

**Special Gifts to Zion Church**

**In Honor of:**

**Ellen and Clyde Walters, Wayne and Linda Pardue, Betty Crook, Pat Threatt and all "Bog" workers** by Dianne Martin

**Special Gifts to Building Fund**

**In Honor of:**

**Lillian McAteer** by Ralph and Beth Craig

**In Memory of:**

**Margaret and Vance Threatt and Sallye Estridge** by Dianne Martin

**Special Gifts to Chicken Bog Supplies**

**In Honor of:**

**Henry Brunson and the Cooks for Christ and all who help with the Bog in any way. Thank you!** By Mary P. Knight

**In Memory of:**

**Peggy Knight** by Tommy Knight

**CHICKEN BOG FUNDRAISER**

**Friday, February 22, 2019**

**Zion's Thompson Family Life Center**

**1665 Zion Road, Lancaster, SC**

**Lunch 11 am - 2 pm Dinner 4 pm - 7 pm**

**Menu: Chicken bog, green beans, slaw & bread**

**Donation: \$8.00 per plate. Eat in or take out**

**Proceeds to benefit Zion United Methodist Church Building Fund**

**Large selection of baked goods will be for sale!!**

**Tickets now available!!!**

**The Jr & Sr High Youth will have a Winter Retreat weekend at Springmaid Mtn. March 1st-3rd.** Angie Wood & Brooke Collins will be leading the weekend! Sign up today with Angie 803-416-6252 or Brooke 803-288-0510! The cost per youth/adult will be \$40. The retreat is open to all active Youth of Zion (no friends for this bonding retreat). A fun outing of snow tubing will be Saturday. Details to come.

**The Children's Committee is asked to meet Sunday March 10th at 5 PM in the TFLC.** The members are: Courtney Ackerman, Sherrye Ingram, Angie Wood, Cheryl Hayes, Keli Thomas, Laura Everall, Margie Vincent, & Jeffrey Thomas.

**The Kids of Zion will host our annual Church-wide Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt Sunday April 7th 3:00-5:00 PM more details to come!**

**This Week at Zion**

**Friday, February 15**

8:00 am Walking Club

**Saturday, February 16**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

**Sunday, February 17**

7:45 am United Methodist Men's Breakfast

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Kids & Youth classes

6:00 pm Chancel Choir practice

7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting

**Monday, February 18**

8:00 am Walking Club

**Tuesday, February 19**

8:00 am Walking Club

**Wednesday, February 20**

8:00 am Walking Club

**Thursday, February 21**

Chicken Bog Work Day

**Friday, February 22**

Chicken Bog Fundraiser Day

**Saturday, February 23**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

**The Chicken Bog committee is working hard on the plans for our Bog on Friday, February 22.** Particular amounts and pounds of each food item and supplies are needed for this event. This year marks our 14th Chicken Bog fundraiser and each year, your financial contribution towards the expense costs have enabled us to make the Bog a more profitable project. If you would like to contribute towards expenses, please mark your special contribution "Chicken Bog Supplies". Thank you!!

**Quilt Raffle**

A beautiful queen size quilt has been made and donated by Myra Funderburk to be raffled off and the proceeds are to benefit this year's Chicken Bog supplies. The quilt is in the sunshine and shadows pattern in shades of blue. Tickets are \$1 dollar each. Beth Craig will have tickets available this Sunday in the vestibule. If you would be willing to sell tickets, it would be greatly appreciated! Drawing will be May 14.

**Visitor on 2/10/2019: Mitchell Montgomery.**

**Lay Servant Ministries Classes will be:**

Saturday, March 16, 2019

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 17, 2019

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Hosted by:

First United Methodist Church

124 Bethel Street

Clover, SC 29710

Reverend Tommy Wilkes

**If anyone is interested in attending classes, please contact Pastor Michael.**

**Thank you to All who supported our Sharing God's Love Mission project,** we successfully filled 250 bags and delivered them to the Lancaster county special needs classrooms.

**The Kids of Zion are in NEED of Children's Church Volunteers,** we serve on a monthly rotation during the 11 AM Worship hour, please contact Keli Thomas for additional details.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*  
Psalm 51:10

**Zion United Methodist Church**

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Lancaster SC 29720

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**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**

**Unity Fire Dept Chicken & Pork BBQ Saturday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>  
\$8 Plates and Pounds**

**All men of all ages are invited to our United Methodist Men's breakfast on Sunday, February 17 at 7:45 am** in the Men's Rec. Bldg. Join us for breakfast, a devotional, and business meeting.

**This Sunday, February 17 is Needy Fund Sunday.** All loose offering received in the offering plates will be given to the Needy Fund.

**The Worship Committee is asked to meet on Sunday, February 17 at 7pm in the fellowship hall.** The members are: Claudia Hartley, Jill Thompson, Anna Massey, Marion Curtis, Michael Mills, Becky H. Steele, Carolyn Massey, Pat Threatt, & Jeffrey Thomas.

**It's Chicken Bog time!! Thursday, February 21** is our annual workday! Every one is invited to join us as we prepare for our Chicken Bog fundraiser on **Friday, February 22.** We need everyone's help to make this event a success so please join us!

**The Missions Committee is asked to meet Sunday, February 24 at 5pm in the fellowship hall.** The members are: Terry Robinson, Diane Aartun, Cheryl Hayes, Carolyn Massey, JoAnn Hinson, Clyde Walters, Earl Hinson, & Angie Wood.

