

## This Week at Mount Zion

### **Today: (1/9)**

7:00 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

3:30-7:45 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

*Winter Small Groups Begin this week*

United Methodist Men--FH

Morning Worship Services

Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH

Sunday School

Youth Mission Fair--White Plains UMC

Administrative Council/Charge

Conference--Sanctuary

Venturing Advisory--Classroom

No Handbells

### **Monday: (1/10)**

7:00 p.m.

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7:00 p.m.

Youth Council--Classroom

Cub Scouts

Troop 64 Committee--FH

### **Tuesday: (1/11)**

10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Morning Glory Women's Circle--FH

Exercise--Narthex

Evangelism--Share & Care

Boy Scouts--FH

### **Wednesday: (1/12)**

7:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:25 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

Prayer Meeting--FH

Exercise --Narthex

Alleluia Choir--Chapel

Men's Ensemble--Chapel

Prayer Meeting--Parlor

SPRC--Share & Care Classroom

Venturing Crew--FH

Adult Choir--Chapel

Family Ministries--Classroom

Cub Committee--Classroom

Den Leaders Meeting--Classroom

### **Thursday: (1/13)**

7:00 p.m.

Exercise--Narthex

### **Friday: (1/14)**

10:00 a.m.

Exercise--Narthex

### **Saturday: (1/15)**

6:30 p.m.

A-G "Get-to-Know You Dinner"--FH

### **Sunday: (1/16)**

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

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Morning Worship Services

Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH

Sunday School

Discovering Church Membership Class

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Handbells--Sanctuary



Leonard Rex, Lead Pastor  
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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 9, 2011

### 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

#### Welcome

Opening Hymn..... UMH 712

*"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"*

#### \*Opening Prayer

#### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

#### Offering of God's Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Offertory *"Let Not Your Heart be Troubled"*

\*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 & Allen Dyer soloist

*"Saved By Grace"*

#### Children's Time

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

#### Announcements

#### Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer.....By William Laud (1573-1645)

Most gracious Father, we humbly beg you for your Holy Catholic Church; that you would be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided and rent asunder, do make up the breaches in it, O holy one of Israel. Amen.

**Winter Small Group** brochures are located in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and on our website.

Mount Zion has been authorized by the District Superintendent to hold a **Charge Conference** in conjunction with our Administrative Council meeting, today, at 6:30 pm in our sanctuary. The purpose is to accept the report of the Study Committee and elect a Building Committee. Everyone is invited to attend.

Everyone whose last name begins with A through G is invited to 2011's first monthly Saturday **"get to know you" dinner**, this Saturday, January 15th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and your family! Coffee, tea and water will be provided.

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** next 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 by this Thursday, January 13th. 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.

**Clear the Clutter for Christ:** An "Indoor Workday" will be held on Saturday, January 22nd, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. We will be inventorying items in all the buildings. Items no longer needed, will be donated to Harbor, Inc. An instructional meeting and breakfast begins at 8:30 am. Be sure to be here to help us know what items are used during the year and to help us to organize items so we have an inventory of where everything is, so anyone needing it can find it. Lunch and prizes begin at 1 pm. For questions, contact Barbara Taylor at 349-9247 or [papertigerlady@me.com](mailto:papertigerlady@me.com).

**The Youth Soup and Potato Lunch** fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 23rd, after the 11 am Worship Service, in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to stay after church and have baked potatoes with all the fixings, homemade soup, drink, and homemade dessert, all for a donation. Funds raised will be used for Acquire the Fire and youth missions.

**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.

# Climbing Guide

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



## **Thinking about the Theme**

- What is one of your favorite pet peeves?

## **Getting into God's Word**

- Read Matthew 23:1-14.
- What is the main thing Jesus says is wrong with the Pharisees' behavior/attitude?
- How are Jesus' disciples supposed to avoid the same problem?
- What did the Pharisees think would make them great (verses 5-7)? How is that different from the path Jesus wants his disciples to take (verses 8-12)?

## **Getting God's Word into Our Lives**

- Where are you too much like the Pharisees? Where do you fall into the trap of comparing yourself with others?
- How can you avoid making it hard for others to grow spiritually?
- What is the difference between hypocrisy and imperfection? How should you treat each condition in yourself?

## **Praying about It**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any hypocrisy in your own life and repent of it (perhaps praying Psalm 51).
- Pray for people (outside and inside the church) to understand that Jesus hates hypocrisy, but loves to forgive and transform sinners.
- Pray for the church to do a better job of helping people live real lives of on-going holiness.

## **Doing Something to Make It Stick**

- Review your spiritual progress in Christ-likeness over the last year. Set some spiritual goals for 2011.
- Invite someone to come to church with you.



# Why I Don't Go to Church



***“There Are Too Many Hypocrites in the Church”***

*Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses. So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don’t follow their example. For they don’t practice what they teach. They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.*

*“Everything they do is for show. On their arms they wear extra wide prayer boxes with Scripture verses inside, and they wear robes with extra long tassels. And they love to sit at the head table at banquets and in the seats of honor in the synagogues. They love to receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces, and to be called ‘Rabbi.’*

*“Don’t let anyone call you ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one teacher, and all of you are equal as brothers and sisters. And don’t address anyone here on earth as ‘Father,’ for only God in heaven is your spiritual Father. And don’t let anyone call you ‘Teacher,’ for you have only one teacher, the Messiah. The greatest among you must be a servant. But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.*

*“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you shut the door of the Kingdom of Heaven in people’s faces. You won’t go in yourselves, and you don’t let others enter either.—Matthew 23:1-14 (NLT)*

- Jesus decries the hypocrisy of:
- Not doing what you \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Doing good deeds for the \_\_\_\_\_ of people rather than God.
  - Taking the \_\_\_\_\_ that should be directed to God.

**Is there truth in the charge: “The church has too many hypocrites in it”?**

*The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.—1 Timothy 4:1-2 (NIV) [See also 2 Peter 2:1-3]*

➤ Jesus distinguishes between hypocrisy and \_\_\_\_\_.

*A broken and repentant heart, O God, you will not despise.—Psalm 51:17 (NIV)*

➤ The problem with hypocrisy is not so much sin as \_\_\_\_\_, and pride inevitably involves \_\_\_\_\_.

### **You may be a hypocrite if...**

- You are more interested in \_\_\_\_\_ people and meeting their expectations than pleasing God and obeying him.
- You are more concerned about unchurched people \_\_\_\_\_ you of hypocrisy than you are about their eternal destinies.
- You cover up, deny, or \_\_\_\_\_ your own sin rather than owning up to it and asking for forgiveness.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ the faults of others when the Holy Spirit points out yours.
- You can't remember when you \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit's conviction of sin or challenge to change.

### **Two challenges:**

- 1) This week invite someone to come to church with you. If they say that there are too many hypocrites in the church:
  - Tell them how you have experienced Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Explain to them some specific way Christ's power is currently working \_\_\_\_\_ in you.
- 2) Live a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

Next Sunday: *"The Church Is Always Asking for Money"*