue & Bryan & Donna Walters by Dianne Martin
Greg Smith, Robert Vick & JoAnn Funderburk by Lillian McAteer
Mike & Diane Rape by Dennis Hall
Rick Hammond on his birthday, Janice Bowers on her birthday, Sissy Ghent & Family by Judy Hammond

In Memory of:

Edith Threatt by Dwight & Janice McPherson, Doris M. Harris and Dianne Martin
W.C. Ghent & Frank Thomas by Lillian McAteer
Buddy Cauthen, W.C. Ghent, Vera Payne Catoe & Edith Threatt by Judy Hammond

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

Max & Myra Funderburk by Mary P. Knight
Mike Vick by Carolyn Massey
Tommy Knight, Mike Vick, Marcene & Harris Plyler & Greg Smith by Laura Everall
Lib Preslar, Wayne Pardue & Mike Vick by Ralph & Beth Craig
Ellen Walters, Tommy Knight & Mike Vick by Judy Humphreys

In Memory of:

W.C. Ghent by Marion & Sonny Curtis and Dennis Hall
W.C. Ghent & Mark Jenkins by Laura Everall
Frank Thomas by Judy Humphreys

Kids and Youth of Zion UMC's Fall fundraiser is underway.

They are selling wall calendars, greeting cards, and pocket calendars. These will make great gifts. Wall Calendar—\$7.00, Greeting cards—\$6.00, Pocket Calendar—\$6.00.

Join us at the parsonage on October 13th for Faith, Food, and Film, a time of fellowship for those who love movies. Each month, we will enjoy a potluck dinner (bring a side dish or dessert) and watch a movie together, looking for the places where faith intersects with the story.

Our first film in the Faith, Food, and Film series will be the 1942 Michael Curtiz classic, *Casablanca*. This 1942 film, based on the play *Everybody Comes to Rick's*, stars Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, and Paul Henreid in a story about, *A cynical nightclub owner protects an old flame and her husband from Nazis in Morocco*. *Casablanca* was nominated for eight Academy Awards, winning three for Best Picture, Best Screenplay, and Best Director.

Join us as we enjoy an evening of Food, Faith, and Film on October 13 at 5:30 at the parsonage.”

- Pastor Michael

Our deepest love and sympathy are extended to the family of W.C. Ghent in his death.

Visitor on 9/9/18: Aidan Mullins.

Thank you Zion UMC for your generous donations of classroom supplies. We greatly appreciate your support throughout the year. - **South Middle School Special Education**

Sunday Evening Program Volunteers Week of 9/16:

Kids: Laura Everall & Sherrye Ingram
Jr High: Angie Wood & Brooke Collins
Sr High: Pastor Michael Jarrell, Claudia Hartley, & Chad Payne

Sunday Evening Program Volunteers Week of 9/23

Kids: Keli Thomas
Jr High: Angie Wood & Brooke Collins
Sr High: Pastor Michael Jarrell, Claudia Hartley, & Chad Payne

Sunday Evening Program Volunteers Week of 9/30:

Kids: Laura Everall & Sherrye Ingram
Jr High: Angie Wood & Brooke Collins
Sr High: Pastor Michael Jarrell, Claudia Hartley, & Chad Payne

September Children's Church Volunteers:

9/16 Laura Everall & Brooke Collins
9/23 Angie Wood
9/30 Wendy Vandyke



This Week at Zion

Friday, September 14

8:00 am Walking Club

Saturday, September 15

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

Sunday, September 16

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

12:00 pm Church wide covered dish meal

5:00 pm Kids & Youth Classes

6:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Monday, September 17

8:00 am Walking Club

Tuesday, September 18

8:00 am Walking Club

Wednesday, September 19

8:00 am Walking Club

6:00 pm Community Meal

Thursday, September 20

8:00 am Walking Club

Friday, September 21

8:00 am Walking Club

Saturday, September 22

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

Zion United Methodist Church

1665 Zion Road
Lancaster SC 29720

Address Service Requested

**U.S. POSTAGE
PAID**

LANCASTER, SC 29720
NON-PROFIT ORG.

