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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 30, 2011

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Hymn..... UMH 555

“Forward Through the Ages”

***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.....Handbell Choir

“Jubilate Amen”

Children’s Time

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

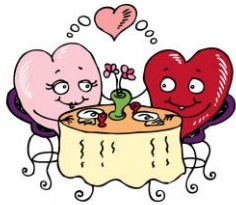
Announcements

Reception of New Members

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer..... Apostle Paul

God, may our love abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that we may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to your glory and praise. Amen. (From Philippians 1:9-11)



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 Harry & Kay Carroll and Mickey & Amanda Carroll and the entire family. Harry & Mickey's brother, Lennie Carroll passed away on January 22nd.

This Week at Mount Zion

Today: (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

Monday: (1/31)

7:00 p.m.	Parsonage Team Meeting--S & C
7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts

Tuesday: (2/1)

10:00 a.m.	Exercise--Narthex
7:00 p.m.	SPRC Meeting--Share & Care
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts--FH

Wednesday: (2/2)

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: (2/3)

7:00 p.m.	Missions Team--Classroom
7:00 p.m.	Kitchen Team-- Classroom
7:00 p.m.	Exercise--Narthex

Friday: (2/4)

10:00 a.m.	Exercise--Narthex
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Saturday: (2/5)

6:30 p.m.	H - M Families Alphabet Supper--FH <i>Communion</i>
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Sunday: (2/6)

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.	Reception for Pastor Kim--FH
12:30 p.m.	Youth Fellowship Lunch--Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Handbells--Sanctuary

Hymn of Preparation.....TWFS 2220

“We Are God’s People”

Sermon.....Pastor Leonard

“The Church Is Anti-Intellectual”

*Closing Hymn.....UMH 368

“My Hope Is Built”

***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: Kathy Gillis, Patricia Holden

Worship Assistants

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

Acolytes: Riley Dale Andrews, Brendan Boyd, Tyler Tolbert, Chad McQueary(8:30)

Erin Hewett.....(11:00)

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



Please be sure to welcome those who joined Mount Zion today:

Chris & Sarah Elliott

Sharon Faucett

Chad & Jennifer Higdon

Don McQueary

Richard & Alicia Murray

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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Why I Don't Go to Church



“The Church Is Anti-Intellectual”

Four different ways this charge is expressed:

1) The church is unscientific because we believe in _____.

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.—
Genesis 1:1 (NIV)*

- What I would have to accept if I am to believe that God did _____ create:
- Everything was produced from nothing
 - Life came from non-life
 - Randomness produced highly intricate and interdependent systems
 - Unconsciousness produced consciousness
 - Non-reason somehow resulted in reason

2) The church is naive because we believe in _____.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.—Exodus 14:21-22 (NIV)

- It takes more _____ to believe the non-miraculous explanations or the denials of most events than it does to believe God acted.

3) The church is irrational because we believe in Jesus’ _____.

“The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead after you killed him by hanging him on a cross. Then God put him in the place of honor at his right hand as Prince and Savior. He did this so the people of Israel would repent of their sins and be forgiven. We are witnesses of these things and so is the Holy Spirit, who is given by God to those who obey him.”—Acts 5:30-32 (NLT)

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

Clear the Clutter Thank You & Update:

Thank you to all who participated in our "Clear the Clutter for Christ" event on Jan 22. It was truly an example of "Together We Are Better!" We enjoyed getting to know each other, finding ways to make Mount Zion a more "productive environment," and knowing that the items we donate can be a blessing to others.

Please look at the items displayed on the tables outside the Fellowship Hall to see if there is anything that belongs to you, or if there is something which really could be used by one of the groups in which you are active at Mount Zion.

Items remaining after Sunday, February 6, will be donated to Harbor, Inc. There is still work to be done to complete what we started -- planning, hauling, organizing, and labeling. If you are willing to help, please contact Barbara Taylor at 919-349-9247 or email papertigerlady@me.com.



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 in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

- 4) The church is ignorant because we believe that the _____ are inspired.

The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent."

So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense.

But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.—1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NLT)

- Christianity is not irrational; it _____ our rational capacities.

Challenge

- 1) This week invite someone to come to church with you. If they say that the church is anti-intellectual, do this: Challenge them to _____ God to reveal himself to them.
- 2) Learn more about _____ you believe what you do.

Next Sunday: "Christians Are Judgmental"

Climbing Guide

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



Thinking about the Theme

- What was the least useful course you had to take in high school or college?

Getting into God's Word

- Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.
- How is the wisdom and strength of this world different from God's wisdom and strength?
- Is Paul rejecting education or prideful assumptions? Explain.
- In verse 30 there are four terms to describe what Christ is for those who trust him. What does each term mean and how does it apply to the life of a believer?

Getting God's Word into Our Lives

- What situations can you think of where God uses the foolish, weak, and despised to build his kingdom today?
- Why does God do that?

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. [Yes, this was here last week. It still applies.]
- Read one of Lee Strobel's books:
The Case for Christ
The Case for Faith
The Case for a Creator
The Case for the Real Jesus
- Invite someone to come to church with you.

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

Creative Christians will meet on Friday, February 18th at 6:30 pm.

We will celebrate **Scout Sunday** on February 13th. All children, youth and adults involved in any type of scouting program are encouraged to attend worship in uniform.

Today is the last day to pay for your ticket to Family Ministries: **HIS Radio's Girl's Night Out** featuring Anita Renfroe & Mandisa, on Friday, March 11th, at 7 pm in Durham. We will carpool to Durham, eat dinner, and be at the event by 6 pm. Event tickets are \$20.22 (includes handling fee). Please make your check out to Mount Zion UMC and in the memo note "Girls Night Out" or put your cash in an envelope with your name and event and place it in the offering plate today. If you have any questions, 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. You can contact Myrtle at 779-5280 or earleys4@hotmail.com.

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.

Greeters and Acolytes needed each Sunday at both services. Please sign up in the Narthex on the self on the left.