



# IN TOUCH. . . The Newsletter of the Mt. Zion Family

October 2011 Volume XIII Issue 10

**“Making, Maturing, Mobilizing  
Disciples for Christ”**

WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY AT 8:30, 9:45  
and 11:00 AM

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and Rev. Jill Smith; Associate Pastors

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Are you going to bloom this  
Fall??? Wednesday Night  
Ministries – so you may...

**BLOOM**-IN

FRIENDSHIP, JOY, DISCI-  
PLESHIP

Come dear Lord, be our guest as we  
gather together. May our hearts glow with  
love, keep us close to you ever.

Friendship and joy, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever,  
Bless our homes, bless our friends. Bless each of us forever.



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS THROUGH NOVEMBER 9  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS (5:30–6:30 pm) AND  
SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES (6:30–7:30 pm)  
FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES  
RESERVATIONS REQUESTED!!!

Make your reservations weekly by 10 am each Monday morning or for the  
entire 6 weeks or anything in between! You will be able to make reserva-  
tions online at [www.mtzionumc.net](http://www.mtzionumc.net), by calling the church office 704-892-  
8566, placing a reservation form in the offering plate or by e-mailing  
[info@mtzionumc.net](mailto:info@mtzionumc.net).

Meals will be catered by Andersons Delivery (formerly Andersons Restaurant  
near Presbyterian Hospital).

**You do not have to join us for the meal to be part of one of the small  
groups nor do you have to be part of a small group to enjoy a meal and  
fellowship together.**

Not comfortable driving at night or returning alone to your home?  
**SUPPER BUDDIES** will be available to pick you up and return you  
to your home (with advance notice). Please let the church office  
know if you would like to sign up for this service!

**PLEASE SEE THE FLIERS PLACED THROUGHOUT THE CAM-  
PUS OR THE WEBSITE (WWW.MTZIONUMC.NET) FOR MORE  
DETAILS AND INFORMATION ON THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT OP-  
PORTUNITIES.**

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to be part of  
the Hospitality Committee, please contact the church office!

Wednesday Night Menus:

**October 12**—Chopped BBQ, Baked Beans,  
Cole Slaw, Banana Pudding with Brownies/  
Cookies for kids

**October 19**— Beef Stew, Green Beans, Rice,  
Assorted Pies for dessert

**October 26**—Chicken Parmesan with Spa-  
ghetti, Salad, Assorted Desserts

**November 2**—Potato Bar, Chili & Salad, Ba-  
nana Pudding and Pecan Pie with Brownies/  
Cookies for kids

**November 9**—Chicken & Dumplings, Broccoli  
Casserole, Candied yams, Assorted Desserts

Cost for regular meal (includes drink & dessert):  
adults/ \$6.50, children 4-12/\$3.25, children 3  
and under/Free Families of 5 or more (with chil-  
dren)/\$20 maximum cost

Also: Free cheese or PB & J sandwiches will be  
available for children. You are also welcome to  
pack your child’s meal and bring it with you!

**HARVEST CRAFT FESTIVAL** Saturday, Octo-  
ber 15 8 am–2 pm North Meck Senior Center  
[18731 W. Catawba Ave. in Cornelius](http://18731.W.Catawba.Ave.in.Cornelius)

Craft vendors, Lion’s Club Vision Van, Farmer’s  
Market, Food, Car Wash, Garage Sale, Music  
by Local Bands, Granny’s Attic Sale, Bake Sale  
& More! 704-892-4041 for info.

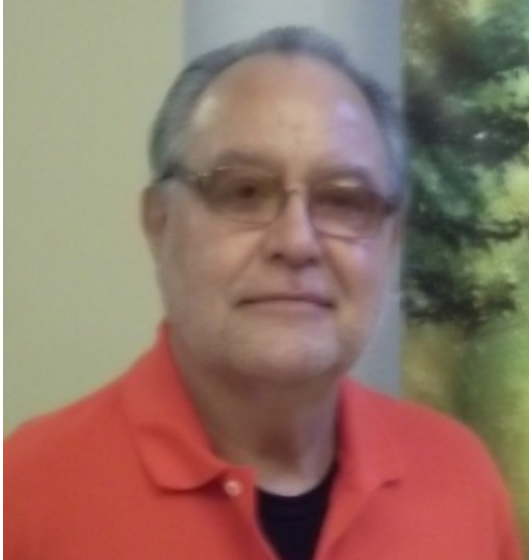
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## WELCOME TO THE MT. ZION FAMILY!



