

# This Week at Mount Zion

## Today: (12/12)

7:00 a.m. United Methodist Men--FH  
8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Morning Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
4:00 p.m. Children's Musical Practice--Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. Inspiration Station--Chapel  
5:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party  
6:00 p.m. Handbells--Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Venture Advisory--Classroom  
7:00 p.m. Youth Praise Team Practice

## Monday: (12/13)

7:00 p.m. Evangelism Team--Share & Care  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  
7:30 p.m. Troop 64 Committee--FH

## Tuesday: (12/14)

11:00 a.m. Morning Glory Women's Circle  
10:00 a.m. Exercise--Narthex  
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Choir--Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Cub & Boy Scouts

## Wednesday: (12/15)

7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting--FH  
10:00 a.m. Exercise --Narthex  
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting--Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Venturing Crew--FH

## Thursday: (12/16)

7:00 p.m. Exercise--Narthex

## Friday: (12/17)

10:00 a.m. Exercise--Narthex

## Saturday: (12/18)

10:00 a.m. Children's Musical Practice--Sanctuary

## Sunday: (12/19)

8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. *Winter Small Groups Catalog*  
Children's Musical--Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
3:00 p.m. Share & Care Caroling--FH  
5:00 p.m. Inspiration Station--Chapel  
5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship  
6:00 p.m. Handbells--Sanctuary



United Methodist Church

*Calling People Higher*

Leonard Rex, Lead Pastor  
Carley Scheitrum, Associate/Youth Pastor  
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**Worship Service: 8:30 a.m.**

**Coffee & Fellowship For Everyone: 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.**

**Inspiration Station: 5:00 p.m.**

**Welcome!**

If this is your first visit, please stop by the guest assistance table. You are always welcome at Mount Zion.

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for  
the transformation of the world.*

**Order of Worship  
December 12, 2010  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**.....UMH 213  
*“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Gifts**

**\*Offertory** *“The First Noel”*

**\*Doxology:** .....UMH 95 (tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”)  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.  
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**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Special Music**.....Nicole Johnson  
*“Oh Holy Night”*

**Children’s Time/Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*(Children 4 through 8 years old may leave for Children’s Church at this time.)*

**Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses.  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Today is the last day to bring in your **Angel Tree gift**. The gifts will be delivered today after the 11 am Worship Service.

**Christmas events/parties** are listed below. Please contact your leader/ teacher for detailed information:

- December 12th United Methodist Youth Fellowship
- December 14th Morning Glory Women's Circle
- December 17th All high school graduates up to age 22 and current college students
- December 19th Share & Care Sunday School Class

The children will practice for their **Christmas musical** program today at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. The last practice will be held this Saturday, December 18th, at 10 am in the Sanctuary. The Children's Christmas musical, "*Shepherds Sheep and a Savior*" will be at the 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services, on Sunday, December 19th.

**Winter Small Group Schedule:**

- December 15th-Leadership Forms are due.
- December 15th-Small Group Information Forms are due-- forms are available in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall.
- December 19th-Winter Small Group Catalogs will be available
- January 2nd-Rally Day
- January 9th-Small Groups will begin this week.

There are three **Winter Small Groups** that have begun registration in order to provide materials for the class, Financial Peace, Changes That Heal: How to Understand Your Past to Ensure a Healthier Future and Divorce Care. Handouts are located in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall with complete details.

You are invited to an **Open House at the Mount Zion Parsonage** on Wednesday, December 29th, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Leonard, Donna, Josiah, and Daniel (and Gunner) would love to have you drop in to enjoy some snacks and fellowship. You don't need to bring anything, just come and visit. The parsonage is the brick building just to the left of the church.

**CAFÉ** is a ministry enjoyed by all, and is a great way to welcome visitors to Mount Zion. Coffee, creamer, and sweeteners are provided. Host/Hostess' set-up, provide snacks and clean-up. CAFÉ is from 9:30 to 10:00 am. Volunteers are needed for December 19th & 26th. Please sign-up in the kitchen.

