

*Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to Glorify God and in honor of
Keith Cantando's Birthday & 12 months of accomplishments
given by Megan & Alex Mattes & Heather Cantando*

*Prayers and sympathy to Kim Stephenson and the entire family
in the death of her grandmother, Katherine Langdon*

*Prayers and sympathy to Butch & Frances Penny and the entire family
in the death of Butch's brother, Mike Penny*

This Week at Mount Zion

Today: (8/28)

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services

9:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

5:00 p.m.

Youth Pool Party--Barry Myers' home

6:00 p.m.

No Adult Handbells

Monday: (8/29)

7:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee--Share & Care

Tuesday: (8/30)

10:00 a.m.

Exercise--Narthex

7:00 p.m.

Golf Tournament Team--Fishers of Men

Wednesday: (8/31)

7:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting--Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m.

Alleluia Choir--Chapel

6:30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting--Parlor

7:00 p.m.

Small Group Leader Class--Share & Care

7:00 p.m.

Adult Choir--Chapel

7:00 p.m.

Venturing Crew--Fellowship Hall

7:50 p.m.

Christmas Cantata Practice--Chapel

Thursday: (9/1)

7:00 p.m.

Missions Team-- Share & Care

7:00 p.m.

Exercise--Narthex

Friday: (9/2)

10:00 a.m.

Exercise-- Narthex

12:00 p.m.

Fall Small Group Forms due

Saturday: (9/3)

8:00 a.m.

Mount Zion's Yard Clean-Up

Sunday: (9/4)

Fall Small Group Forms available

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services

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Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

5:00 p.m.

No Youth

6:00 p.m.

No Adult Handbells



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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

August 28, 2011

8:30 & 11 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Hymn.....UMH 347

“Spirit Song”

*Opening Prayer

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

*Offertory *“Fairest of All”*

*Doxology.....UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music.....Joan Neuner, Nancy Rivers, Rex Spivey & Allen Dyer
“Bigger Than Any Mountain”

Children’s Time

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

Announcements

Intercessory Prayer

The Lord’s PrayerUMH 895

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.

Everyone is invited to a **Wedding Shower for Laura Dyer & Hugh Luster** on Saturday, September 24th, from 2 to 4 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, Given by Family & Friends.

Mount Zion's Annual Homecoming Service will be held on Sunday, September 25th, at the 11 am Worship Service. Judy Smith, a former pastor at Mount Zion and current pastor of Elizabeth UMC, will be our guest speaker. Following the service there will be a covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall. A regular service will be held at 8:30 am.

Mount Zion's Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by our United Methodist Men will be held on Friday, October 7th, at 12 noon, at the Raleigh Golf Association, located on Tryon Road, in Raleigh. They will meet every Tuesday until the tournament and invite anyone interested to attend to help plan this event! You need not commit to every meeting. For questions, please contact Casey Matthews at 772-6688 or email crooklynbi@att.net. Sponsor and team forms are now available in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall.

Stephen Ministry Class offered on Thursdays beginning on Thursday, October 6th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This is a 50 hour training class to become a Stephens Minister, with an initial commitment of 2 years. Applications are available on the Stephens Ministry Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. Completed applications are due to Pastor Carley or the Church Office by Sunday, September 11th. Each applicant will be interviewed.

Family Ministries' **Annual Christmas Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, November 5th, from 8:30 to 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall & the Chapel. Vendor tables are \$25.00. Forms are located in the Fellowship Hall on the Family Ministries Bulletin Board. You can turn in your completed form and fee to the Church Office. Tables are limited.

Altar Flowers are available through November. Each arrangement is \$44 and can be taken home after the 11 am Worship Service. Flowers left after Sunday will be recycled for the Narthex arrangement the following Sunday. Checks can be made out to "Mount Zion UMC" and in the memo, note "flowers" and place it in the offering plate.

CAFÉ Host/Hostesses are needed on Sunday's through September. Please sign-up in the kitchen. This is a great way that we can welcome our visitors. CAFÉ is from 9:30 to 10:00 am in our Fellowship Hall.

A Paid nursery staff position is open for the 11 am worship service. Applications are located in the Narthex. Please turn in completed applications in to the Church Office.

September's Fellowship Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 10th, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Families with the last name beginning with B, E, H, K, N, Q, T, W, & Z are encouraged to attend! Everyone has enjoyed the great food and getting to know new people and having time to catch-up with those they know. Please bring your family and a dish or two to share! Tea, coffee & water will be provided.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast will be held on Sunday, September 11th, at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited!

The Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, September 11th, at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Interest meeting for the **Youth Mission Trip** to Jamaica, for high school & college students (and adults, in June 2012, will be held on Sunday, September 11th, at 7 pm in the middle school classroom. Applications will be available on September 4th online & on the Youth Bulletin Board. Completed applications are due on September 25th.

You are invited to attend **Mount Zion's Women's Circles!**

- The **Morning Glory** Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 13th, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch and stay after the program to eat and fellowship.
- The **Stevens/Lane** Women's Circle will host the Senior Brunch on September 17th.

All Senior Citizens are invited to the **Senior's Brunch** on Saturday, September 17th, at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help or need a ride, please contact Amanda Carroll at 772-8965 or Kim Carroll at 779-3693.

Discovering Church Membership Class will be held on Sunday, September 18th, from 12:15 to 3:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. This class is for people who are interested in learning more about Mount Zion or would like to join. A light lunch will be served. Child care will be provided upon request. Sign-up by contacting the Church Office by Thursday, September 18th. **New Member Sunday** will be held on Sunday, September 25th.

Acolyte Training for new acolytes (at least 5 years old and able to sit quietly through service), acolytes that are changing levels, or for training refresher will be held on Sunday, September 18th, at 12:15 pm for the child and family with lunch in the Chapel, followed by training until 2:30 pm. Please sign-up on the left shelf in the Narthex by September 15th. For questions please contact Melissa Cupit at 333-4028 or mdcupit@aol.com.

*Hymn of Preparation.....TFWS 2203

“In His Time”

* Sermon.....Pastor Leonard

Walk Through the Poetic Books: Ecclesiastes

*Closing Hymn.....UMH 505 (to the tune of UMH 220)

“When Our Confidence Is Shaken”

(You may come to the altar rail to pray, receive prayer or be anointed with oil for healing.)

Dismissal with Blessing

***Trinity Chime Benediction**

Postlude *“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him”*

*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: Anne Jenkins, Raphus Coats, Vicki Gerhardt, Family of Wyll Irwin, Jeff Miller and Family, Jim Maloney, Richard Purdy, Chris Modlin

Worship Assistants

Counters: Angie Cox, Mike Stewart....(8:30) Eugene Myers, Don Maynard....(11:00)

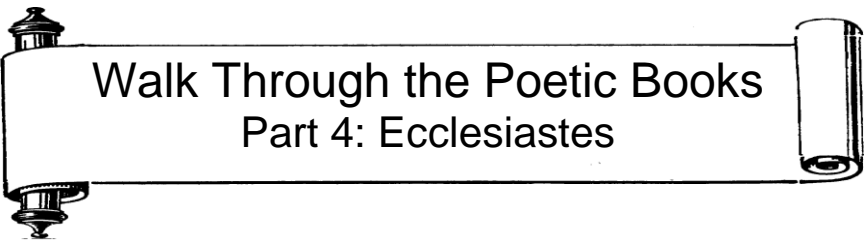
Acolytes: Chad McQueary, Riley Andrews.....(8:30)

Matthew Moreland, Ashlyn Smith, Adam Smith.....(11:00)

Greeters: John & Jennifer Boyd.....(8:30) Steven Sorrell.....(11:00)

After much anticipation the church has been notified that the bank has accepted our offer to **purchase the property** adjoining us on the North side. It includes just over an acre of land and the house that is on it. The tentative closing date is September 6th. If all goes as planned, the church family is invited to come by and look over the new property on Sunday, September 11th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Pastor Leonard

The Staff Parrish Relations Team is asking for your response to a **short survey about Mount Zion’s Music Ministry**. This survey was sent to those on our announcement email list. If you have not taken the survey, could you please take a moment to answer the questions. There are paper copies located in the Narthex for you to complete and place in the designated box.



Walk Through the Poetic Books

Part 4: Ecclesiastes

Title & Author

- Ecclesiastes is a Latin term meaning, “speaker before and assembly.”
- Solomon was in the _____ described by the author of having the money, etc., to investigate life’s ultimate meaning.