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### BIRTHS

**Jackson William Atkins** was born August 23rd. He is the son of Ann and Billy Atkins and the grandson of Gary and Nancy Dickens.

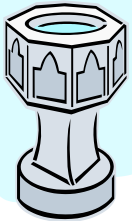
**Kate Francis Jeffcoat** was born September 17th. She is the daughter of Heith and Carol Jeffcoat, the sister of Elijah and the granddaughter of Clinton and Barbara Hess.

**Mark Aiden Danneman** was born September 25th. He is the son of Adam and Danielle Danneman and the grandson of Doug and Martha Miller.

CONGRATULATIONS!



### SEPTEMBER BAPTISMS



**Samantha Lee and Michael Austin Rice** were baptized September 25th at the 11:00 service. They are the daughter and son of Lee and Bill Rice.

**THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO...**Bob Iannucci and family on the death of his mother, Margaret Iannucci and to the family of Zetta Thompson.

**SPECIAL GIFTS WERE GIVEN...IN HONOR OF** Ashley Barlowe & Family, a gift was given to the Youth Fund; **IN HONOR OF** Rev. Jill and Wayne Smith, a gift was given to ASP; **IN HONOR OF** Selma Cooke's 94th Birthday, a gift was given to the Cemetery Fund; **IN HONOR OF** Nikki Fellows, a gift was given to the Budget...**IN MEMORY OF** Hazel McKee, a gift was given to ASP and a gift was given to the Budget; **IN MEMORY OF** Gary Lamar Barrett, a gift was given to Stephen Ministry; **IN MEMORY OF** Gladys Bridger, a gift was given to the Sunshine Preschool Scholarship Fund; **IN MEMORY OF** Margaret Hatley, a gift was given to the Budget, **IN MEMORY OF** Bobby Carter, a gift was given to the Budget, **IN MEMORY OF** Paul Dwyer, a gift was given to the Budget; **IN MEMORY OF** Nancy Lodema Donaldson, a gift was given to the Budget; **IN MEMORY OF** Margaret Barham, a gift was given to ASP; **IN MEMORY OF** Winnie Stevenson, gifts were given to the Budget; **IN MEMORY OF** John Stevenson, a gift was given to the Budget; **IN MEMORY OF** Betty Hunter, a gift was given to Stephen Ministry; **IN MEMORY OF** Jean Phelps, a gift was given to the Budget; **IN MEMORY OF** Andrew Allen Steen, a gift was given to the Budget.

### APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

This is our summer high school youth mission trip where we go to the mountains to help make homes warmer, safer, and drier. We also build relationships with the families and get to know other volunteers from all over the U.S. This year we will be going the week of June 17-23rd and have 21 spots available, but they are going fast. So if you are a rising 9th grader (and will be at least 14 years old) or older and would like to go, we have a **NEW SIGN UP**. We need a \$50 commitment to reserve your spot and we need it by October 27th! Spaces are going quickly, so turn in your money. For questions and more info, please contact Matt Sherrill at 704-892-7825 or e-mail [msherrill@mtzionumc.net](mailto:msherrill@mtzionumc.net).



**Prayer Corner Scripture Meditation: [2 Corinthians 4:10](#)**

**Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.**

This week my uncle is dying. Many of you have experienced the death of a loved one in a long, protracted march toward the end. There is something, primitive and offensive when you witness the dying process. No quick remedies (although the medications are priceless), not all smiles and sweetness. The created body must wind down all of its systems, on their own schedule, before death comes. Often it is not a sudden death. Sometimes it is a very long process. To witness the brain and the body change is incredibly humbling and frightening. It makes you wonder how to pray in a time like this? You want to know that even in the ugliness there is a purpose. But, alas it all seems futile.

And yet, there is symmetry in what each body must go through when it is battling a foreign invasion as most people are when they are in the care of Hospice. While each human is unique, our bodies are remarkably similar and are made from the same earthly elements\*. When they begin to break down they react in a predictable fashion. What is this thing, death and why does it unhinge us so? Genesis 3 says, "19 By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground, from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return." There is a physicality in our bodies that cannot transcend this world. We are all made from common elements and they are not able to go beyond this earthly realm. But, there is a lot of discussion in the scriptures about life after death. [2 Timothy 1:10](#) says, "And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ **Jesus**, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News." Jesus broke the power of death... So the failing of our earthly bodies is not an end but a transition. A transition we don't understand and don't spend a lot of time thinking about it. It can be primitive and offensive. Yet the Bible teaches that even though death still happens it is no longer to be feared. There is One who has overcome it, so we can too.

