

This Week at Mount Zion

Today: (12/5)

8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

4:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Monday: (12/6)

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

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Tuesday: (12/7)

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday: (12/8)

7:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

Thursday: (12/9)

7:00 p.m.

Friday: (12/10)

10:00 a.m.

Saturday: (12/11)

8:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Sunday: (12/12)

8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Communion

Morning Worship Services

Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH

Sunday School

Children's Musical Practice--Sanctuary

God and Family--upstairs classroom

Inspiration Station--Chapel

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Handbells--Sanctuary

Children's Ministries Team--Chapel

Worship Team--Parlor

Cub Scouts

Exercise--Narthex

Alleluia Choir--Sanctuary

SPRC Meeting--Chapel

Cub & Boy Scouts

Prayer Meeting--FH

Exercise --Narthex

Prayer Meeting--Parlor

Venture Crew--FH

Adult Choir--Sanctuary

Cub Scout Team--Share & Care

Den Leaders--Share & Care

Exercise--Narthex

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Missions to Operation Christmas Child

Cantata Practice--Sanctuary

Small Group Leader Training--FH

Christmas Cantata--Sanctuary

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Leonard Rex, Lead Pastor
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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 5, 2010

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Hymn.....UMH 234 (verses 1,3,4,5)
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*Opening Prayer

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

***Offertory** *“Christmas Remembered”*

***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

Anthem.....Guitar Small Group with Singers
“Silent 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.

Climbing Guide

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



Thinking about the Theme

- If you were told you would have a child (or a new brother or sister) this year, how would you react?

Getting into God's Word

- Read Luke 1:26-38.
- How is what Gabriel tells Mary similar to what he told Zechariah in verses 13-17? How is it different?
- How does Mary's response (verses 34 and 38) differ from Zechariah's (verse 18)?
- What does Gabriel tell us about Jesus in his announcement (verses 31-33)?
- What kind of encouragement does Gabriel give to Mary in verses 35-37?

Getting God's Word into Our Lives

- When were you recently fearful yet trusting in God?
- What does it mean to you to know "God is with you"?
- In what area of your life do you need to believe that "nothing is impossible with God"? What makes that hard?

Praying about It

- Ask God for an awareness of his presence with you.
- Tell God you are willing to take on any assignment he might give you as long as he is with you.
- In your own words, express to God that you are his trusting servant.

Doing Something to Make It Stick

- Every time you see a depiction of an angel this week, repeat the phrase, "The Lord is with me" and believe it.
- Read about Christians who have endured incredible difficulty or persecution with faithfulness:
 - *The Heavenly Man*, by Brother Yun & Paul Hattaway
 - *Tortured for Christ* by Richard Wormbrand
 - Books in the *Jesus Freak* series by DC Talk and Voice of the Martyrs

Our mission focus for December is Raleigh Rescue Mission. An **Angel Tree** is located in the Narthex to provide new gifts for poor and homeless men, women & children in our area. If you decide to take an angel, please read the following guidelines carefully:

- Purchase new the item that is listed on your angel tag(s). Please note the gender and the size requested, and please limit your expense on each item to \$30 - \$35 (unless otherwise noted).
- Please buy only what is listed on the angel tag (NO additional items).
- Please place your gift in a Christmas gift bag. (Do not wrap)
- Attach only the lower portion of the angel tag to your gift bag, and please make sure the name and code written on the tag are clearly visible.
- Please place gifts under the Angel Tree in the Narthex by next Sunday, December 12.

The children will practice for their **Christmas musical** program today at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. They will practice on December 12th at 4 pm, and on the 18th at 10 am. The Children's Christmas musical program, "*Shepherds Sheep and a Savior*" will be at the 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services, on Sunday, December 19th.

Mount Zion's Christmas Cantata and Drama "O Holy Night" will be held on Saturday, December 11th, at 6:30 pm, in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Small Group Leader Training will be held on Saturday, December 11th, at 10 am for anyone interested in becoming a small group leader. To sign-up, please contact the Church Office by Thursday, December 9th.

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.

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

Hymns of Preparation

“Jesus, Name above All Names”TFWS 2071

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”UMH 204

Sermon.....Leonard Rex

“The Lord Is with You”

Communion

***Closing Hymn**.....UMH 246

“Joy to the World”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Trinity Chime Benediction**

Postlude “With Grateful Hearts”

*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: Theresa Jack, Roy Raynor, Sue Thomas, Daran Dodd

Worship Assistants

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

Acolytes: Brionna Stewart, Emma Ausley, Joshua Johnson.....(8:30)

Lydia Cupit, Andrew Moore, Brittany Moore, Bradley Moore.....(11:00)

Greeters: Open.....(8:30) Steve Sorrell.....(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



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Christian love & Sympathy is expressed to the family of John Utley.

John passed away on Thursday, November 25th.

There **will not be a 2011 calendaring meeting**. If you have not submitted your meetings/events for the 2011 calendar, please email to sally@mountzion-umc.org or turn in to the Church office.



Listen to the Angels

“The Lord Is With You”

In the sixth month [of Elizabeth’s pregnancy], God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God.”

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.—Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

What Gabriel says to Mary: “The Lord is with you.”

- Having God with us may mean that we will indeed go through great difficulty—but God will be _____!

“...And they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”— Matthew 1:23 (NIV)

“...Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”—Matthew 28:20 (NIV)

Mary’s response to Gabriel’s astounding announcement: “I am the Lord’s servant.”

➤ Mary reacts with _____.

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.— Psalm 9:10 (NIV)

➤ Christianity **is** dull if we define it as a _____ rather than a _____.

Next Sunday: “Give Him the Name Jesus”



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*