**BULK RATE
PERMIT NO. 17**

Church Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00AM - 1:00PM
Church Office (803) 285-3864 Pastor cell: (859)475-8800

Pastor's email: lmjarrell@umcsc.org

Church Secretary email: zionoffice@comporium.net

Financial Secretary email: zionumc@comporium.net

Visit our website: www.zionumc.com



Scripture Focus this week: Prov. 1 : 20-33, Ps. 19, James 3: 1-12, Mark 8: 27-38. You are invited to continue reading the suggested lectionary Scripture to prepare for Sunday's sermon.

Please note: *There will not be a UM Men's Breakfast this month.*

Homecoming is Sunday, September 16, at 11:00 am with a covered dish meal immediately following the worship service. Everyone is asked to bring a well filled basket and drinks to share in the meal and enjoy a great time of fellowship.

Community Meal: Invite family, friends, neighbors and those you meet who could benefit from a good meal and join us on **Wednesday, September 19, at 6:00 pm** in the TFLC.

Apple Picking Trip: Thursday, September 27. The senior adults will leave the church at 8:00 am and travel to Granddad's Apples in Hendersonville. Please eat breakfast before you come. After our stop for apples, we will have lunch at The Moose Café and then go to the Farmer's Market. Call Terry at 283-7195 to reserve a seat on the bus.

Our Annual Fall Yard Sale will be Friday, October 5th and Saturday, October 6th from 7 am—11 am in the TFLC to benefit our building fund. Please, no big TVs and no donations after Wednesday night. We welcome help with the clean up on Saturday when the sale is over at 11 am!! Thank you to each of you for your support of this event that benefits our building fund.

Musings ~

The Mortality of St. Francis

I love interesting gifts. One year for either my birthday or Christmas (it's easy to confuse them since they are close together), my wife got me a subscription to *The Mysterious Package Company*, an ongoing thematic mystery with puzzles and a year-long mystery to solve. This past year, during my ordination, my in-laws gave me a reproduction of a painting originally created by Francisco de Zurbaran called *St. Francis Contemplating a Skull*. In it, the great saint is walking about, holding a skull in his hands, staring down into the grim face. At first glance it can look a little unnerving to some but this type of painting and the idea behind it has a long history.

Death, like taxes, is an inevitability. In the ancient and medieval world, and even today for those in poverty, death is a constant specter, walking along the edges of people's lives, waiting for the moment to come. *Skulls also had religious significance, of course, because the contemplation of death as a spiritual exercise was recommended by the Jesuits and would be enhanced by the use of a skull, especially apparent to us in iconographic symbolism that survives.*¹ Monks, as they prepared to take their vows, would walk through a monastery carrying a skull while reflecting on the lives of saints, the fragility of life, and other considerations related to them. They would consider these things as a part of making the vow to become servants of an eternal God while they themselves were finite mortals.

This sort of thing makes me wonder. In our drive to live out our own versions of the American Dream – the house, the kids, the career, all the other considerations – I wonder if we stop to think of the things we may be missing, if we fail to reflect on the nature of life and death, the nature of truly living. Do we stop long enough in the rush to set up the end of our lives to enjoy the part of life that exists before that? Sure, we all have to find some way of providing for ourselves and our families but what are we doing outside of that? How are we growing and preparing our minds and souls to enjoy life now as well as later?

Stop. Smell roses. Take walks. Have conversations. Live a life that is truly living in the midst of the 'necessities'.

Pastor Michael

¹ <https://www.press.uchicago.edu/Misc/Chicago/423296.html>

Last Week's Record

Prayers: Are you praying for our church?

Presence:

Present for 9/9 Sunday School 88
Present for 9/9 Morning Worship 134

Gifts:

Needed each week for General Operating Expenses, this includes TFLC mortgage \$5899
Received 9/9 for General Fund \$4909.80
Received for Building Fund \$891.50
Received for Needy Fund \$31
Received for Epworth Children's Home \$206

Serving Zion UMC this Sunday

Liturgical Color: Green

Flowers: Mr. & Mrs. Scott Phillips

11:00 am Nursery: volunteers needed

Children's Church volunteers: Laura Everall & Brooke Collins

Ushers: Tommy Middleton, Tim Steen, Steve McDonald, Mike Rape

Worship opening and closing: Tom Salisbury

Our Prayer List as of Monday

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