Even in our physical death, there is an order to it. We see a predictability that begins to teach us. Order comes amid seeming chaos. The One who created us is here even at the end. Nothing surprises God, we are meant for something better. And it takes a death to make that happen. So our prayer life at a time like this will be shaped by the reality as well as the promise. We ask less about why? And press more about when? When we are made of hydrogen and oxygen, carbon and nitrogen but have the sentience and intellect to ask the question (any question) something special is at hand. Jesus didn't eliminate death, He conquered it. Our prayer can now be, "teach me, Lord, to conquer it too." -*Jill*

\* Oxygen (65%), Carbon (18%), Hydrogen (10%), Nitrogen (3%), Calcium (1.5%), Phosphorus (1.0%), Potassium (0.35%), Sulfur (0.25%), Sodium (0.15%), Magnesium (0.05%), Copper, Zinc, Selenium, Molybdenum, Fluorine, Chlorine, Iodine, Manganese, Cobalt, Iron (0.70%), Lithium, Strontium, Aluminum, Silicon, Lead, Vanadium, Arsenic, Bromine (trace amounts).

Reference: H. A. Harper, V. W. Rodwell, P. A. Mayes, *Review of Physiological Chemistry*, 16th ed., Lange Medical Publications, Los Altos, California 1977.

## Prayer Care Near & Far

**As a part of your regular daily prayer time pray for the following local congregation of the Church universal and for a country each day of the week of the Sunday listed below.**

**Oct 16 First Baptist Church of Cornelius, Cornelius Greenland, N. America** – Pop 57K, Literacy 100%.

Fishing economy w/Danish gov't help. State Lutheran churches but no passion. Inhospitable climate creates culture of

"immorality, sexual abuse, alcoholism, mental illness and suicide." Pray for new believers who have a Light to share with this desolate nation.

**Oct 23 Grace Covenant, Cornelius Morocco,**

**Africa** - Pop 32.7 million, Literacy 53% or lower. Many natural and high tech resources. Limited democracy in a Muslim Sunni state religion. Large poor population. Pray for small amount of churches present & stability in gov't.

**Oct 30 Greater Salem at the Lake, Cornelius Grenada,**

**Caribbean** – Pop.104K. Literacy 95%. British constitutional monarchy with parliamentary democracy gov't. Tourism main support. Economy is growing though. Largely Christian many Catholics. Pray for denominational unity and recovery from numerous hurricanes.

**Nov. 6 Hunter's Chapel United Methodist, Cornelius**

**Montserrat, Caribbean** – 5962 people. Tiny British protectorate island. 80% of population left 1995 & after when volcano erupted. 95% Christian, must overcome severe devastation from eruptions. Totally dependent on British assistance. Pray for vision, commitment, and faith for these strong island people.

- **'Operation World 7<sup>th</sup> Edition' 2010** -

**Women of Zion** – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Lillie Jones, District Superintendent of Lake Norman District of United Methodist Church (basically Mike, Tim and Jill's supervisor). Lillie has a strong faith and powerful prayer life. She will be sharing "The Power of Prayer" with the Women of Zion. Lillie is not only a pastor and an administrator, she is an official mentor, spiritual director and life coach. It will be inspirational, and you can visit with all of your sisters in the faith from Mt. Zion and the community. Ask a friend to join you! Send an RSVP to Elizabeth Coker [elizabethcoker73@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethcoker73@gmail.com) and we will have a seat waiting just for you. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm, Acropolis Restaurant, Cornelius, NC. Here is part of her official bio:



**Rev. Dr. LILLIE MADISON JONES, M.S., M.DIV, Ed. D.**

Lillie Jones is a nationally distinguished educator, whose mission for many years was "that no child be left behind." A Bennett Belle – class of '65 – she holds a M.S., Ed. Administration degree from N.C.

A&T State University in 1977 and Ed. D. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1986. She received a Master's of Divinity from Hood Theological Seminary in 2003. Additionally, she has been trained as a life coach and covenant coaching. Her passion is leadership development. When she retired as Interim Superintendent of the Guilford County School System, her dedication and effort had positively impacted many children. In addition to being an Interim Superintendent, Dr. Jones has been a teacher, principal and Deputy Superintendent. As a United Methodist Pastor, her commitment to personal empowerment and spiritual development are at the center of her willingness to contribute her talent and her wisdom. She has served on three United Way Boards and recently served on the North Mecklenburg/Iredell United Way Board of Directors and the Ada Jenkins' Board in Davidson, North Carolina. She has also served as a member of the Conference of Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church. She has also served as chair of nurture of the Rural Life Fellowship. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors for Hinton Rural Life Center.

