

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

**Bethany Hayes on her birthday and Horace & Eva Small** Love,  
Your family

**In Memory of:**

**Bernice Knight** by Wanda Murphy  
**Kim Cauthen** by Judy Hammond

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

**Keli, Shaw and Colton** Love, Laura "MiMi" Everall  
**Hazel & Terry Robinson, Billy Sweatt, Ryan Griffin & Mike Vick**  
– *thank you!* by Mary P. Knight  
**Sue Catoe & Robert Vick** by Carolyn Massey

**In Memory of:**

**Jack Estridge** by Laura Everall  
**Ronnie Gay** by Ryan & Miriam Griffin  
**W.C. Ghent & Jack Estridge** by Barbara S. Hall, Teresa & Kelly  
Evans, Jeffrey Thomas,  
**W.C. Ghent** by Carolyn Massey

**BIRTHDAY CLUB  
Judy Hammond**

**The Lay Leadership (nominations) Committee is asked to meet on Sunday, October 14 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall.** Committee members are Pastor Michael, Myra Funderburk, Susan Scott, Teresa Evans, Marcene Plyler, Jimmy Neal, Janet Webster, Dennis Hall, Margie Vincent, and Beverly Knox.

**Community Meal:** Invite family, friends, neighbors, and those you meet who could benefit from a good meal to join us on **Wednesday, October 17, at 6:00 pm in the TFLC.**

**Zion will host a Christian Services Food Drop on Friday, October 19.** Volunteers need to be at the church by 7:45 am.

**Annual Missions BAZAAR**

**Saturday, November 3rd from 8am-1pm**

It's time to begin planning for our UMW Annual Bazaar. There are many ways you can help with this event. You can:

- Save your mayo jars and lids for the soup
- Make soup—we will need a lot of it!
- Craft or help one of our crafters buy supplies
- Bake! All baked goods sell well
- Help buy the sausage and ham
- Bring items needed to make cornbread
- Help with set up and clean up afterwards
- Pray! Please pray for this event! When Zion prays things happen!

Everyone is asked and encouraged to help! We also have spots available for vendors so please help spread the word! Please contact the church office by calling or email for vendor information or visit the church website, [zionumc.com](http://zionumc.com). All proceeds from the Bazaar will go to help those in need!

**This Week at Zion**

**Friday, October 5**

7:00 am Annual Fall Yard Sale  
8:00 am Walking Club

**Saturday, October 6**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group  
7:00 am Annual Fall Yard Sale

**Sunday, October 7**

9:30 am Coffee & Donut Fellowship  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship  
3:00 pm Pumpkin Patch @ Craig's  
5:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting in FH  
5:00 pm Kids & Youth Classes  
6:00 pm Youth Council Meeting in TFLC  
6:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Monday, October 8**

8:00 am Walking Club

**Tuesday, October 9**

8:00 am Walking Club  
7:00 pm United Methodist Women's Meeting

**Wednesday, October 10**

8:00 am Walking Club

**Thursday, October 11**

8:00 am Walking Club

**Friday, October 12**

8:00 am Walking Club

**Saturday, October 13**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group  
5:30 pm Faith, Food, & Film @ Parsonage

**Zion United Methodist Church**

1665 Zion Road  
Lancaster SC 29720

*Address Service Requested*

**Jr. High Youth Fun @ the Bridges** 5943 Pageland Hwy, Lancaster, SC, **Sunday, October 21.** We will meet at Zion at 3:15 and return by 6:00 pm. Join us for fishing, games, fun, food, and devotionals. Bring your fishing gear if you plan on fishing.

**All men of all ages are invited to our United Methodist Men's Breakfast Sunday, October 21 at 7:45 am in the Men's Rec. Bldg. Join us for breakfast, devotional, and a business meeting.**

**Finance Committee is asked to meet Sunday, October 21, at 7:00 pm in the TFLC.** The members are Susie McDonald, Dennis Hall, Keli Thomas, Rock Love, Laura Everall, Missy Snipes, Judy Humphreys, Rob Wood, Doreen Catoe, Beverly Knox.

**There will be a Worship Committee Meeting Sunday, October 21, at 4pm in the fellowship hall.** Members are Diane Rape, Mary Knight Doreen Catoe, Claudia Harlley, Jill Thompson, Anna Massey, Marion Curtis, Michael Mills, and Becky Steele.



**The Kids & Youth of Zion are Hosting a TACKLE HUNGER Canned Food Drive this Fall!** Zion Congregation & Church Family start stocking UP. The Gamecock & Tiger End zones are in the Vestibule of Zion, and ready for your donations! The canned food drive will last through Sunday, November 18th.

**Now is a Fantastic Time to Start Shopping for our Annual Shoe Box Collection** - We will have a packing date at church one Sunday evening! Please allow your kiddos & youth to "Shop"! This website has some great packing ideas Cans & Can'ts <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

**Save the Date for Zion's Annual Fall Festival, Carnival Games & Trunk or Treat Wednesday October 31st** BBQ & Hot Dog Plates, Carnival Games, Bingo, Costume Contest & Trunk or Treat! Starts at 5:00 PM 1665 Zion Rd Lancaster, SC 29720

**Visitors on 9/30: Ember Estridge, Travis Hawkins, Emily Tucker, Abby Hinson, Henlee Sistare and Emily Darling**

**Unity VFD BBQ Saturday, October 6 at 11 am.** Plates and pounds \$8 each. Sandwiches \$4 each. Plates include choice of pulled pork or chicken halves. Debit and credit cards accepted. For details, call 803-285-7934.

