

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

Ruby Steele & Andy Rollings by Frances Parris
Ruby Steele by Tammy Vincent

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

JoAnne Smith and Mike & Barbara Vick by Mike & Diane Rape
Ellen Walters by Tommy Knight
Ellen Walters, Pat Vick, JoAnne Smith & Barbara Catoe by Hazel & Terry Robinson
Barbara Catoe by Della, Love you!
EmmaGene Wright, Ellen Walters & Sue Catoe by Margie Vincent

In Memory of:

Ruby Steele by Mike & Diane Rape, Peggy Ann Knight, Hazel & Terry Robinson and Margie Vincent
"Loved Ones" by Becky & Jack
In loving memory of Peggy Knight on her birthday by Margie Vincent

Shoebboxes for Seniors in Lancaster County

We are collecting shoeboxes for Seniors! This shoebox for Seniors project is sponsored by the Lancaster County Council on Aging and gifts will be distributed to the approximately 400 seniors that are served in Lancaster County. If you would like to donate a gift bag, please place your donations in a Christmas gift bag and place in the vestibule by **Sunday, December 9**. Suggestions for shoebox items are: scarves, toboggans, gloves, socks, lap blankets, lotion, powders, deodorant, shampoo, Vaseline, toothpaste, toothbrush, Efferdent/Fixodent, chap stick, towels, washcloths, soap, dryer sheets, dishwashing detergent, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet tissue, cookies, sugar free candy, microwave popcorn, fruit cups, pudding, shoehorn, claw grabber (to get cans off high shelves), crossword puzzle books, word search books, stamps, envelopes, ink pens/pencils, cards (get-well, sympathy, & birthday) for seniors to send to others.

All men of all ages are invited to our United Methodist Men's Breakfast Sunday, December 16 at 7:45 am in the Men's Rec. Bldg. Join us for breakfast, devotional, and a business meeting.

ATTENTION: The Jr. High class will be having a Christmas party in the TFLC Sunday, **December 16 from 5-7 pm.**

Poinsettias may be placed in the church on Sunday, December 16, and Sunday, December 23. If you wish to place a poinsettia, please purchase them and bring to the church on the 16th. If you would like to place the flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please give this information to the church office by Tuesday, December 11. Thank you!

The Youth are sponsoring luminaries that will line the walkways on the night of our Annual Christmas Eve service on Monday, December 24th. You may place luminaries in honor or memory of loved ones for \$2 each. Please pick up a luminary form from the vestibule & submit completed forms & donations to Angie Wood or Keli Thomas by **Wednesday, December 19th.** Luminary orders may also be emailed to thomas_keli@yahoo.com

Visitors on 11/25: Larry & Debby Wood.

This Week at Zion

Friday, November 30

8:00 am Walking Club
6:00 pm Kids of Zion Craft Night

Saturday, December 1

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

Sunday, December 2

9:30 am Coffee & Donut Fellowship in TFLC
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship
12:00 pm Hobo Dinner
5:15 pm Chancel Choir Practice
6:00 pm Children's Christmas Play

Monday, December 3

8:00 am Walking Club

Tuesday, December 4

8:00 am Walking Club
Wednesday, December 5

8:00 am Walking Club

Thursday, December 6

8:00 am Walking Club

Friday, December 7

8:00 am Walking Club

Saturday, December 8

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group
2-4 pm Drop In for Robert Vick

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER!

12/2	Robert Vick	12/17	Glenda Love
	B. J. Griffin		Joey Horne
	Amanda Johnson		Dianne Martin
12/3	Nancy Ackerman	12/18	Mike McKenna
12/4	Sherri Whitley	12/19	Nicole Faile
12/8	Brandon Belk	12/21	Tori Craig
12/9	Janet Webster	12/22	Natalie Burrack
	Wayne Steele, Jr.		Michael Jarrell
12/10	Micah Hayes	12/23	Frances Parris
12/11	Tommy Knight	12/25	Miriam Griffin
	Lena Everall	12/26	David Hayes
	Analeigh Johnson	12/27	Wayne Pardue
12/13	Barbara Catoe		Chad Payne
	Patrick Moree	12/28	Randy Walker
12/14	Steve McDonald	12/29	Casey Hall
12/15	Melody McKenna		Ralph McAteer
	Nolan McKenna		EmmaGene Wright
12/16	Lisa Phillips		Michelle Pardue
	Danny Ackerman	12/30	Kenneth Taylor
12/16	Kim Ford		Jeff Moree, Jr.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN DECEMBER!

12/3	Mr. & Mrs. Jackie Knight
12/8	Mr. & Mrs. B.J. Griffin
12/18	Mr. & Mrs. Max Funderburk
12/21	Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Walters
12/22	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Steele
12/29	Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Middleton
	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mills

The Kids & Youth of Zion UMC will present to YOU ~ "The Christmas Express" this Sunday December 2nd at 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center! We will have our church wide Christmas Party and a special visit from Santa. Everyone is invited to bring sandwiches, chips, cookies, and finger foods immediately following our Program! **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE HAS CHANGED!!**



BIRTHDAY CLUB
In memory of Don Humphreys
By Libby, JoJo & Alicia

Zion United Methodist Church

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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: Jer. 33: 14-16, Ps. 25: 1-10, 1 Thess. 3: 9-13, Luke 21: 25-36. You are invited to continue reading the suggested lectionary Scripture to prepare for Sunday's sermon.

