

# This Week at Mount Zion

## **Sunday: (11/27)**

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## **Monday: (11/28)**

7:00 p.m.

## **Tuesday: (11/29)**

7:30 p.m.

## **Wednesday: (11/30)**

7:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:50 p.m.

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

9:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

## **Friday: (12/2)**

5:00 p.m.

## **Saturday: (12/3)**

8:30 a.m.

## **Sunday: (12/4)**

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

## *New Member Sunday*

Worship Services--Sanctuary

CAFÉ--Fellowship Hall

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class

Jamaicia Sign Language Class--Chapel

Youth Group--Fellowship Hall

Handbells--Sanctuary

Hanging of the Greens Service

Cub Scouts--Upstairs Classrooms

Boy Scouts--Fellowship Hall

Prayer Meeting--Fellowship Hall

Alleluia Choir--Chapel

Prayer Meeting--Parlor

Men's Book Study--Fishers Classroom

Prayer Meeting--Parlor

Adult Choir--Chapel

Venturing Crew--Fellowship Hall

Christmas Cantata Practice--Chapel

SALT trip to Old Salem--FH

Stephens Ministry Class--Chapel

Stevens/Lane Womens Circle decorate FH

Missions Team--Share & Care Classroom

Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner--FH

Christmas Cantata Practice--Sanctuary

*Communion*

Worship Services--Sanctuary

CAFÉ--Fellowship Hall

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class

Jamaicia Sign Language Class--Chapel

Youth Drama Practice--Chapel

Children's Program Practice--Sanctuary

Youth Group--Fellowship Hall

Handbells--Sanctuary



Leonard Rex, Lead Pastor  
Carley Prenshaw, Associate/Youth Pastor  
Kristina Yeatts, Children's Pastor  
Nancy Rivers, Choir Director  
Elaine Heintzelman, Organist  
Marilyn Johnson, Office Manager  
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### **Service Times:**

**Worship Service: 8:15 a.m.**  
**Coffee And Fellowship for Everyone 9:15-9:45 a.m.**  
**Worship Service: 9:30**  
**Sunday School 9:45**  
**Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.**  
**Adult Sunday School Class: 11:00 a.m.**

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for  
the transformation of the world.*

**Order of Worship**  
**November 27, 2011**  
**8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Welcome**

**\*Opening Hymn**.....UMH 224  
*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Opening Prayer**..... by Robert Louis Stevenson  
Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
That we may share in the song of the angels,  
The gladness of the shepherds,  
And worship of the wise men.  
Close the door of hate  
And open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift  
And good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,  
And teach us to be merry with clear hearts.  
May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children,  
And Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,  
Forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus sake. Amen

**\*Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Gifts**

**\*Offertory**

**\*Doxology:** .....UMH 221, verse 4  
What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him; give my heart.  
Words: Christina G. Rossetti, 1872 CCLI #1330814

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Special Music**.....Nicole Johnson  
*“Prepare the Way, O Zion”*

# Advent Service



## A Hanging of the Greens Service Tonight 7 pm in the Sanctuary

The service will focus around understanding the symbolism of the Christmas décor and its relationship to the coming of the Christ-child.

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## Christmas in Cleveland

Thursday, December 1st, at 6:00 pm  
at Fit for Life Parking lot (behind Food Lion) at 40/42

Join the Mount Zion Evangelism Committee as they offer refreshments, free handouts, help children dress up in our Nativity costumes and Pastor Leonard will share the Nativity Story.

Mount Zion's Sanctuary will be filled with beautiful poinsettias again this Christmas. The poinsettias can be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one. You can take them home on Christmas Eve, after the service you attend.



The cost is \$9 and the last day to purchase is December 4th. A listing of those for whom poinsettias have been given will be available in the Narthex beginning on Sunday, December 11th.

- Please fill out a form for EACH poinsettia ordered.
- You can make your check payable to Mount Zion UMC and note "poinsettias" on the memo line and place it in the offering plate.
- You can write one check for all of your poinsettias ordered
- Extra forms are located in the narthex

Please mark if it is in Memory or in Honor.

Given in Memory  or Honor

of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Children's Time

(8:15 & 11:00 am--Children 4 through 8 years old may leave for Children's Church at this time.)  
(9:30 am--Parents may take their children to Sunday School and pick them up at 10:45 am.)