Content

- Ecclesiastes 1:1-1:11–thesis: “Everything is meaningless”
- Ecclesiastes 1:12-6:12–illustrations of meaninglessness
- Ecclesiastes 7-12–conclusion: We should fear God

Structure

- 1) Analysis–the statement of a proposition followed by an _____ of it.
- 2) Repetition of terms:
 1. _____ : empty, seemingly without purpose
 2. _____ : from a human/secular perspective
 3. _____ : futility, useless effort

Theme

- The emptiness of trying to make sense out of life apart from God.

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.–Ecclesiastes 12:13-4 (NIV)

What can we learn about God and ourselves from Ecclesiastes?

- Seeking fulfillment, happiness, or meaning without God leads to _____ and _____.
- Real hope, joy, and purpose are found in our _____ with God through Jesus Christ.

What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.–Ecclesiastes 1:9 (NIV)

Vs.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!–2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Please prayerfully consider joining Mount Zion's Choir (as a member to sing on Sundays and/or join us for the Christmas Cantata) and/or Handbells. The **Alleluia Choir** practices on Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Chapel. The **Adult Choir** practices on Wednesdays, at 7 pm, in the Chapel. Christmas Cantata practice will be held from 7:50 to 8:30 pm for those who would just like to sing in the cantata. **Handbells** practice on Sundays, at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. Openings are available in all three choirs. Please contact Nancy Rivers for any questions at 553-7313.

If you have a **soldier you would like a care package sent to**, please email their name & address to Lisa Blauvelt at lblauvelt@gmail.com or 662-1578 in August so we can see if there are any and how many to plan for September's Mission collection.

Mount Zion's Mother's Morning Out Program will begin weekly on September 7th, from 9 am to 1 pm, for children 18 months through 5 years. Applications are located in the Narthex and will soon be on the Church Website. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Hewett at 612-0995 or wendy@hewettproperties.com.

Our Annual BBQ Chicken Dinner will be held on Friday, September 9th, from 11 am to 8 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Eat-in or take-out plates will be available, and large take-out orders can be called-in to 772-8415 and will be ready to pick-up when you arrive. Plates include ½ chicken, boiled potatoes, green beans, roll, and dessert. Enjoy the food and fellowship for just \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 4-12, and free for kids 3 and under. You can pick up packets of 10 **tickets** to sell in the Narthex after the services on Sunday. **BBQ Chicken Dinner signs** that you can take to post at work or at a local business are located in the fellowship hall.

BBQ Chicken Dinner Work Night will be held on Thursday, September 8th, from 6 to 9 pm. Clean coolers and filled propane tanks are needed. Please place them under the shelter by Wednesday, September 7th. The sign-up board is located in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign-up to work and to donate desserts, drinks, donations towards purchase of potatoes, green beans, chickens, and other needed food items listed.

Everyone is invited to a **"Baby Girl" Shower** for Derrick Crocker and Marie Wood on Saturday, September 10th, from 2 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Given by family & friends.

Mount Zion UMC T-shirts are available for \$10. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Sandy Wise at 754-7908.

Missions Focus for August is *Operation Backpack* for less fortunate students in our community. Please donate backpacks, 3 subject notebooks, blunt tip & regular scissors, colored pencils, crayola classic color markers, crayons, erasers, glue sticks, highlighters, notebook paper, pencil box or zippered pencil pouch, and pencils. Please place your donation items on the designated shelf on the left in the Narthex. Last day to donate is Wednesday, August 31st.

Sunday School Classroom Changes:

- New **2 & 3 year old Preschool Sunday School Class**. Downstairs classroom beside the Nursery.
- The **4 & 5 year-old class** has moved upstairs. You will turn left at the hallway at the top of the inside stairs. It will be the first room on your left.
- The **Early Career & College Class** has moved to the next room off of the Chapel.
- Sharon Faucett's **Bible Study Discussion Class** has moved downstairs to the classroom behind the choir room.

Fall Small Group Schedule:

- **Small Group leader training** will be held on Wednesday, August 31st, at 7 pm in the Share & Care Classroom. Anyone interested in becoming a small group leader should attend. Please contact the church office to register by Tuesday, August 30th.
- **Fall Small Group Forms** are due to the office by Friday, September 2nd, by 12 noon. (New leaders also need to turn in their Leader Forms to Pastor Leonard.)
- **Fall Small Group Brochures** will be available on Sunday, September 4th.
- **Fall Small Group Rally Day** is Sunday, September 11th, during CAFÉ (9:30 to 10 am) and after the 11 am Worship Service, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Fall Small Groups** begin the week of September 18th.