Annual Christmas Craft Night will be held Friday November 30th 6:00-8:00 - I would like to get an estimated "head count" - If you plan for your Kiddos to attend please sign up with Keli Thomas :) We will have Dinner together & "create" FUN Christmas crafts!

Coffee and Donut Fellowship: Join us for donuts, biscuits, coffee, juice, and milk on Sunday, **December 2 at 9:30 am in the TFLC.**

UMM HOBO DINNER FUNDRAISER: Sunday, December 2, 2018 Zion's Thompson Family Life Center. Menu: pinto beans, potatoes, cabbage, pork loin, cornbread, dessert & drink. Donation: Adults & youth 12 & older: \$6.00, ages 6-11 \$4.00, under 6 free. Eat in or take out! Tickets will be available at the door.

"Saturday, December 8th is Bishop's Day at Mt. Holly UMC. The event will be 9:00am-12:30pm. The conference is asking that each pastor is to bring a team of 5-6 laity, including a youth, young adult or someone whose voice will be new to your leadership team. The day will be a day of Hope and each church is invited to plan a hope experiment in their community this Lent/Easter. If you would like to join in, let me know by Dec. 2.
Pastor Michael

Help us celebrate Robert Vick's 95th birthday! There will be a drop-in honoring him in the TFLC on Saturday, December 8 from 2-4 pm. **ATTENTION: NO GIFTS PLEASE**

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee is asked to meet Sunday, December 9, at 4 pm in the fellowship hall. The members are Pastor Jarrell, Susan Broughton, Janet Webster, Jeffrey Thomas, Rob Wood, Shawn Thomas, Susan Scott, Tammy Cooper, Marcene Plyler, Judy Humphreys, and Laura Everall.

Toys for Tots: Faith Bible Sunday School class will again be collecting toys for needy children thru **December 9.** As you do your Christmas shopping, please don't forget this collection! The list for the toys is long! For questions or suggestions, please call Dianne Sweatt, 804-1602. New or good used items are both appreciated. Donations can be placed in the Faith classroom in the Educational Building.

The Adult /Family Ministry invites you to New Hope Baptist Church for their Singing Christmas Tree, Live Nativity, Luminary Walk, & Refreshments on Monday, December 10 at 6pm. Anyone interested in going, please contact Beth Craig.

Last Week's Record

Prayers: Are you praying for our church?
Presence:
Present for 11/25 Sunday School 67
Present for 11/25 Morning Worship 109
Gifts:
Needed each week for General Operating Expenses, this includes TFLC mortgage \$5899
Received 11/25 for General Fund \$3038.89
Received for Building Fund \$864.50

Serving Zion UMC this Sunday

Liturgical Color: Purple

Flowers: Max & Myra Funderburk

11:00 am Nursery: volunteers needed

Children's Church volunteers: Courtney & Nancy Ackerman

Ushers: Billy Sweat, Dale Jenkins, JoJo Morris, & Mike Rape

Worship opening and closing: Tom Salisbury

Sunday Evening Program Volunteers:

NO EVENING CLASSES DUE TO CHRISTMAS PLAY

Musings ~Changing Colors

Every morning for the past few weeks, I have noticed the leaves as I drive along the back roads around Lancaster County. The reds, oranges, yellows, and browns are something I missed while living out west since most of the trees in the areas where I lived were evergreens and fall usually only lasted for a short time before the snows started. The brilliant colors and how they change through the year from tiny green buds to fully formed leaves to the beautiful colors of autumn brought to mind a change that happens in us.

My wife is fond of the term 'growth mindset'. It means seeing anything and everything that happens in life as an opportunity to grow rather than a setback. When you look at the trees and their leaves, they go through a constant cycle: trees sprout from seeds, the leaves grow out, seeds from the blooms grow and fall off, and new trees grow and start the process of their own. We as disciples go through a similar process: we answer the call of God and begin our journey (budding); we grow in our faith (growing up); we help to make disciples (drop seeds); and we continue on the journey. All the while, we are being changed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, growing as a tree grows through seasons and creating little trees around it.

Our question this week is, where are we in our growth process? Sprouting up? Growing leaves? Dropping seeds? More importantly, are we growing at all.

Pastor Michael

All women of the church are invited to our Christmas party and meeting on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The turkey and ham are being provided and everyone is asked to bring side dishes to share in the meal. Also, spouses are invited!

Community Meal: Invite family, friends, neighbors, and those you meet who could benefit from a good meal to join us on **Wednesday, December 12, at 6:00 pm in the TFLC.**

The Jr & Sr High Youth will be sorting Christmas Cards for our congregation. Please Drop your Christmas Cards into the collection box in the vestibule prior to December 16th to ensure all are sorted and delivered prior to Christmas. ***Donations may be made to the Youth Fund in lieu of Christmas Cards /Card Sorting***

Our Prayer List as of Monday

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

ATTENTION: CHRISTMAS PLAY HAS BEEN MOVED TO THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND AT 6PM

Remaining Christmas Play Practice Dates:

Sunday December 2nd during Worship Hour (immediately following Sunday School)

PLEASE encourage your children to listen to their CDs & sing along for the next few weeks! We appreciate the dedication of the parents working with their children too!