

This Week at Mount Zion

Sunday: (1/8)

7:00 a.m. United Methodist Men's Breakfast--FH
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services--Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. CAFÉ & Small Group Rally Day--FH
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
12:15 p.m. Small Group Rally Day--FH
3:45 – 7:45 p.m. Youth to White Plains UMC
5:00 p.m. Children's Ministries--Share & Care
6:00 p.m. Handbells--Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Administrative Council--Sanctuary

Monday: (1/9)

7:00 p.m. Youth Council--Middle School Classroom
7:00 p.m. Troop 64 Committee--Share & Care

Tuesday: (1/10)

10:00 a.m. Exercise--Narthex
10:00 a.m. Morning Glory Circle--FH
7:00 p.m. SPRC--Middle School Classroom
7:00 p.m. Trustees--Share & Care Classroom
7:00 p.m. Sports Team – Fishers Classroom

Wednesday: (1/11)

7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting--Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Choir--Chapel
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting—Parlor
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee--Share & Care
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir--Chapel
7:45 p.m. Den Leaders--Share & Care Classroom

Thursday: (1/12)

6:30 p.m. Stephen's Ministry Class-Chapel
7:00 p.m. Tech Team--Share & Care Class
7:00 p.m. Exercise--Narthex

Friday: (1/13)

10:00 a.m. Exercise--Narthex
6:30 p.m. Creative Christians--FH

Saturday: (1/14)

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday: (1/15)

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services--Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. CAFÉ--Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
5:00 p.m. Youth--FH, Chapel, Youth & MS Classrooms
5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Discovering Spiritual Maturity--S & C
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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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 8, 2012
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

***Opening Hymn**.....UMH 374
“Standing on the Promises”

Opening Prayer

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

***Offertory**

***Doxology***“He Is Exalted”*.....TFWS 2070

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise him.

He is exalted, for ever exalted and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Special Music

“The Name of Jesus”Dave Holliday(8:30)

“Wonderful Words of Life”Cindy Johnson, Sue Hardee, Nancy Rivers(9:30)

“Thy Word”Adult Choir (11:00)

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

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.

***Hymn of Preparation**.....UMH 601

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

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

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, and 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. The cost of registration for this seminar is \$20.00 per couple. Please register by Thursday, Jan. 13th.

Please 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” by Thursday, Jan. 13th. 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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January Missions Focus: Shepherd's Shelf Food Pantry needs are: *paper and cleaning products, laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, etc...* Please place your donations on the designated shelves to the right in the Narthex. This local food pantry helps over 500 people and shut-ins. These numbers are rising due to many food banks closing.

The Administrative Council meets Today at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Winter 2012 Small Group Schedule

- Small Group Rally Day is **Today**. Brochures are available.
- Small Groups will begin the week of January 15th.

The 11 am Adult Bible Discussion Sunday School Class will be starting a **new study today** 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

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

There will be a **Discovering Spiritual Maturity Class** next 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 this 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!

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.

Sermon..... Pastor Leonard

The Three R's of Scripture: Reliable

*Closing HymnUMH 529

"How Firm a Foundation"

(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: William VanWie, Margaret Humphries, Mable Hicks, Ellen Maynard, Family of Hillarie Denning, Asgar Hussain, Tamara Casablanca, Berry Barbour, Dixie Barbour, Randy VanDolson, Margaret Hough

Worship Assistants

Counters: Kim Andrews, Philip Johnson..(8:15) Barry Myers, Gary Jackson..(11:00)

Acolytes: Brendan Boyd, Chad McQueary....(8:15) Annabelle Brewster, Rachel Lamb.....(9:30) Emily Kemp, Jacob Nobling, Ray Kemp..(11:00)

Greeters: Keith Cantando...(8:15) Open...(9:30) The Craig Nobling Family...(11:00)

Prayers & sympathy to Kirby & Melissa Morrow and the entire family.

Kirby's brother-in-law, David Stemm, passed away on December 31st.



Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to Glorify God and in honor of

Eric Coates' Birthday given by Shirley McLaurin



The rose on the altar today celebrates the birth of Logan Matthew Trommater on December 5th. Logan weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces, and was 20½ inches long.

We rejoice and pray God's blessing on Logan always and his Parents Matt and Valerie Trommater & Big Brother Liam.

A plaque has been placed in the Narthex in recognition of a gift to the building fund in loving memory of

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The Three R's of Scripture

Part 1: *Reliable*

Four concepts we need to understand in relation to the Bible's reliability:

1) Inspiration

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness....–2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.–2 Peter 1:20-21 (NIV)

- The Bible attributes its origin to God _____ people.

The Bible is a divine-human book, as Christ is the divine-human Person. This is the key that unlocks the door to an understanding of the true nature of the Scriptures.

[Ralph Earle, *A Contemporary Wesleyan Theology*, p. 318]

2) Canon

3) Transmission

4) Translation

What if the Bible is what it claims to be, the accurate and authoritative self-revelation of God to man?

- Then the Bible deserves my singular _____.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.—2 Timothy 2:16-17 (NLT)

The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth, guidance, and authority for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.
[MZUMC Bedrock Beliefs]

- I should absorb God's word for _____ development, not just the _____ of information.

*I have hidden your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
I praise you, O Lord;
teach me your decrees.
I have recited aloud
all the regulations you have given us.
I have rejoiced in your laws
as much as in riches.
I will study your commandments
and reflect on your ways.
I will delight in your decrees
and not forget your word.
Be good to your servant,
that I may live and obey your word.
Open my eyes to see
the wonderful truths in your instructions.
—Psalm 119:11-18 (NLT)*

Next Week: The Three R's of Scripture - Relevant