Venturing Crew 122 will resume weekly meetings on Wednesday, August 31, at 7 p.m. in Mount Zion's Fellowship Hall. Venturing is an adventure and leadership group for youth (male and female) ages 13 (completed 8th grade) to 21. Call Tony Breci at 330-8393 or come by the meeting on the 31st to learn more.

Mount Zion's Yard Clean Up will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, at 8 am. Please bring your yard tools come out and help us to get our yard in order for the Chicken BBQ Dinner.

I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.—Ecclesiastes 1:14 (NIV)

Vs.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.—1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

Again I looked and saw all the oppression that was taking place under the sun: I saw the tears of the oppressed—and they have no comforter; power was on the side of their oppressors—and they have no comforter.—Ecclesiastes 4:1 (NIV)

Vs.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”—Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV)

I have seen another evil under the sun, and it weighs heavily on men: God gives a man wealth, possessions and honor, so that he lacks nothing his heart desires, but God does not enable him to enjoy them, and a stranger enjoys them instead. This is meaningless, a grievous evil.—Ecclesiastes 6:1-2 (NIV)

Vs.

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.—Colossians 2:2-3 (NIV)

This is the evil in everything that happens under the sun: The same destiny overtakes all. The hearts of men, moreover, are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live, and afterward they join the dead.—Ecclesiastes 9:3 (NIV)

Vs.

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.—1 John 5:11-12 (NIV)

- Without God, life is an absurd _____ with an awful end. In Christ, life is an orchestrated _____, and the end is just the beginning.

Next Week: Walk through the Poetic Books Part 5: Song of Solomon

Climbing Guide

Suggestions for going further with today's theme.



Thinking about the Theme

- What do you think you will be like at age 100?
- What was the most meaningless book you have ever read?

Getting into God's Word

- Read Ecclesiastes chapter 12.
- What does the long sentence in verses 1-5a describe?
- What event is described in verses 5-7?
- In verse 8 the motto of the whole book is repeated. What does this indicate?
- How do verses 13-14 summarize the book? How do you explain the difference between this summary and verse 8?

Getting God's Word into Our Lives

- Is it easier to keep God in mind as a young person or as an elderly person? Why do you think so?
- How much do eternal concerns affect your daily decisions?
- How has your faith in God affected your outlook on aging? On dying?
- How would you summarize the meaning of life in a couple of sentences of your own?

Praying about It

- Pray for those you know who don't have any sense of real meaning or eternal purpose for their lives. Ask God to reveal himself to them. Pray that they will recognize the contrast between the desperation of life without God and the value of life in Christ.

Doing Something to Make It Stick

- Listen through the book of Ecclesiastes in one sitting at BibleGateway.com. [Go to the BibleGateway website; click on Audio Bibles at the left of the page; choose which version you would like to use; select what section you want to listen to; click "play audio" to start.]

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9:30 Worship Preparation

The mission of Mount Zion UMC is calling people higher. In order to continue to accomplish that mission, we are expanding our Sunday morning worship opportunities beginning in October.

Our new times of worship will be 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00. In order to begin this venture well, we need at least 25 individuals or families to commit to attending worship at 9:30 for at least six months (October-March). This will provide a nucleus of attenders so the sanctuary will not seem uncomfortably empty. We will also need several people to serve in the areas listed below.

Ask God how he may want you to support this effort to expand his kingdom, then complete this form and place it in the box in the Narthex or turn it in to the Church Office. **(Extra forms are in the Narthex)**

- I will pray for God to use the establishment of this new worship opportunity to make disciples of Jesus Christ.
- I/our family will commit to attending the 9:30 service for at least six months.
- I am willing to serve in the following ways during the 9:30 service:
 - Acolyte
 - Audio/Visual
 - Clean Up Between Services
 - Greeter
 - Special Music
 - Usher
 - Welcome Center
 - Other: _____

This new worship opportunity will also affect our Sunday School program necessitating an adjustment of schedule (9:45-10:45). We would also like to offer some Sunday School classes during the 11:00 hour.

- I would like to lead/teach a Sunday School class at 11:00.
 - Pre-school
 - K-5th Grade
 - 6th-12th Grade
 - Adult
- I would like to attend a Sunday School class at 11:00.
 - Pre-school
 - K-5th Grade
 - 6th-12th Grade
 - Adult

Name: _____

Contact information: _____

