

*Christian love & Sympathy is expressed to Joe & Robin Thomas and the entire family.
Joe's brother passed away last week.*

This Week at Mount Zion

Today: (12/19)

8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.	Children's Musical--Worship Services
9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
12:15 p.m.	Children's Choir Lunch--FH
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

Monday: (12/20)

7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
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Tuesday: (12/21)

10:00 a.m.	Exercise--Narthex
7:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Practice--Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Cub & Boy Scouts

Wednesday: (12/22)

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

Thursday: (12/23)

7:00 p.m.	Exercise--Narthex
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Friday: (12/24)

4:00 a.m.	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
8:00 p.m.	Family Interactive Service
10:00 p.m.	Candlelight Communion Service
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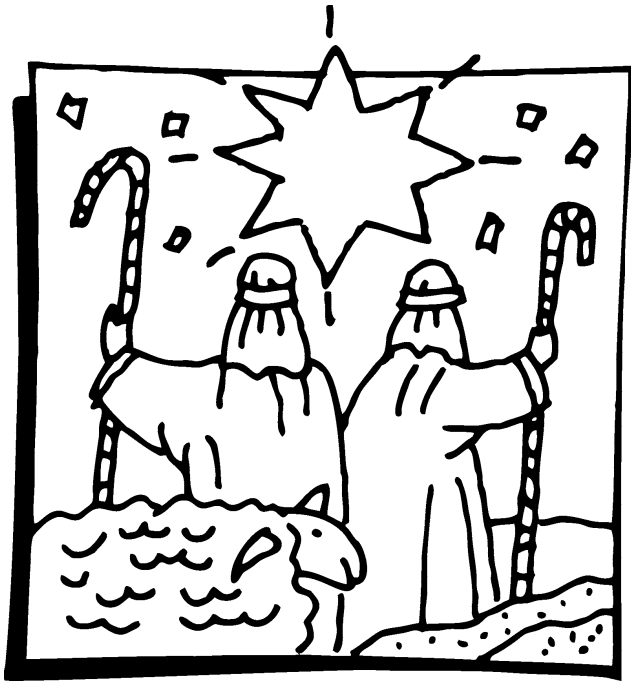
Sunday: (12/26)

8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.	Worship Services
9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
5:00 p.m.	Birthday Party for Jesus--Chapel
5:00 p.m.	No Youth
6:00 p.m.	No Handbells

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



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Children's Christmas Musical *"Shepherds, Sheep & a Savior"*

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 19, 2010
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

Welcome

Opening Hymn.....UMH 229

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

***Opening Prayer**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

***Offertory** *“A Pachelbel Christmas*

***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**

Children’s Time/Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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.

***Hymn**.....UMH 217

“Away in a Manger”



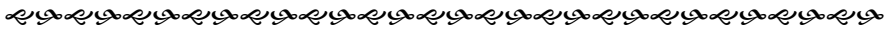
Christmas Services

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*



This year our Christmas offering (received during our Christmas Eve Services) will be given to TRINITY United Methodist Church, a new church start in the Cleveland community. We continue to work together with TRINITY to reach the thousands of people in our community without a church home. Pastor David Wehrle has his office on our campus and both churches cooperate in outreach efforts like Christmas in Cleveland. Let's encourage our sister congregation in the good work they have begun.



We will start the New Year off with a sermon series entitled, "Why I Don't Go to Church" exploring some of the issues that keep people from attending worship:

January 2—"I Can Be a Christian without the Church"

January 9—"There Are Too Many Hypocrites in the Church"

January 16—"The Church Is Always Asking for Money"

January 23—"The Church Is Irrelevant"

January 30—"The Church Is Anti-Intellectual"

February 6—"Christians Are Judgmental"

Children in the musical and their families are invited to stay for lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the 11 am Worship Service.