The **2010 Poinsettia listing** is available in the Narthex

# **Climbing Guide**

*Suggestions for going further with today's theme at home.*



## **Thinking about the Theme**

- What two positive qualities about your dad come to mind when you think about your childhood?

## **Getting into God's Word**

- Read Matthew 1:18-25.
- How would you feel in Joseph's place in verse 19? Then in verse 20-21?
- How would you explain what is going on to family and friends?
- What is significant about naming the child Jesus?
- Besides fulfilling prophecy, why is Jesus' virgin birth necessary?

## **Getting God's Word into Our Lives**

- How have you experienced Jesus as "Immanuel" in your life recently?
- What can you learn about faith from Joseph's example? How about obedience?

## **Praying about It**

- Pray John Wesley's "Covenant Prayer": I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low by you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

## **Doing Something to Make It Stick**

- Every time you see a depiction of an angel this week, repeat the phrase, "Give him the name Jesus" and consider that the Savior has come.

Hymn of Preparation.....UMH 174

“His Name is Wonderful”

Sermon.....Leonard Rex

“Give Him the Name Jesus”

\*Closing Hymn.....UMH 219

“What Child Is This”

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Trinity Chime Benediction

Postlude “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

\*Indicates congregation standing (those who are able).

We publish our current, complete prayer list in our newsletter each month. Every Sunday new prayer requests are put in the bulletin so that you can add them to your list. If you would like to add someone to our prayer list or make a confidential prayer request, you can fill out a blue prayer card. If there is anyone who can be taken off our current prayer list, please fill out a card, call or email the office.

**Prayer list:** Deb Sawyer, Melissa Ausley, Artoya Sanders family, Jack Futrell, Chris McMahan, Angela Johnson, Family of Jalen Jones, Huebner Family, Laura Oliver, Mattie Hunt, Dean Edwards, Christy McLaughlin, Family of Trish Holcomb

### Worship Assistants

Counters: Mike Stewart. Allen Dyer..(8:30) Steve Lewis, Charles Newsom....(11:00)  
Acolytes: Stephanie Wilson, Brendan Boyd, Cassidy Wilson.....(8:30)  
Ray Kemp, Kevin Kemp.....(11:00)  
Greeters: John Boyd Family.....(8:30) Open.....(11:00)

For up-to-date information on Mount Zion’s activities, or to check availability for meetings & events log on to our website: [www.mountzion-umc.org](http://www.mountzion-umc.org)



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*Christian love & Sympathy is expressed to Jim & Lisa Maloney and the entire family. Lisa's Step-father, David Halsey passed away.*

**2011 Mount Zion Church Officers List** is available in the Narthex.

**January Newsletter Items** are due to [sally@mountzion-umc.org](mailto:sally@mountzion-umc.org) or to the Church Office by Friday, December 17th.



# Listen to the Angels

*“The Lord Is With You”*

*This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about. His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.*

*But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”*

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).*

*When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.—Matthew 1:18-21, 24-25 (NIV)*

**Both Mary and Joseph have the same initial response to the news of the incarnation.**

➤ God \_\_\_\_\_ those who will act on what he says.

*But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).—James 1:25 (Amp.)*

**Both Mary and Joseph receive corresponding information about the coming birth.**

- The name “Jesus” is the Greek form of the Hebrew name “Joshua” which means Yahweh is \_\_\_\_\_.

*At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,  
“Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”—Luke 2:25-32 (NIV)*

### **Both encounters precipitate an abrupt shake-up of plans.**

- That’s exactly what God is still asking us to do: Lay down the \_\_\_\_\_ to our own lives so that he may use us.

*“If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.”—Luke 14:26 (NLT)*

*I exalt you/Rain on my parade.— Kathy Tracolli*

Christmas Eve: “I Bring You Good News”

## ***Christmas Services***

*Friday, December 24th, Christmas Eve:*

- *4 pm Family Interactive Service-Sanctuary*
- *8 pm Candlelight Communion Service-Sanctuary*
- *10 pm Candlelight Communion Service-Sanctuary*

*Sunday, December 26th*

- *5 pm Birthday Party for Jesus at Inspiration Station-Chapel*

