

*Christian love and sympathy is expressed to John & Jennifer Boyd
and the entire family in the death of John's father, Bill Boyd.*

This Week at Mount Zion

Today: (3/27)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Services
9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
4:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Practice--Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Easter Cantata Drama Practice--Chapel
5:00 p.m.	United Methodist Youth Fellowship
6:00 p.m.	Handbells--Sanctuary

Monday: (3/28)

7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts--Upstairs Classrooms
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Tuesday: (3/29)

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

Wednesday: (3/30)

7:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting--Fellowship Hall
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.	Adult Choir--Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Venturing Crew--FH
7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Meeting--Sanctuary

Thursday: (3/31)

7:00 p.m.	Exercise--Narthex
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Friday: (4/1)

10:00 a.m.	Exercise--Narthex
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Saturday: (4/2)

6:30 p.m.	Saturday Night Fellowship Dinner--FH
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Sunday: (4/3)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	<i>Small Group Rally Day</i> Morning Worship Services
9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
4:00 p.m.	Easter Cantata Drama Practice--Chapel
5:00 p.m.	United Methodist Youth Fellowship
5:30 p.m.	Children's & Adult Choir Practice
6:00 p.m.	Handbells--Sanctuary

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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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.*

Missions focus for March is the Raleigh Rescue Mission.

The Missions Team is collecting "Welcome Kits" to be handed out to the homeless at the Raleigh Rescue Mission. Today is the last day to place your kits on the shelves on the left in the Narthex

Easter Family Handouts "Easter is near!" are available in the Narthex (one per family). The calendars begin on Sunday, April 10th. Instructions are located on the back of the calendar.

UMCOR is accepting donations for the Japan & Pacific Emergency. Please make your check out to Mount Zion UMC and note: "UMCOR Advance 3021317" in the memo and place it in the offering plate. 100% of the donations will be used to help people.

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to **children's choir practice** today from 4 to 4:45 pm in the Sanctuary. They will also practice on Sundays, April 3 & 10 at 5:30 pm, in the Sanctuary with the **Adult Choir**. They will be singing on Palm Sunday with the Adult Choir & Handbells.

Easter Cantata Drama Practice will be held on Sunday's at 4 pm.

Spring Small Group Brochures are available in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall. Small Group Rally Day will be held on Sunday, April 2nd, from 9:30 to 10:00 am and after the 11 am Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Leaders will be available to answer any questions and to sign you up for their Spring Small Group.

April's Saturday Night Fellowship Supper will be held this Saturday, April 2nd, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone who has a *Benson, Clayton, Four Oaks, Kinley, Selma, Smithfield, & Willow Springs* address is encouraged to attend. Please bring your family and a dish or two to share!

The Paul J. Johnson Memorial Scholarship applications are now being accepted until April 15th. Any High School Senior that is a member of Mount Zion can apply. Applications are located in the Narthex.

Mount Zion's Relay for Life Team is selling luminaries & torches of hope until April 22nd. If you would like to purchase one in honor or in memory of someone, a form, instructions, and a designated box for completed forms and payment is located in the Narthex.

Climbing Guide

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



Thinking about the Theme

- How do you respond when your beliefs are questioned? How does fear impact your response?

Getting into God's Word

- Read Mark 14:53-72.
- Why do you think the Sanhedrin wanted to arrest Jesus (verses 55)?
- What does Jesus say when the high priest challenges his identity (verses 61-62)?
- How does Peter respond when the servant challenges his identity (verse 68)?
- What do you learn about Jesus from this passage? What do you learn about Peter?

Getting God's Word into Our Lives

- How does it make you feel to know that Peter knew he would betray Jesus and did it anyway?
- Have you ever been confident of your devotion, only to betray yourself and the object of your devotion?
- Consider that Jesus admitted to being our Savior even when we denied him. How does your fear get in the way of being as devoted to Jesus?

Praying about It

- Confess your sins to God, remembering that we have to live in the reality of sinfulness before we are forgiven. Tell God about the parts of your life that need redemption.

Doing Something to Make It Stick

- Plan to attend the Good Friday Tenebrae service on April 22 in the Sanctuary.

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Trinity Chime Benediction**

Postlude *“Postlude in F”*

*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: William VanWie, Karen Weisenburn, Raphus Coats, Melissa Roberts Batten

Worship Assistants

Counters: Greg Burns, Allen Dyer.....(8:30) Barry Myers, Charles Newsom...(11:00)
Acolytes: Megan King, Lauren King, Brionna Stewart.....(8:30)
Erin Hewett, Ray Kemp, Peyton Askew.....(11:00)
Greeters:(8:30) Steven Sorrell.....(11:00)

*Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to glorify God and
in memory of **Cleveland Ellington** by Doris Ellington*



*Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to glorify God and in honor of
Anthony & Nancy Rivers' Anniversary by Tori & Elizabeth Rivers*

Holy Week Easter Events

- **A Taste of Passover**- Thursday, April 21st, Symbolic Passover meal at host homes. **Sign-up today in the Narthex** to attend a meal at a home in your area.
- **A Tenebrae Service**- Friday, April 22nd at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.
- **A Family Easter Celebration**- Saturday, April 23rd, from 11 am to 1 pm, in the Sanctuary. An interactive exploration of the events of Easter, as well as an egg hunt and lunch in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Easter Sunday Sunrise Service**- April 24th, at 6:30 am in the cemetery, followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Easter Sunday Worship Services**- April 24th, at 8:30 & 11 am
Easter Cantata and Drama "Here Comes the King!"



24 Hours

that Changed the World

Part 3: On Trial for Blasphemy

Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.” The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?” Mark 14:60-64 (NIV)

Where does this take place?

The house and courtyard of the high priest, Caiaphas, mark the setting for Jesus’ trial and Peter’s betrayal.

Who are the people involved & what do we learn from them?

“Those who took him into custody and tried him were the most pious and religious people on the face of the earth. The God they claimed to serve walked among them in flesh, and they could not see him. They were so blinded by their love of power and their fear of losing it that they missed him.”

Adam Hamilton, *The 24 Hours that Changed the World*.

What can we learn from this episode?

- Jesus is _____.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Mark 14:60-62 (NIV)

➤ Our beliefs will be _____.

*“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”
Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.” Mark 8:29 (NIV)*

➤ _____ will cloud our judgment.

*[Adam] answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was
afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” Genesis 3:10 (NIV)*

*Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.”
But [God] said, “Yes, you did laugh.” Genesis 18:15 (NIV)*

*Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water
and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was
afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”
Matthew 14:29-30 (NIV)*

Questions to remember in the midst of uncertainty:

1. Am I _____ in God?

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you
trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 (NIV)*

2. Am I acting in _____?

*This is how love is made complete among us so that we will
have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are
like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out
fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who
fears is not made perfect in love. 1 John 4: 17-18(NIV)*

Next Sunday: <i>Jesus, Barrabas, and Pilate</i>
