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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.

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

January 23, 2011

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Hymn..... UMH 545

“The Church’s One Foundation”

***Opening Prayer**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

***Offertory**

***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**

Anthem.....Adult Choir

“I Need Jesus”

Children’s Time

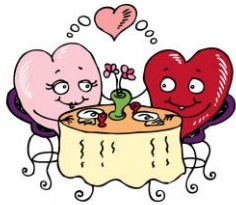
(Children 4 through 8 years old may leave for Children’s Church at this time.)

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer.....John Wesley (1703 - 1791)

Great Shepherd of souls, bring home into your fold all who have gone astray. Preserve your Church from all heresy or schism, from all that persecute or oppose the truth; and give to your ministers wisdom and holiness and the powerful aid of your blessed Spirit.



Valentines Dinner

Treat your Sweetheart to an elegant evening of romance and delicious cuisine beginning at 5 pm
Saturday, February 12th

Mt. Zion's Youth Ministry is hosting a Valentine Day Fundraiser Dinner in the transformed, romantic Fellowship Hall.

THE MENU will be a complete 3 course meal including: beverage (coffee, ice tea or ice water), bread, salad, steak, baked potato and dessert, served by Mt. Zion's youth members. (Grilled Chicken is also available as a non steak option.)

RESERVATIONS are being taken for couples. Seating will be done in 15 minute intervals (i.e. 5:00, 5:15, . . . until 7:30 pm) so please indicate your preferred seating time.

The cost is \$40 per couple. Childcare is available and dinner will be provided. Reservations can be made by filling out the reservation form below and depositing it in the offering plate or by contacting:

Carley Scheitrum 772-8415 or pastor.carley@mountzion-umc.org

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Time Request: (please circle your preferred reservation time)

5:00 5:15 5:30 5:45 6:00 6:15 6:30 6:45 7:00 7:15 7:30

Meat Choice: (please indicate by number) _____ Steak _____ Chicken

List children for childcare with name, age, and any medical or allergy information: _____

*Christian love & sympathy is expressed to the family of Helen Roberts Coats.
Helen passed away on January 15th.*

This Week at Mount Zion

Today: (1/23)

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
12:15 p.m.	Youth Soup & Potato Lunch--FH
5:00 p.m.	United Methodist Youth Fellowship
6:00 p.m.	Handbells--Sanctuary

Monday: (1/24)

7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
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Tuesday: (1/25)

10:00 a.m.	Exercise--Narthex
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts--FH

Wednesday: (1/26)

7:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting--FH
10:00 a.m.	Exercise --Narthex
6:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir--Chapel
6:25 p.m.	Men's Ensemble--Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting--Parlor
7:00 p.m.	Venturing Crew--FH
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir--Chapel

Thursday: (1/27)

7:00 p.m.	Exercise--Narthex
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Friday: (1/28)

10:00 a.m.	Exercise--Narthex
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Saturday: (1/29)

8:00 am	Scouts Pinewood Derby
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Sunday: (1/30)

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
5:00 p.m.	United Methodist Youth Fellowship
6:00 p.m.	Handbells--Sanctuary

Hymn of Preparation.....TWFS 2220

“We Are God’s People”

Sermon.....Pastor Leonard

“The Church Is Irrelevant”

*Closing Hymn.....UMH 577 (verses 1, 2, 4)

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Trinity Chime Benediction**

Postlude

*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: Roy Raynor, Lincoln Barbour, Johnny Peeler, Mabel Hicks

Worship Assistants

Counters: Kim Andrews, Rex Spivey.....(8:30) Angie Cox, Tony Hewett.....(11:00)

Acolytes: Rachel Lamb, Brionna Stewart, Cassie Wilson.....(8:30)

Makayla Lewis, Miranda Lewis, Lydia Cupit, Brittany Moore.....(11:00)

Greeters: Keith & Heather Cantando.....(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



Follow us on Facebook at: facebook.com/MountZionUMC

Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the Glorify God and in honor of Wade Eatmon’s 13th Birthday by Mom & Dad



Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the Glorify God and in honor of the birth of our daughters, Ella Brynn & Emma Catherine Higdon by Chad & Jennifer Higdon

Why I Don't Go to Church



“The Church Is Irrelevant”

Does the charge of irrelevance carry any force for the church at large and at Mount Zion in particular?

- Sometimes sermons are boring.

As Paul spoke on and on, a young man named Eutyclus, sitting on the windowsill, became very drowsy. Finally, he fell sound asleep and dropped three stories to his death below.—Acts 20:9 (NLT)

- The language in church can be difficult to understand.
- Most music in church hymnals was written between 1500 and 1950 while most people listen to music written since the 1970's.
- Sometimes we focus on things that are unrelated to people's everyday lives.

[Jesus] said to them: “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions.”—Mark 7:9 (NIV)

How can we keep from falling into the tradition trap?

- _____ on the mission: to make disciples of Jesus Christ
- _____ workers in the church to keep them current
- _____ the effectiveness of our ministries
- Be _____ to let ministries die and birth new ones
- _____ for the future



Soup & Potato Lunch

Youth Soup & Potato Lunch Today

Following the 11 am Service
In the Fellowship Hall
Soup, Baked Potato, Dessert
& a Drink for a donation.

Funds raised will be used for
Acquire the Fire and youth missions.

