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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

March 6, 2011

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Hymn.....UMH 370
“Victory in Jesus”

*Opening Prayer

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

*Offertory *“New Britain”*

*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 MusicMixed Ensemble
“I Love to Tell the Story” & “I’ll Fly Away”

Children’s Time

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

Announcements

Pastoral 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.

The Creative Christians Small Group has been rescheduled to Friday, March 18th at 6:30 pm, due to the Ole Fashion Supper Work Night on Friday, March 11th.

The Senior Citizen Brunch will be held on Saturday, March 19th, at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. The brunch is sponsored by the Stevens/Lane Circle. If you need a ride to the brunch or would like to help with preparing food, serving, and clean-up, please contact Amanda Carroll at 772-8965 or Kim Carroll at 779-3693.

Below is the current schedule for the **Adult Men & Women's Softball Practice** at Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Garner. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Davis at 359-1594.

- Today, Sunday, March 6th, at 3 pm-Mount Zion Women/Mount Zion Men
- Tuesday, March 22nd, at 6 pm-Mount Zion Men

Mount Zion will be hosting **Upward Sports Ministry Fall Soccer**. If you would like to be a part of this ministry team, helping to plan and coordinate upcoming activities, please contact John Holden at 773-8613.

*Everyone is invited to a "Baby Boy Shower"
for Andrea Cupit and Jonathan Mills,
on Sunday, March 13th, from 3 to 5 pm,
at the home of Wendy Hewett, 1117 Golden Grain Road,
in Turner Farms Subdivision, in Garner.
Andrea is the daughter of Ron & Melissa Cupit.
They are registered at Target.
If you have any questions, please contact Wendy at 662-4960.*

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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This Week at Mount Zion

Today: (3/6)

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

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Monday: (3/7)

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday: (3/8)

10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: (3/9)

6:00, 6:30, 7:00 & 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:25 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Thursday: (3/10)

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Friday: (3/11)

10:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

Saturday: (3/12)

10:00 a.m.

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday: (3/13)

7:00 a.m.

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

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Morning Worship Services

Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH

Sunday School

Men's & Women's Softball Practice

United Methodist Youth Fellowship--FH

Handbells--Sanctuary

Discovering Spiritual Maturity Class

Fellowship Hall--Reserved

Children's Ministry--Jr. High Youth

Youth Council--Share & Care Classroom

Cub Scouts--Upstairs Classrooms

Morning Glory Circle--Fellowship Hall

Exercise--Narthex

SPRC--Share & Care Classroom

Boy Scouts--FH

Ash Wednesday Services

Exercise--Narthex

Alleluia Choir--Chapel

Men's Ensemble--Chapel

Adult Choir--Chapel

Venturing Crew--FH

Cub Scout Committee--Fishers of Men

Den Leaders Meeting--Fishers of Men

Exercise--Narthex

Finance Team--Share & Care Classroom

Exercise--Narthex

Ole Fashion Supper Work Night

Small Group Leader Training-Classroom

Ole Fashion Supper-Fellowship Hall

United Methodist Men--Fellowship Hall

Morning Worship Services

Coffee & Fellowship for Everyone--FH

Sunday School

United Methodist Youth Fellowship--FH

Handbells--Sanctuary

Venturing Advisory

Administrative Council Meeting--Sanctuary

Hymn of Preparation.....UMH 361 (verses 1-3)
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Sermon.....Pastor Leonard
FAQs about Baptism

***Closing Hymn**.....UMH 252 (to the tune of 396)
“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

(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 *“How Great Thou Art”*

*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: Carmel Greco, Bill Boyd, Margaret Boyd, Becca King, Howard Hamilton, Randy Church

Worship Assistants

Counters: Greg Burns, Allen Dyer.....(8:30) Barry Myers, Charles Newsom...(11:00)
Acolytes: Ryne Turner, Faith Turner, Chad McQueary.....(8:30)
Thomas Earley, Makayla Lewis, Miranda Lewis.....(11:00)

*Christian love & sympathy is expressed to **Sandra Lassiter** and the entire family.
Sandra's husband, Dan, passed away on Wednesday, February 23rd.*



*Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to Glorify God and in honor of
Langlee Carroll's 1st Birthday by Ammy & Papa*



*Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to Glorify God and in memory of
M.A. Penny Jr. by Bettie Penny*



Water and the Spirit

FAQs about Baptism

Do I have to be baptized to go to heaven?

- Jesus _____ us to be baptized.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”—Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

- Baptism has always been the public _____ of faith in Christ.

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”—Acts 2:28 (NIV)

- The act of baptism is not what saves us; our salvation rests solely on our relationship with Jesus Christ through _____.

“What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.”—Acts 22:16 (NLT)

*Then [the thief] said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”
And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”—Luke 23:42-43 (NLT)*

What is the right way to be baptized?