Lillie continues to do seminars, consulting and coaching. In 2003, she was one of the keynote speakers for the Lake Junaluska United Methodist Women's Annual Conference of 1200 women. Most recently, she was the keynote speaker for the Martin Luther King Service at St. Matthews in Greensboro. Her passion is both leadership and spiritual development. One of the highlights of her career was to be apart of "Leadership at the Peak" in Colorado Spring. Dr. Jones was Coordinator of Ethnic and Justice Ministries for the Western North Carolina Conference from 2006-2008. Currently, she is the District Superintendent of the New Lake Norman District. She has been married 42 years to retired educator and artist, Fred Jones and has two children and five grandchildren.

All women of the church and community are invited to join the **WOMEN OF ZION** on the first Tuesday of each month at [Acropolis](#). We meet at 7:00 pm for fellowship and a devotional program. You may contact Elizabeth Coker for more information at 704-892-8263 or [Elizabeth\\_coker@bellsouth.net](mailto:Elizabeth_coker@bellsouth.net). We look forward to seeing you! Mark your calendars now for the first Tuesday of each month! Please see page 4 for information on our November meeting.

**MEN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME** to attend a **COMMUNITY MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** held each Wednesday from 7-8 am at the Cookhouse Restaurant located at [20936 Torrence Chapel Road in Cornelius](#). It is led on alternate weeks by the ministerial staffs of Mt. Zion UMC and Bethel Presbyterian.

**Ushers in 2012** – If you are interested in serving as an usher at the 11 am service for a few Sundays in 2012 or you do not want to usher anymore, if you are currently ushering, please e-mail Ritchie Crump at [ritchiecrump@bellsouth.net](mailto:ritchiecrump@bellsouth.net).

The "**2011 Ada Jenkins Walkathon**" will be held from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 5, 2011 in the Antiquity Development, located in Cornelius (east of Hwy 115 and Catawba Avenue).

100% of all funds collected will be used to benefit the center's annual program activities. All registered teams will be recognized during the event. Event flyers, participation rosters, pledge cards and collection envelopes will be provided in packets available to churches willing to promote and participate in the walkathon.

Any individual or group from Mt. Zion may represent our home church by contacting 704-907-9920 [shortr@sunnenterprises.com](mailto:shortr@sunnenterprises.com) or 704-770-5094 [crowell246@aol.com](mailto:crowell246@aol.com).

Please visit the website [www.adajenkins.org](http://www.adajenkins.org) for more information..

## Repairers of the Breach

### Special Assistance Ministry

Repairers of the Breach is a ministry to help families in need that live in our immediate communities. We will be helping families in the north end of Mecklenburg and the southern end of Iredell counties. During the Christmas season, we will provide these families with new or used clothing, gift cards when available, toys (any and all toys-new or slightly used toys that are clean and in good working shape), and food including a frozen turkey.

We are now accepting donations for **Repairers of the Breach** for the current upcoming season. We plan on helping 50 families (200 children, plus adults).

Families will come to us pre-screened from Ada Jenkins and our neighborhood schools. We will serve as sponsors for these families taking the pressure off those agencies where they are currently unable to meet the demands of so many applicants.

There is a significant need for this ministry in our communities

## But, we need your help!

Since this is a ministry where donations come from our congregations, we rely on our church community to help with donations of items, monetary donations or their own time as volunteers to help process and deliver to our families. We need people to do this.....**We need You!** If you are interested in being a part of this ministry contact Tom Russell either by phone (704)-507-2493 or e-mail at

[tom@moisturewarranty.com](mailto:tom@moisturewarranty.com).

To sponsor one family will cost approximately \$150. You can choose to completely sponsor a family or donate individual items. We will create boxes for each family and remember no donation is too small.

The following is a list of items that we will need and will be in short supply of this fall. If you can help us by donating any of the following items:

Coats (especially Sizes 2X & up)  
Scarves & Gloves  
Jogging Suits for Seniors (Sizes 2X & up)  
Infants and Toddlers Clothes  
Dolls (of all nationalities)  
Basketballs, Footballs  
Board Games & Puzzles  
MP3 or Portable CD Players  
Used Play Stations  
Any Handheld Games  
Bikes (new or used)  
Jewelry or Cosmetics for teen girls  
Educational Toys & books  
Cars and Trucks  
Any Gift Cards (\$20 to \$25) from Walmart, Target or a grocery store!