## Announcements

### Reception of New Members:

*Philip & Donna Wilson*  
*Adam & Susan Karvosky*

### Intercessory Prayer

**\*Hymn of Preparation**.....UMH 251  
*"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

**Sermon**..... Pastor Leonard  
What God Wants for Christmas:  
Part 1 - Everyone to Hear the Message of Salvation

**\*Closing Hymn** .....UMH 230  
*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*  
(You may come to the altar rail to pray, receive prayer or be anointed with oil for healing.)

### \*Dismissal with Blessing

**\*Closing Chorus**.....UMH 204  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.  
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## Postlude

\*Indicates congregation standing (those who are able).

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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:** Maverine Edwards, Lisa Kuhn

## Worship Assistants

Counters: Angie Cox, Mike Stewart.. (8:15) Eugene Myers, Don Maynard....(11:00)  
Acolytes: .....(8:15)  
Wilson Johnson, Peyton Askew.....(9:30)  
Lydia Cupit, Makayla Lewis, Miranda Lewis.....(11:00)  
Greeters: Open.....(8:15) Open.....(9:30) Steven Sorrell.....(11:00)

# *What God Wants for Christmas*



## *Part 1: Everyone to Hear the Message of Salvation*



*“Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.”—Mark 16:15-16 (NLT) [See also Matthew 24:14; Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8]*

### **What can I do to give God what he wants for Christmas?**

1) Pray for the gospel to go out.

*“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”—Luke 10:2 (NIV)*

*Agrippa interrupted him. “Do you think you can persuade me to become a Christian so quickly?”*

*Paul replied, “Whether quickly or not, I pray to God that both you and everyone here in this audience might become the same as I am, except for these chains.”—Acts 26:28-29 (NLT)*

*And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God’s mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike.—Ephesians 6:19 (NLT)*

Everyone is invited to **meet for prayer** every Wednesday at the church. The morning group meets at 7 am in the fellowship hall and the evening group meets at 6:30 pm in the parlor (the room on your right as you enter the Sanctuary).

**Ministry Opportunities at the Worship Services:** Please consider being a greeter. It is a great way to welcome guests, meet and get to know others at Mount Zion. Also, Acolytes are also needed and are a very important part of our service each week. Sign-up sheets are located on the shelves on the left in the narthex.

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## *Christmas Services*

*Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve:*

- *4 pm Family Interactive Service-Sanctuary*
- *8 pm Candlelight Communion Service-Sanctuary*
- *10 pm Candlelight Communion Service-Sanctuary*

*Sunday, December 25th*

- *8:15 am Worship Service-Sanctuary*
- *9:15 am CAFE-Coffee and Fellowship for Everyone-Fellowship Hall*
- *9:30 am Worship Service-Sanctuary*
- *9:45 am Sunday School*
- *11:00 am Worship Service-Sanctuary*
- *11:00 am Adult Sunday School*

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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](http://www.mountzion-umc.org)



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The **Children's Christmas Program** and the **Youth Christmas Drama** will be held on Sunday, December 18th, at 6 pm in the Sanctuary.

You are invited to an **Open House at the Mount Zion Parsonage** on Sunday, December 18th, from 1:30 to 5:30 pm. Leonard, Donna, Josiah, and Daniel (and Gunner) would love to have you drop in to enjoy some snacks and fellowship. You don't need to bring anything, just come and visit. The parsonage is the yellow house just to the left of the church.

Christmas can be a painful time for some. For this reason, Mount Zion's Stephen Ministry Class is offering a special "**Longest Night**" **Service** on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. Come join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, Scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who are struggling, and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. This short service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship.

**Small Group Leader Training** will be held on Saturday, December 29th, at 7 pm for anyone interested in becoming a small group leader. To sign-up, please contact the Church Office by Thursday, December 22nd..

**Mount Zion's Mother's Morning Out Program** is meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 9 am to 1 pm, for children 18 months through 5 years. Applications are located in the Narthex and on the Church Website.

- If you are someone looking for a way to serve in an outreach ministry, Mothers Morning Out is an enjoyable, rewarding opportunity.
- You can volunteer once a month or as often as you like.
- The moms in the program take turns keeping each others children on Wednesday mornings.
- Volunteers assist the moms with such things as setting up snack and lunch, craft time and simply being an extra set of eyes .

