

This Week at Mount Zion

Sunday: (1/1)

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Happy New Year!!!

Worship Services--Sanctuary
CAFÉ--Fellowship Hall
Sunday School
Adult Sunday School
No Youth
No Handbells

Tuesday: (1/3)

10:00 a.m.

Exercise--Narthex

Wednesday: (1/4)

7:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting--Fellowship Hall
Alleluia Choir--Chapel
Prayer Meeting—Parlor
Adult Choir--Chapel

Thursday: (1/5)

6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Stephen's Ministry Class-Chapel
Missions--Share & Care Class
Exercise--Narthex

Friday: (1/6)

10:00 a.m.

Exercise--Narthex

Saturday: (1/7)

9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

Pinewood Derby Workshop--FH & Shelter
Evangelism Workshop--Taylor's Home

Sunday: (1/8)

7:00 a.m.
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
3:45 – 7:45 p.m.
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast--FH
Worship Services--Sanctuary
CAFÉ--Fellowship Hall
Sunday School
Adult Sunday School
Youth to White Plains UMC
Fellowship Hall Reserved--Dupree
Children's Ministries--Share & Care
Handbells--Sanctuary
Administrative Council--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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Leonard Rex, Lead Pastor
Carley Prenshaw, Associate/Youth Pastor
Kristina Yeatts, Children's Pastor
Nancy Rivers, Choir Director
Elaine Heintzelman, Organist
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Sunday Worship Schedule:

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
January 1, 2012
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

***Opening Hymn**.....UMH 57 Verses 1-6
“O for a Thousand Tongues”

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Opening Prayer.....

***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**

Special Music.....Alleluia Choir
”Rejoice with Exceeding Great Joy”

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

Commissioning of Officers for 2012

Intercessory 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.

Family Ministries is sponsoring **“HeartBuilders” a Marriage Enrichment Seminar for empowering family relationships** on Saturday, January 21st, from 8 am to 5 pm. Childcare will be provided by the Mount Zion Youth Group. Eric Ewert from St. Andrews UMC is the head coach for this wonderful interactive seminar for:

- Couples-soon to be married
- Newly married
- to forever and everywhere in between married

At this couples coaching conference you will:

- Learn the big three secrets of marriage
- Discover the importance of relationships
- Understand your personality type
- Find out why we fall in and out of love
- Gain skills in relationship management and repair

This is a wonderful opportunity to start the New Year with Christian based growth and renewal opportunities for your marriage. Baby sitting will be provided upon request and food will be provided. There will be a small donation to cover costs of the seminar. Registration Forms will be available next week in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and on our website. The deadline for registration and donation will be January 13th.

The cost of registration for this seminar is \$20.00. You can fill out your form and place it in the offering plate along with your check, made out to “Mount Zion UMC”, and in the memo, note “HeartBuilders”. If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Donahue at (919) 631-0456 or VDonohue@WakeRad.com or Eric Ewert at (919) 271-1128 or docewe@hotmail.com

Name(s)_____

Phone_____ Email_____

List any children that need childcare below:

Name_____ Age_____ Medical/Allergies_____

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The Morning Glory Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 10th, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited. Please bring your bag lunch and stay after the program to eat and fellowship.

There will be a **Discovering Spiritual Maturity Class** on Sunday, January 15th, from 5 to 8 pm. This class will teach you the basic habits every Christian needs in order to grow to spiritual maturity. Please sign-up by contacting the Church office by Thursday, January 12th.

The Stevens/Lane Women's Circle will meet on Monday, January 16th, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited!

VIP Meeting (Very Interested Parishioners): The Mount Zion Building Team, GS Architecture and the members of the Mount Zion Church family, will be meeting to gather ideas as they develop the preliminary plans of our building project. Please plan to attend on Saturday, February 4th, from 7 to 9 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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. There is a 2012 new sign-up sheet in the Kitchen!

