

Special Gifts to Zion Church

In Honor of:

Our Sick, those having birthdays and anniversaries in December and the family of Ruby Steele by Horace & Eva Small & Family

Myra Funderburk, Terry Robinson, Marcene & Harris Plyler and Missy Snipes—Thank you dearly by Horace & Eva Small & Family

In Memory of:

Hilda McAteer by Wanda Murphy

Keith W. Stacks by Mr. & Mrs. Max Funderburk

Ruby Steele by Judy Hammond and Horace & Eva Small & Family

Special Gifts to Building Fund

In Honor of:

Joanne Smith, Pat Vick, Ellen Walters, Terry Robinson, Mike Vick and Sue Catoe by Lillian McAteer

Barbara Vick, Ellen Walters, Pat Vick & Joanne Smith by Mary P. Knight

Sue Catoe & Renee Woodward by Horace & Eva Small & Family

Dianne Martin on her birthday by Pat Threatt

Ellen Walters by Peggy Ann Knight

Lillian McAteer by Frances Parris

In Memory of:

Ruby Steele by Lillian McAteer, Ryan & Miriam Griffin and Barbara Hall

Ruby Steele & Joe Hegler by Carolyn Massey

Special Gifts to Altar Cloth Fund

In Memory of:

Franklin Hallman by Darlene Hallman

The Advent greenery on the church sign was done in loving memory of Peggy Knight by Nancy Ackerman

Sr. High Youth have an outing on December 9th for Seth's Giving Tree. They will be leaving immediately following worship to head to Unity ARP for lunch & wrapping **Sign up with Claudia Hartley**

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 12/2: Eric Broughton, Lauran Lehman and Chris Lehman.

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 to the ones who picked up and set up our tree and to each and every one who came out and decorated our Christmas tree and the Sanctuary for Advent! Thank you, also to Nancy Ackerman for decorating the church sign in memory of her mother.

Thank you to each one who helped prepare the food for the men's Hobo luncheon, to the ones who helped set up, served and helped with the clean up. They cleared \$748 from the luncheon.

Please remember the following with a call, card or visit during the holiday season:

Eugene Blackmon
Morningside Nursing Home Rm 120
1004 Hardin Street
Lancaster, SC 29720

Lou Bundy
1776 Roy Carnes Rd
Lancaster, SC 29720

JoAnn Funderburk
3198 Pink Plyler Rd
Lancaster, SC 29720

Julie Horne
3753 Pink Plyler Rd.
Lancaster, SC 29720

Kathleen Robinson
White Oak Manor Rm 208B
253 Craig Manor Rd
Lancaster, SC 29720

Bonnie Sears
412 Shiloh Unity Rd
Lancaster, SC 29720

Bennie & Frances Robinson
1288 Potter Rd
Lancaster, SC 29720

Horace & Eva Small
1483 Old Pardue Rd
Lancaster, SC 29720

Myrtle Walker
2018 Zion Rd
Lancaster, SC 29720

Shoebboxes for Seniors in Lancaster County

We are collecting shoebboxes 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 **THIS 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.

Zion Church Family,

Thank you for the kindness shown to our family during this difficult time. The meal after the funeral was delicious. Thank you all for making our day a little easier. ~ Regards, Vickie Siewers for the family of Ruby Steele

This Week at Zion

Friday, December 7

8:00 am Walking Club

Saturday, December 8

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

2—4 pm Drop In honoring Robert Vick's 95th birthday

Sunday, December 9

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

1:00 pm Sr. High outing to Seth's Giving Tree

4:00 pm PPRC meeting in fellowship hall

5:00 pm Jr. High evening class

6:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Monday, December 10

8:00 am Walking Club

5:00 pm New Hope's Nativity and Singing Tree

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 am Walking Club

6:30 pm United Methodist Women's Christmas dinner and meeting

Wednesday, December 12

8:00 am Walking Club

6:00 pm Community Meal

Thursday, December 13

8:00 am Walking Club

Friday, December 14

8:00 am Walking Club

Saturday, December 15

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

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Visit our website: www.zionumc.com



Scripture Focus this week: Mal. 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Phil. 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6. You are invited to continue reading the suggested lectionary Scripture to prepare for Sunday's sermon.

Welcome to the newest member of the Zion Church Family! Kristina Humphries joined Zion on Sunday, December 2 by transfer of membership. Kristina is the fiancé of Dwayne Ray and her address is 2439 Zion Road, Lancaster. Please add her information to your directory.

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, only your presence is requested.**

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee is asked to meet this 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 Overall.

Toys for Tots: Faith Bible Sunday School class is collecting toys for needy children thru this Sunday, **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 meet at the church at 5 pm.

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.**

Last Week's Record

Prayers: Are you praying for our church?

Presence:

Present for 12/2 Sunday School 73
Present for 12/2 Morning Worship 121

Gifts:

Needed each week for General Operating Expenses, this includes TFLC mortgage \$5899
Received 12/2 for General Fund \$5089
Received for Building Fund \$1082
Received for Needy Fund \$70
Received for Chicken Bog Bake Sale \$316
Received for Epworth \$135
Received for Altar Cloth \$25
Received for Community Meal \$15
Received for HOPE \$10

Serving Zion UMC this Sunday

Liturgical Color: Purple

Flowers: Laura Overall

11:00 am Nursery: Barbara Hall

Children's Church volunteers: Claudia & Cierra Hartley

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

Worship opening and closing: Tom Salisbury

Sunday Evening Program Volunteers:

Kids: No Classes until mid January

Jr High: Angie Wood & Brooke Collins

Sr High: Pastor Michael Jarrell, Claudia Hartley

Musings ~ The Language of Christmas

On the wall above my desk is a scroll my sister sent to me as a gift while she was serving as a missionary overseas. The image is a familiar theme, the cross in black against a sunset sky with colors fading from red to blue. At the bottom of the scroll is a series of what are to me, indecipherable characters. They look like little more than scribbles of a child or some alien script, anything but actual letters or words. The only thing I can read is a simple printed title to one side that reads *John 3:16*. Without that title, I would have no idea what the text says. Truth be told, I have no idea for sure even with the title because I don't speak or read the language.

Christmas has a language of its own as well. Through the years we have picked up words and phrases like, *Gloria in excelsis deo* (glory to God in the highest) and *Adeste fidelis* (Come All Ye Faithful). These words and phrases may well go unnoticed or glossed over by some, but they are a part of the rich tapestry of the Christmas celebration. A little translation work for these songs often reveals a beautiful, poetic message underneath.

I think sometimes we miss not only these beautiful words at Christmas but quite a few other things as well. It is easy to skip the things that take a little longer to understand or better yet, the people who take a little longer to understand. Too often, time becomes our enemy and we give up without putting too much into it. But what if we slowed down to look beyond the surface of the people and circumstances in our lives? What if we did the hard work of translating from their emotional language to ours? Perhaps we will find a beautiful message in an unlikely or all too familiar place.

Pastor Michael

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 Thre- att
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	Brian Walters
Nancy Evatt	Betty Jo Phillips	Ellen Walters
Ashley Fort	Ann Powers	Vicky Pickett
JoAnn Funderburk	Ann Reed	Qa'Mora Walton
Sam Funderburk	Bennie Robinson	Randy Williams
Steve Ghent	Kathleen Robinson	EmmaGene Wright
Travis Gordon	Bonnie Sears	Kim Yost
T.R. Grier	Eva Small	Our President & Troops
JoAnn Hinson		