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Services will be held this Wednesday, March 9th, at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary. Each service will last 10 to 15 minutes and will include the imposition of ashes and time for personal reflection.

Red Cross



Blood Drive

Sunday, March 20th

12:15 to 4:45 pm

Mount Zion's Fellowship Hall

- To make an appointment:
www.redcrossblood.org. Click on "search by sponsor" and enter sponsor code "1310" or call Sandy Wise at 894-2203.



Ole Fashion Supper

Saturday, March 12th, from 4 to 8 pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

- The Volunteer/Donation sign-up board is in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to sign-up today! There are still needed items!
- There will be many ways that you can volunteer: set-up, kitchen, dessert table, drink table, cooks, and clean-up to name a few.
- Donations of funds to purchase food items, home cooked vegetables, entrees, desserts, tea or drinks are also needed. Items are listed on the sign.
- **Work night is this Friday, March 11th, beginning at 6 pm.** Everyone's help is needed! Hope to see you there!
- **Signs for you to post at work or at a local business** are located by the door in the Fellowship Hall.
- Working at the Ole Fashion Supper is a great way "to serve" and also a great way to meet others and to fellowship. Your big smile and welcoming attitude to those who come to eat is a great way to outreach to our community.
- Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 4 to 8 and free for children 3 and under.

- Each method _____ a different aspect of baptism's significance.
 - ❖ Sprinkling emphasizes cleansing [See Hebrews 10:22].
 - ❖ Pouring relates to being filled with the Holy Spirit [See Titus 3:5-7].
 - ❖ Immersion identifies us with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection [See Colossians 2:10-12].

Should I have my child baptized?

- Are you _____ of Jesus Christ?
- Is Jesus given the _____ in your family?

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.—Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (NIV)

Should I be re-baptized?

- Baptism as an expression of God's action doesn't need to be repeated because his side of the relationship _____.

If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins....—1 John 1:9 (Amp.)

Next Sunday we begin a new sermon series about the significance of the events or the most significant day in all of history: *24 Hours That Changed the World.*

Climbing Guide

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



Thinking about the Theme

- When and where were you baptized? How much water did it take?

Getting into God's Word

- Read Matthew 3.
- How does John the Baptist understand his role? What does he do to fulfill it? (Verses 1-10)
- How does John distinguish his baptism from Jesus'? (Verses 11-12)
- Why does Jesus who is without sin come to John to be baptized? What righteousness does he fulfill? (Verses 13-15)
- How does Jesus' baptism and the announcement from heaven set the stage for the launch of his public ministry? (Verses 16-17)

Getting God's Word into Our Lives

- Who has been a "John the Baptist" in your life to prepare you to meet Jesus?
- How is repentance of sin linked with becoming a Christian? With living the Christian life?
- Why don't we need to be re-baptized every time we mess up and need to ask for forgiveness?
- How has God affirmed you as his child in Christ?

Praying about It

- Thank Jesus for coming to this world, becoming one of us, and identifying with our struggles and our needs.
- Repent of anything that is hindering your relationship with God as his holy and loved child.
- Daily reclaim who God says you are in baptism.

Doing Something to Make It Stick

- Come up with a meaningful, concrete, and practical way you can personally reaffirm your baptism, such as carrying a blue glass bead in your pocket as a reminder.

Missions focus for March will be the Raleigh Rescue Mission.

Today a team of volunteers will be leaving the church at 1:45 to cook, and serve dinner to the homeless and those living at the Raleigh Rescue Mission.

The Missions Team is collecting "Welcome Kits" to be handed out to the homeless. Please donate a complete kit assembled in a gallon zip-lock bag. The kit should include the following travel-size hygiene items: toothpaste, toothbrush, antiperspirant, disposable razors, shaving cream, soap and shampoo. Please add a warm note or card of encouragement. Please place your completed kit on the designated shelf on the left in the Narthex. The last day to donate kits will be Sunday March 27th.

His Radio's "Girl's Night Out" prepaid tickets can be picked up today in the Narthex after the 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Service. Trip information will be available today and emailed to those who purchased tickets.

The Morning Glory Women's Circle will meet this Tuesday, March 8th, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend. Please bring your lunch. After the meeting they will enjoy fellowship and have lunch together.

Small Group Leader Training will be held this Saturday, March 12th, at 10 am in a classroom. Anyone interested in leading a small group should attend. Please contact the church office to register by Thursday, March 10th.

Spring Small Group Timeline:

- Spring Small Group Information Forms Due to the Church Office on Wednesday, March 23rd. Forms are available in the Narthex, and in the Fellowship Hall.
- Spring Small Group Brochures available on Sunday, March 27th.
- Spring Small Group Rally Day on Sunday, April 3rd, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:00 am during CAFÉ and after the 11:00 am Worship Service.
- Spring Small Groups begin the week of April 10th.

United Methodist Men meet next Sunday, March 13th, at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited for breakfast, prayer, devotion and fellowship!