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

Sermon..... Pastor Leonard
Celebrating God's Work

*Closing HymnUMH 733
"Marching to Zion"

(You may come to the altar rail to pray, receive prayer or be anointed with oil for healing.)

***Dismissal with Blessing**

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: Billy Bennett, the Calemine Family, Hillarie Denning, Geri Fish, Jimmie Creech

Worship Assistants

Counters: Kim Andrews, Philip Johnson..(8:15) Barry Myers, Gary Jackson..(11:00)
Greeters: John Boyd.....(8:15) Open9:30) Open.....(11:00)

*Prayers & sympathy to Valton & Delores Beasley and the entire family.
Valton's mother, Syrena J. McLamb, passed away on December 29th.*



*Prayers & sympathy to Joanne Massey,
whose son, Leonard Massey, passed away on December 24th.*



*Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to Glorify God and in memory & honor
of Our Parents given by Rich & Alicia Murray*



*Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to Glorify God and in honor of
Savannah Lewis' 16th Birthday given by Mom, Dad & Jonah Lewis*

**Children's Sunday School Classes
will be combined today!**

Ages 4 - Grade 1: will meet in the 4 & 5 year old upstairs classroom.
Grades 2 - 5: will meet in the 4th & 5th grade upstairs classroom.

Growth Goals And Strategies For 2012

Why our church must never stop growing:

1. Because God _____ people.

The Lord...is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.—2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

2. Because God _____ us to reach out.

"Go out...and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full."—Luke 14:23 (LB)

3. Because growth is _____.

Under Christ's control, the whole body is nourished...and it grows as God wants it to grow.—Colossians 2:19 (GNT)

Some unbiblical excuses for not growing:

- "God isn't interested in numbers."
- "We want quality not quantity."
- "Large churches are impersonal."

1) Professions of Faith

Goal: _____, not counting confirmands

Strategies:

- Offer three new member classes with assigned "climbing partners" for those attending
- Hold a "Discovering My Mission Class" to equip members in relational evangelism
- Continue to emphasize the supreme importance of salvation through grace by faith in Jesus Christ

January Missions Focus: Shepherd's Shelf Food Pantry, Old Fairground Road, Willow Spring. Donations needed for January are: *paper and cleaning products, laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, etc...* Please place your donations on the designated shelves on the right in the Narthex. This is a local food pantry which helps over 500 people and shut-ins. The numbers are rising due to many food banks closing. Please check your newsletter for other opportunities to serve those in need in our community!

Please sign-up for **2012 Alar Flowers today** in the Narthex. An arrangement is \$44.00 each. You can make your check out to "Mount Zion UMC and in the memo put "flowers" and place it in the offering plate. You can take home your arrangement after the 11 am Worship Service or leave them for the Narthex arrangement the following week.

The Administrative Council meets next Sunday, January 8th, at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Winter 2012 Small Group Schedule

- Leaders turn in information by this Wednesday January 4th. These will be located in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.
- New leaders turn in forms and applications to Pastor Leonard.
- Small Group Rally Day is next Sunday January 8th. Brochures will be available.
- Small Groups will begin the week of January 15th.

The Evangelism Team **invites you to a retreat "Go Into All the World"** this Saturday, January 7th, from 9 am to 1 pm at Alfred & Barbara Taylor's home. We will discuss ways our church, and we as individuals, can tell the story of Christ to the world in the upcoming year. Please RSVP to papertigerlady@me.com or 919-349-9247.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast will be held next Sunday, January 8th, at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited for breakfast, devotions, prayer & fellowship!

The 11 am Adult Bible Discussion Sunday School Class will be starting **a new study next Sunday**, January 8th on Esther. Anyone interested is invited to attend! They meet in the education building in the room beside the choir room. There is an outside entrance between the buildings and there is a classroom sign.