**Hopewell United Methodist Men invite you to their 18th annual Christian Men's Fellowship Saturday, March 2 at 5pm.** Meal begins at 5 with worship at 6:15. Music by: Mt. Nebo Baptist Men's Choir, Message by: Rev. Dr. Rodney Powell, Pastor of St. John's UMC Rock Hill, SC. (Spouses welcome!)

**Please join us for a Bridal Shower honoring Kristina Humphries & Dwayne Ray Sunday March 10th 2:30-4:00 in the TFLC.** The couple is registered at Belk & Target or have suggested Wal-Mart & Home Depot Gift Cards for their new home.

**Last Week's Record**

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

**Presence:**

Present for 2/10 Sunday School 74  
Present for 2/10 Morning Worship 98

**Gifts:**

Needed each week for General Operating Expenses, this includes TFLC mortgage \$5884  
Received 2/10 for General Fund \$4502  
Received for Building Fund \$784  
Received for Needy Fund \$65  
Received for Epworth Children's Home \$120  
Received for Chicken Bog Supplies Quilt raffle \$41  
Received for Chicken Bog Ticket Sales \$934  
Received for Chicken Bog Bake Sale \$28  
Received for Chicken Bog supplies \$350

**Serving Zion UMC this Sunday**

**Liturgical Color:** Green

**Flowers:** To the Glory of God

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

**Children's Church volunteers:** Laura Everall & Brooke Collins

**Ushers:** Steve Mosley, Steve Duell, David Lindsey, & Richie Burn

**Worship Opening and Closing:** Hazel Robinson

**Sunday Evening Program Volunteers:**

Kids: Laura Everall & Sherrye Ingram

Jr & Sr High: Angie Wood, Brooke Collins, & Claudia Hartley

**Musings ~ The Numbers Game**

"How many are you running?"

If I have heard this question once in the past ten years, I have heard it a thousand times. It usually comes from ministers whose churches are growing at the time and they want to compare 'their ministry' to others who are either not growing or have grown to mega church status. That number for some ministers is the equivalent of showing off an expensive watch or a new car for other comparative minded people. The person asking the question wants you to know that they have found some hidden gem of a strategy or tried some new method that they learned or simply got lucky because the other church in town is having problems and all their members are coming to that minister's church now. I also hear church members from time to time either getting excited about or lamenting the situation because 'the people are coming back' or 'everyone is missing' and being alternately excited or panicked.

Here are a few things that I believe about attendance. One, it is simply a number, the number of people gathered in one place at a given time. I do not believe that number is the measure of the effectiveness of a church. I have been on staff at large churches, small churches, and some congregations that were smaller than the average Sunday school class. The effectiveness of the congregation (what the congregation contributes to ministry in the church and community) has had nothing to do with the number. Two, I believe that effectiveness is directly proportional to the commitment churches have to being disciples - that is believing and *living out their beliefs* in the church and *community*. I have seen mega churches more stagnant than still pond water and small, out of the way congregations lead communities to change; the difference - making the commitment to discipleship (learning the Way of Jesus and acting on or living out that Way in the world around you). As a pastor I would rather have a church of sixty committed people, living out their faith than six thousand pew sitters. Finally, attendance naturally fluctuates. People get sick and the flu runs rampant through the church. Sports season happens and parents take their families around the region or the country playing on 'traveling teams'. Summer hits and people go on vacation. Every church, mega or otherwise, sees these fluctuations. It looks more serious in smaller congregations, but it happens everywhere.

Ask yourself this question: Am I being a disciple, believing and acting on my belief? If the answer is yes, then trust in God through the Holy Spirit to work in your life and the lives around you. I believe that people are drawn to genuineness and will recognize the Spirit of God in you and want to be a part of what you are doing. If the answer is no, the next question should be why not?

Pastor Michael

**Our Prayer List as of Monday**

Gene Blackmon	Virginia Horton	Greg Smith
Nancy Blackmon	Libby Hunter	JoAnne Smith
Marion Boswell	Melinda Hunter	Freda Snipes
Carol Boyles	Rick Joyner	Karen Starnes
Randy Boyles	Henry Ray Knight	Becky M. Steele
Caleb Catoe	Tommy Knight	Jim Thomas
Sue Catoe	Lillian McAteer	Sarah Pauline Threatt
Linda Coker	Linda McAteer	Barbara Vick
Sandra Cope	Mary Jane McAteer	Mike Vick
Bill Dingler	Ralph McAteer	Pat Vick
Sophia Dixon	Max McDonald	Robert Vick
Angie Dobson	Tammy McMillian	Sandra Walker
Bill Dunn	Dessie McWaters	Ellen Walters
John Elder	Phyllis Morgan	Qa'Mora Walton
Ashley Fort	Rusty Mosier	Randy Williams
JoAnn Funderburk	Betty Jo Phillips	EmmaGene Wright
Sam Funderburk	Ann Powers	Kim Yost
Steve Ghent	Vicky Pickett	Our President & Troops
Travis Gordon	Ann Reed	
T.R. Grier	Bennie Robinson	
BJ Griffin	Kathleen Robinson	
Ovedia Griffin	Bonnie Sears	
JoAnn Hinson	Eva Small	
Chuck Hopper	Horace Small	