The following is a list of food items that we need:

Frozen Turkeys or coupons for one  
Canned Meats (Chicken, Tuna, Spam etc.)  
Sweet Peas  
Green Beans  
Corn  
Yams or Sweet Potatoes  
Stuffing Mix  
Cranberry Sauce  
Pudding Cups  
Soups of all types

Rice, instant potatoes or mac & cheese  
Cake Mixes  
Cereal or Breakfast Items  
Grits  
Jellies  
Peanut butter  
Canned Fruit  
Bagged Candy  
Boxed Luncheon Meals (Children)  
Ravioli or Spaghettios  
Spaghetti sauce and pasta  
Package crackers  
Any type of Non-Perishable Food Items.  
Any Grocery Store Gift Cards!!

## Sign Up Form

Yes, I would like to help:

- Monetary Donation  
 Clothing Donation  
 Toy Donation  
 Gift Donation  
 Food Donation  
 My personal time helping sort items, prepare boxes, etc.  
 Help with the final delivery of boxes/items

Name

Contact Phone

Thank you so much for your help! We will be in contact with you. You are welcome to call Tom Russell at 704-507-2493 (Cell) at any time to talk with him about **Repairers of the Breach**.  
God Bless you all!!

## Music Notes from Marcy

### Cornelius Concert Series

**10/23/11 Singing Men: The Disciples of Central Steele Creek Presbyterian and The Men of Zion of Mt. Zion UMC: and introducing "Heaven's Reign" 7 pm Sanctuary**

**The Disciples** and **The Men of Zion** are volunteer men's choirs. Their repertoire consists of a variety of Gospel and Spiritual pieces ranging from the reflective to the toe tapping. The groups are conducted by Tom Schmutzler, Associate Music Director and Organist of CSC and Marcy Mittelstadt, Director of Music Ministries at Mt. Zion and accompanied by Sheila Fetner, Music Director of CSC from Central Steele Creek Presbyterian and Woody Washam, lead organist at Mt. Zion. **Heaven's Reign** is a newly formed men's quartet from Mt. Zion comprised of Mike Jackson, Jon Sarver, Buddy Phillips and Larry Horton. This will be their debut performance.

### Remaining 2011 Concerts

**12/4/11 Mt. Zion UMC Praise Team Christmas: 9:45 am, Family Life Center**

**12/10/11 North Mecklenburg Community Chorus: 7:00 pm, Sanctuary**

**12/18/11 Christmas with the Mt. Zion UMC Chancel Choir, Bell Choir and Orchestra: 11:00 am and 3:00 pm, Sanctuary**

### Babygarten Continues

Babygarten will continue at 10 am on Monday, October 17, and 10 am on Saturdays October 15, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. You are still welcome to join us. We will then take a short break until after the holidays.

### Sundays:

**Genesis Youth Dance:** 3:30, Sanctuary

**Genesis Youth Hand Bells:** 4:30, Sanctuary Building: Bell Room

**Children's Choirs:** 5:30, **Cherubs** (ages 3-4) Room 207 (**new room**), Education Building

**Jubilate** (age 5 – first grade) Room 214, Education Building

**Choristers** (grades 2 – 5) Choir Room, Sanctuary

**Mondays: Adult Hand Bells** 7 pm, Bell Room Sanctuary Building. Must be able to read music. Please contact Marcy if you are considering being a new member of this group so we can be ready with bell assignments for the first rehearsal.

**Praise Team:** Every Wednesday: 7:15 pm, Family Life Center

**Men of Zion: Thursdays, September 1 – October 20:** 6:30 pm, Choir Room

**Chancel Choir:** Every Thursday: 7 pm, Choir Room

### ATTENTION ALL MT. ZION VETERANS

On Sunday, November 13th, we will be honoring our Veterans at the 11:00 service. Please meet in front of the church so you may enter and sit together. Please wear your American Legion or VFW hat along with any service medals you received. After the 11:00 service, you will be honored with a luncheon in the Family Life Center. Please call the church office (704-892-8566) or Jan Horton (704-892-0560) by Monday, November 7th to reserve your spot. Also, any widow or widower of any service people is welcome to attend the luncheon.

OUR ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, at 7 pm in Room 204 of the Education Building. All members of the Administrative Board are urged to attend!