Mount Zion United Methodist Church
2012 Chairpersons

Nominations: Leonard Rex

Administrative Council: Allen Dyer

Staff Parish Relations: Barry Myers

Finance: Angie Cox

Stewardship: John Neuner

Trustees: Greg Burns

Missions: Lisa Blauvelt

Evangelism: Barbara Hemphill-Taylor

Children: Kristina Yeatts

Family: Deborah Hackney, Mary Margaret Johnson

Lay Leader: Don Maynard

Treasurer: Martha Eatmon

Sunday School: Donna Rex

Chief Ushers: John Boyd, Randy Earley

Altar Guild: Trish Nobling

Worship: Nancy Rivers

Gifts: Lou Johnson

Fundraising: Phillip Johnson

Kitchen: Dawn Newkirk

Cemetery: Robert Dupree

Yard: Charles Newsom, Tommy Crocker

Bereavement: Wendy Hewett

Parsonage: Kathryn Wright

History: Lisa Maloney

Youth: Carley Prenshaw

Technology: Tony Hewett

Sports Ministry: Mike Stewart

Building: Alan Eatmon

Maintenance: Clayton Ennis

2) Worship Attendance

Goal: _____

Strategies:

- Add to the staff team a Director of Music Ministries to develop the overall music ministries of the church
- Continue to offer three Sunday morning worship opportunities
- Maintain the three-part worship style of celebration, inspiration, and preparation
- Cultivate the priority of consistent participation in worship

3) Mission Outside The Congregation

Goal: An _____ of people involved in intentional ministry outside and inside the church

Strategies:

- Continue monthly missions us
- Offer both in-state and out of country (Jamaica) mission trips for youth
- Take an adult mission trip to Haiti
- Provide two "Discovering My Ministry Classes"
- Promote the value of having a servant-heart

4) Small Groups

Goal: 2 new adult Sunday School classes/_____ more "free market" small groups

Strategies:

- Expand the number of ground floor rooms available for adult Sunday School
- Begin a multi-age Sunday School class at 11:00
- Hold three small group leader training sessions

- Encourage those who have been trained to offer groups
- Emphasize the importance of continual spiritual growth

5) Giving/Stewardship

Goal: _____ increase in giving overall and an increased number of those tithing or going beyond

Strategies:

- Offer Financial Peace University
- Have a visual review of the ministries that general fund giving made possible in 2011
- Begin to emphasize the building fund to pay for the adjacent property and to prepare for future expansion
- Continue to teach principles of proportional giving

Overall Strategies:

- Seek God’s direction and power through _____

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.—Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

- Honor the authority of God’s word through _____

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.—2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV)

- Renew our focus on Jesus Christ through _____

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning...”—Joel 2:12 (ESV)

<p>Next Week: The Three R’s of Scripture - Reliable</p>
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Mount Zion Building Team **“Looking back and looking forward”**

The Mount Zion Building Team has had a busy year. Our first meeting was on Jan 27th. Our devotion came from Psalms 127: 1-2, with an emphasis on verse 1, “Unless the Lord builds a house, its builders labor over it in vain...”. We talked about how important it is going to be for us to let God guide us in the project and that all we do as a committee and as a Church is being done to glorify Him.

Since that meeting:

- We toured several churches in the area to glean ideas for our project
- We were directly involved with the purchase of the new parsonage
- We have developed a plan for the conversion of the old parsonage to office and meeting space
- We have selected an architect to help us with the design and construction of our building project

As we look forward, 2012 will also be busy year. The architect has already started work on the preliminary plans for our project. Construction will begin soon on the old parsonage conversion. We will also be developing a plan for a capital campaign to finance our new building.

GS Architecture will be meeting with church members on Feb. 4th to gather ideas as they develop the preliminary plans. We are calling this the **VIP Meeting (Very Interested Parishioners)**. It will be held on Feb. 4th from 7-9 in the fellowship hall and is open to the entire Mount Zion church family. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details.

This is an exciting time at Mount Zion. At a time when many congregations are shrinking, we find ours growing. We are very blessed. Please continue to pray for God’s guidance as we continue to work on this ambitious project.

Alan Eatmon