Mount Zion's
Saturday Night
"Get-To-Know-You"
H through M
Alphabet Supper
Saturday,
February 5th



- February's dinner for families with the last name beginning with H through M
- 6:30 to 8:30 pm
- Fellowship Hall
- Bring your family and a dish or two to share
- Coffee, Tea & Water Provided

Sponsored by Mount Zion's Evangelism Team



Mount Zion,

I am writing to inform you of a coming staff change at Mount Zion. Kim Stephenson, our Children's Pastor, is sensing that God is leading her to make a change. She will be leaving our staff team on February 6. Though Kim is stepping down from her staff role, she is not leaving our church family and will continue to

coordinate children's church.

All of you know of the good work Kim has done among us over the last two years. She has touched many lives with her smile and loving spirit. God has worked through Kim to take Mount Zion's children's ministry to the next level. We have seen a significant enhancement in our children's church ministry, nursery, and annual children's events under her leadership.

We are planning an appreciation gathering for Kim on February 6, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. There will be some light refreshments and an opportunity for each of you to express your own thanks to her for her service.

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee will soon begin the search for a new Children's Pastor. We will keep you informed as the search progresses.

Pastor Leonard



A new support group will soon begin meeting at Mount Zion for those dealing with the difficulty of having a family member involved in substance abuse or other destructive habits. It will meet on Thursdays at 7:30 pm beginning in February in the classroom across from the nursery. The group will be informal

and requires no sign-up or specific commitment. If you know someone who might benefit from this type of support group, please pass this information along. Flyers are available in the Narthex.

*Special thanks to Barbara Hemphill Taylor
for playing the piano for us today!*

➤ Refuse to rely on past religious _____

At the root of the charge of irrelevance is the assumption that the message of Scripture is out-dated and insignificant.

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.—Hebrews 13:1-8 (NIV-2010)

➤ Today's church must communicate this _____ message in a _____ manner.

This week invite someone to come to church with you. If they say that the church is irrelevant, do this:

- 1) Explain that churches offer _____ styles of worship because _____ people enjoy _____ approaches.
- 2) Most of all share how _____ Jesus is to you.

Next Sunday: *"The Church Is Anti-Intellectual"*

Climbing Guide

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



Thinking about the Theme

- What is the most fun you ever had getting dirty?

Getting into God's Word

- Read Mark 7:1-13.
- What are the understandings of what it means to honor God "underneath" the debate between Jesus and the Pharisees?
- How does the quote from Isaiah (verses 6-7) address the issue at hand?
- The traditions were started to help people obey God's commands. How could they have ended up working against them (verses 8-9)?

Getting God's Word into Our Lives

- What religious traditions do you follow that don't come from Scripture? Do they help or hinder your personal relationship with Jesus?
- How could your tradition be twisted so that it actually becomes a barrier to someone else's spiritual growth?
- What are some practical ways to keep tradition from becoming a trap in the church?

Praying about It

- Ask the Holy Spirit to protect the church from empty tradition.
- Pray for a distaste for anything that presents a barrier for people to really get to know and trust Jesus.
- Pray for God to orchestrate an opportunity for you to invite someone to come to church with you Sunday.

Doing Something to Make It Stick

- Commit to some plan to read the Bible daily so that you know first-hand what it says.
- Take a quick inventory of the changes you have experienced in your life. Then list what has remained constant. Try to imagine what will stay the same over the next 100 years. Think how this relates to God's message and human methods.
- Invite someone to come to church with you.

February Newsletter Items are due to sally@mountzion-umc.org or to the Church Office by today.

New Member Sunday will be held next Sunday 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 this Thursday, January 27th.

Discovering Spiritual Maturity Class will be held on Sunday, February 6th, from 6:30 to 9 pm. Please contact the Church Office to sign-up by Thursday, February 3rd.

If you have a **card table for the Youth Valentine Dinner** that the youth can borrow, please sign up in Fellowship Hall and drop it off in the Fellowship Hall before February 10th. Be sure your name is on the bottom of the table so that it can be returned. The Youth will set-up in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, February 11th at 6 pm.

The 2011 Altar Flower List is in the Narthex on the shelf on the left. Flowers are still \$44 per arrangement, and you can take it home after the 11 am Worship Service. If you would like to leave them, they will be used in an arrangement in the Narthex, the following Sunday. You can make your check out to "Mount Zion UMC" and put "flowers" in the memo.

Family Ministries would like to have a group go to **HIS Radio's Girl's Night Out** featuring Anita Renfroe & Mandisa, is on Friday, March 11th, at 7 pm in Durham. Group tickets are \$17. Please contact Myrtle Earley at 779-5280 or email at earleys4@hotmail.com.

College Connections: If you committed to encourage a college student for 2010-11, please remain in touch with them regularly by: emails, facebook, phone calls, cards, or packages. You could take them out to lunch or invite them to your home for dinner. If you have not been in contact with your student and will not be able to, please contact Myrtle Earley and give her the student's name so that she can find a contact for them. There is a male college student who needs someone to support them. If you would like to do this, please contact Myrtle at 779-5280 or earleys4@hotmail.com.

Ministry Opportunities:

- Greeters and Acolytes needed each Sunday at both services. Please sign up in the Narthex on the self on the left.
- CAFÉ is each Sunday in the kitchen from 9:30 -10 am. Please sign-up in the kitchen to bring snacks, set-up and clean-up.