Please contact Wendy Hewett to learn more about how you can serve in this ministry. 662-4060 or [wendy@hewettproperties.com](mailto:wendy@hewettproperties.com)

**CAFÉ Host/Hostesses** are needed on Sunday's. Please sign-up in the kitchen. This is a great way that we can welcome our visitors. CAFÉ's is from 9:15 to 9:45 am in our Fellowship Hall. Hosts need to set-up and clean-up, and provide light refreshments (purchased or homemade). Coffee, creamers, and sweeteners are provided.

2) Give to support ministries that share the good news.

*As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once.—Philippians 4:15-16 (NIV)*

3) Carry message of salvation with you wherever you go.

*But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.—Acts 8:4 (NLT)*

*For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.—Ephesians 6:15 (NLT)*

<p>Next Week: What God Wants for Christmas Part 2: The Human Hurts to Be Healed</p>
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Today is **United Methodist Student Day**, which is a Churchwide Conference special collection, which provides college scholarships and loans to deserving United Methodist students. Envelopes are located in the Narthex. Please make your check out to Mount Zion UMC and in the memo, note "United Methodist Student Day".

We are collecting *canned hams* for the **Shepherds Shelf Food Pantry** for the month of November and December. You can place your donations on the designated shelves to the right in the Narthex.

### **Preschool Sunday School Changes:**

- **The 2 & 3 year olds** Preschool Sunday School Class has moved downstairs to the classroom beside the Nursery.
- **The 4 & 5 year olds** Preschool Sunday School Class has moved to the upstairs corner classroom beside the 4th & 5th grade classroom.

All children preschool through 5th grade are invited to be apart of the **Children's Christmas Program**. Children will meet on Sundays, December 4th & 11th from 5:00 to 5:45 pm in the Sanctuary, and dress rehearsal will be held on December 17th at 10 am in the Chapel.

**The Missions Focus for December** will be the "Angel Tree. If you decide to take an angel, please read the following guidelines carefully:

- Purchase new the item that is listed on your angel tag(s). Please note the gender and the size requested, and please limit your expense on each item to \$30 - \$35 (unless otherwise noted).
- Please buy only what is listed on the angel tag (NO additional items).
- Please place your gift in a Christmas gift bag. (Do not wrap)
- Attach only the lower portion of the angel tag to your gift bag, and please make sure the name and code written on the tag are clearly visible.
- Please place gifts under the Angel Tree in the Narthex by Sunday, December 11th, at the worship services.

**Raleigh Rescue Mission Warehouse Volunteer Day** will be held on Saturday, December 10th, from 9 to 11 am. The warehouse is located at 1200 Corporation Parkway, Suite 121. Up to 10 volunteers are needed. Please contact Lisa Blauvelt at 819-8108 to sign-up.

Re-think Christmas with alternative giving opportunities. Catalogs from Samaritan's Purse, Gospel for Asia, and World Vision are available in the Narthex. ZOE Ministry does not have catalogs, but has similar giving opportunities. Goat \$60, pig \$50, four rabbits \$20, Chicken \$10. Honor your family, friends and colleagues this Christmas with a gift in their name that transforms an orphan's life. Please contact Lisa Blauvelt at 819-8108 or at lblauvelt@gmail.com to place your order and she will send you an **ornament-style gift card** of each of the animals ordered. ZOE Ministry's Orphan Empowerment Program equips these children with essential life skills such as farming, animal husbandry and small business training while sharing the good news of Christ's love. An animal can provide income, fertilizer for fields, and nourishment as orphans journey through the program. Thanks to your gift, within two to three years ZOE Ministry empowers orphans to escape the cycle of poverty and start living lives of dignity and hope.

The **Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner** will be held on Friday, December 2nd, at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This event is hosted by the Stevens/Lane Circle. If you would like to help or need a ride, please contact Amanda Carroll at 772-8965 or Kim Carroll at 779-3693.

Mount Zion's **Christmas Cantata**, "Mary Did You Know", will be presented on Saturday, December 10th, at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

The **Children's Birthday Party for Jesus** will be held on Sunday, December 11th, at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Youth Christmas Party** will be held on Sunday, December 11th, at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Mount Zion's DivorceCare Group is sponsoring a "**Surviving the Holidays**" seminar on Sunday, December 11th, at 7 to 9 pm in the Chapel. To register for this event, contact Clayton Ennis at 553-1027/ cell 215-5293 or email him at claytonennis@gmail.com by December 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Everyone is invited to the wedding  
of Sarah Elizabeth Jackson and Nathan Berkner  
on Saturday, December 17 at 2:00.  
Reception to follow in the fellowship hall.*