The youth will be **wrapping** Christmas gifts in the Chapel after the 11 am service until 2 pm. This is a thank you to Mount Zion for your support this year. There is no charge and they will not be accepting donations.

The Share & Care Sunday School Class invites you to go caroling with them to shut-ins today. They will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 3 pm to pack goodie bags before leaving.

Winter Small Group Schedule:

- December 19th-Winter Small Group Catalogs
- January 2nd-Rally Day
- January 9th-Small Groups will begin this week.

Winter Small Group brochures are located in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and on our website. There are three groups that have begun registration in order to provide materials for the class. Please note their last day to sign-up, which is before Rally Day.

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.

There will be a **New Year's Eve Dinner & Games Party**, on December 31st, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall, sponsored by Family Ministries Team. Please sign up your family's name and number attending on the sheet on the Family Ministries bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.

You are invited to help take the **Christmas decorations down** on Saturday, January 1st, at 9 am.

If you would like to learn more about Mount Zion or are interested in joining the church, you are invited to attend **Discovering Church Membership Class** on Sunday, January 16th, following the 11 am Worship Service, in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. To sign-up please contact the Church Office. Child-care will be provided upon request. **New Member Sunday** will be held on January 30th. If you have attended Discovering Church Membership and would like to join that Sunday, please turn your paperwork in to the Church Office by Thursday, January 27th.

"Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior"

Created by Ed Kee

"No Ordinary Night"

"Shaggy, Smelly Sheep"

featuring: Megan Forbes, Rachel Lamb and Emma Tolbert;
Miranda Lewis and Peyton Askew

"Glory to God in the Highest" with "Angels We Have Heard on High"

"Headin' Down to Bethlehem"

"This Is Jesus" with "Away in a Manger"

Soloists: Ashlyn Smith and Abigail Evans

"Go and Tell" with "Joy to the World"

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Trinity Chime Benediction**

Postlude *"Rejoice This Day"*

*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: Red Miller, Beth Berry, Stephanie Chapman, Karen Hughes, Mary Cantando, Vicki Gerhardt

Worship Assistants

Counters: Mike Stewart. Allen Dyer..(8:30) Steve Lewis, Charles Newsom....(11:00)

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

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

Children's Christmas Musical Cast

Sheep:

Peyton Askew

Annabelle Chapman

Abigail Evans

Regan Franks

Megan Forbes

Robert Iversen

Rachel Lamb

Miranda Lewis

Chad Mc Queary

Ashlyn Smith

Adam Smith

Erin Sutherland

Emma Tolbert

Caroline Tucker

Mary:

Brionna Stewart

Joseph:

Dillon Sullivan

Shepherds:

Alexis Elliott

Joshua Johnson

Makayla Lewis

Paxton McLaughlin

Hannah Pickering

Corey Tolbert

Travelers:

Alyssa Deschenes

Bray Mc Laughlin

Tyler Tolbert

Samantha Trice

God has blessed our service today with the joyful voices of children from many of our Church families. It is with a grateful heart that we acknowledge the commitment of the children in learning this music and drama.

We are thankful for the Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, and extended family members that brought the children to weekly practices and encouraged their participation. Many thanks to Helen Forbes for organizing and working with our parents on our celebration luncheon; as well as to the Children's Ministry Committee and Pastor Kim for assisting with this production.

A special thanks to our seamstresses Danise Emory and Donna Rex for outfitting our hillside in sheep. Thanks to Renee Thomas, Elizabeth Carlson and the Creative Christians Small Group for design inspiration and implementation of our 'Ram' headgear. Our beautiful hillside was designed, built and installed by Hardie and Angie Cox. Lastly thanks to our incredible sound engineers/computer gurus John Neuner and Tommy Crocker.

Most importantly, we give thanks and glory to God for all who participated in preparing and presenting "Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior" and all who supported us with their prayers and gifts. In the words of today's closing song "Go and tell" the news of our Savior!

Ms. Joan and Ms. Mary-Margaret