**Our Prayer List as of Monday**

Gene Blackmon	Kyle Hudson	Horace Small
Nancy Blackmon	Elizabeth "Libby"	Freda Snipes
Caleb Catoe	Hunter	Karen Starnes
Sue Catoe	Rick Joyner	Becky M. Steele
Ada Chapman	Henry Ray Knight	Jim Thomas
Linda Coker	Tommy Knight	Sarah Pauline Threatt
Bill Dangler	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	
Virginia Horton	Eva Small	

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**Church Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00AM - 1:00PM**  
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**Visit our website: [www.zionumc.com](http://www.zionumc.com)**

**Scripture Focus this week:** Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Ps. 26 or Ps. 25, Heb. 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16. You are invited to continue reading the suggested lectionary Scripture to prepare for Sunday's sermon.

**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.

**Coffee and Donut Fellowship:** Join us for biscuits, donuts, coffee, juice and milk **Sunday, October 7 at 9:30 am** in the fellowship hall.

**Pumpkin Patch & Fall Treats at the Craig's, 1745 Zion Road, Sunday, October 7, 3:00– 4:30 pm.** Ralph and Beth will be hosting a fun event for kids up to 6th grade—please plan to attend.

**Youth Council Meeting Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Thompson Family Life Center** – Members are Susan Scott, Missy Snipes, Dale Jenkins, Jill Thompson, Wendy Vandyke, Keli Thomas, Angie Wood, Susan Broughton, and Chad Payne.

**Missions Committee is asked to meet Sunday, October 7th at 5pm in the fellowship hall.** Members are Judy Humphreys, Angie Wood, Tom Salisbury, Earl Hinson, Terry Robinson, Diane Aartun, Cheryl Hayes, Carolyn Massey, JoAnn Hinson, and Clyde Walters.

**All women of the church are invited to our United Methodist Women's meeting on Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Libby Morris will present the program on Breast Cancer awareness. A nursery will be provided.**

**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 movie will be the classic film, *Casablanca*.

**Your are invited to a baby shower in honor of Keli Lathan Thomas on Sunday, October 14 from 2:30 –4 pm in the TFLC.** They are registered at Buy Buy Baby, Target, and Amazon... IT'S A GIRL!!

**Last Week's Record**

**Prayers:** Are you praying for our church?

**Presence:**

Present for 9/30 Sunday School 78

Present for 9/30 Morning Worship 129

**Gifts:**

Needed each week for General Operating Expenses, this includes TFLC mortgage \$5899

Received 9/30 for General Fund \$3813.50

Received for Building Fund \$946.20

Received for Community Meal \$274

**Serving Zion UMC this Sunday**

**Liturgical Color:** Green

**Flowers:** Barbara Hall & Carolyn Massey

**11:00 am Nursery:** volunteers needed

**Children's Church volunteers:** Courtney & Nancy Ackerman

**Ushers:** Larry Parr, Chad Payne, Ray Ingram, & Billy Sweat

**Worship opening and closing:** Steve McDonald

**Sunday Evening Program Volunteers:**

Kids: Keli Thomas & Hannah Steen

Jr High: Angie Wood & Brooke Collins

Sr High: Pastor Michael Jarrell, Claudia Hartley, & Chad Payne

**Musings ~Distracted Faith**

My first iPhone was an iPhone 4, a step or two down from the most current one of the times but a leap forward from the old flip-phone I had at the time. The world as I knew it was now at my fingertips. I had email, social media, internet, camera/video recorder, and office applications all at my fingertips. I could do almost anything I wanted to from this thin little device in my pocket that had more computing power than the first four computers I owned combined. It was a glorious watershed moment in a personal communications sense.

And a supreme distraction.

With each new iteration of the phone came more apps, more ways to connect, more things you had to have to stay current and connected with the world around you. If you wanted to connect to Boomers use Facebook. Gen Xers? Use Twitter. Younger generations? Instagram and SnapChat. For those of us in the pastorate, it seems like the only way to connect and stay connected is to constantly be finding the next app, next phone, next...

And I'm tired of it.

Maybe I'm getting old (wait, forty-five isn't old is it?). Maybe I'm just slowing down. The truth is, I feel distracted. I feel like if I put my phone down for more than a few minutes, someone might call me, someone might send me a message, someone might post an earth-shattering post about church life or someone's health status or...The thing is, I grew up with a rotary dial phone in the kitchen, and then a push button phone. My best friend's number was 942-8033 and my cousin's number was 295-0806 (I think). I didn't check my status every five minutes or post Instagram photos of my scrambled eggs on Saturday mornings. I was outside in the yard or the woods. I spent the night in tree houses. I lived outside a 4 inch screen.

But now, I am distracted and to the point that I can't even enjoy some of my favorite things – reading a good book, drawing or painting a picture, playing guitar – without feeling like it must have a greater purpose. Maybe it's just me (maybe I am old), but I feel like I am lost in a sea of technology.

I think sometimes our faith feels this way. We feel like we have to do a Bible study to prove we are seriously studying God's word. We feel like we have to be inundated with the latest and greatest Christian tech or music or whatever. We feel like we have to be getting something out of every church service, every class, every event or it's not quality driven enough to make it worthwhile. And in the process of chasing Christianity as we think we know it, we miss the Christ, the relationship that should be the foundation for our practice of faith together. We forget what it is to be still and know that He is God or just know God beyond the words of a rote prayer.

I have no idea what the next, latest, greatest gadget will be. But I do know that it will be no substitute for real relationships, with God or with others. May we always remember the value of conversation with God, time spent in simple meditation on the Word, and real, honest connection with real people.

(P.S. – I'm not giving up my phone, but I will be a little more judicious in how I use it.)