**GROCERIES FOR NEIGHBORS  
IN NEED**

**For Safety – NO GLASS  
PLEASE**

**OCTOBER: Thanksgiving Meal Items, Soups, Cranberry Sauce, Apple Cider, Hot Chocolate**

**NOVEMBER: Christmas Meal Items**

**DECEMBER: Green Vegetables, Dried or Canned Beans, Pork & Beans**

(Collection bins are located in the Family Life Center, the upper level of the Education Building, the lower level of the Sanctuary Building outside the elevator and outside the Library in the church office area.)

**You may also donate supermarket gift cards in lieu of food items. There are times that they've been very short on food supplies to distribute and when available, they give gift cards to families instead of food. The sad thing is these families are only allowed to go to the center once a month and if they happen to go at a time when there are not a lot of supplies....they're out of luck!**

**REMINDER:** Please send any articles you would like to have included in the next issue to the church by November 1 either by e-mailing it to [m-langston@mtzionumc.net](mailto:m-langston@mtzionumc.net), mailing it to or dropping it by the church office or faxing it to 704-892-3143.

**MT. ZION UMC UNAUDITED  
FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

1/1/11 - 9/30/11

2011 General Fund Budget:  
\$1,090,190

Year to Date Projected Budget:  
\$766,173

September Budget Gifts: \$70,832

Year to Date Budget Gifts: \$771,694

**THANK YOU!**

Year to Date Budget Expenses:  
\$736,268

(Does not include additional Loan  
payoff amount of \$112,957)

General Fund Cash On Hand:  
\$233,141

YTD Capital Fund Gifts Received:  
\$16,864

Capital Fund Expenses \$13,302

Capital Fund Cash On Hand:  
\$16,497

Funds Received for Helping Hands  
(Pastor's Discretionary Fund)  
\$14,493

Please contact Margaret Langston,  
in the church office, if you have any  
questions.



**STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING**

Please pray for our new class of Stephen Ministers as they continue to enhance their caregiving skills.

Session Four—Distinctively Christian Caring (Part 1) Stephen Ministers explore the essentials of using their Christian faith in caring for another, drawing on the resources of prayer, witnessing, the Bible, forgiveness, blessings and more. An important motto of Stephen Ministry is “The Stephen Minister is the **caregiver** and God is the **curegiver**.” This training session underscores this Christ-centered focus for Stephen Ministers.

Session Five—Distinctively Christian Caregiving (Part 2) Stephen Ministers explore how Christian caregivers have something distinctive they can offer that other caregivers cannot provide –God’s unconditional love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. In this session our Stephen Ministers will specifically practice and discuss the use of prayer, confession and absolution and the Bible in caregiving relationships.

Session Six—Process versus Results in Caregiving If ever there was a time for Stephen Minister trainees to say “Aha!” this module would be it. They learn the key understanding that they don’t have to ( and indeed cannot) fix whatever problem it is that their care receiver faces. This session is a time for a collective sigh of relief. God is the curegiver; the Stephen Minister is the caregiver. This establishment of roles is what makes Stephen Ministry possible. The concept runs counter to the strong results-oriented approaches of present-day society. But in caregiving, the more one pushes for results in another, the faster and farther they flee.

Session Seven—Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly (Part 1) Assertiveness has gained a bad name for itself in some circles of the church. It has been taken to mean “getting my own way,” which is erroneous. In fact, assertiveness is about relating to others gently and firmly.

Thanks to your generosity we were able to send a check for \$2628.25 to the Strength for Service Publication Fund (well over our goal of \$1,600). These were the funds given for the Strength for Service to God and Country offering between September 1 and September 18. 260 books have been received here and will be distributed locally to our police department, fire department, EMT’s, the emergency call center and the USO. Another 260 books were distributed to military personnel overseas who protect our freedom daily. Thank you for making the devotional book available to so many of our public servants!

**SEPTEMBER 2011 ATTEN-  
DANCE:**

September 4: 8:30: 102; 9:45:  
73; 11:00: 242=417

September 11: 8:30: 112; 9:45:  
122; 11:00: 300= 534

September 18: 8:30: 96; 9:45:  
116; 11:00: 183 = 395

September 25: 8:30: 108; 9:45:  
92; 11:00: 245 = 445

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**"MAKING, MATURING, MOBILIZING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST"**

**Mt. Zion UMC Arts, Crafts and Gift Show 2011** – November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Bring your family and friends and enjoy many Craft Vendors and see Santa on Saturday. If you are interested in being a vendor contact Marge McConnell or Darla Redmond at 704-896-0710 or [MTZCraftShow@yahoo.com](mailto:MTZCraftShow@yahoo.com). Vendor Applications and payments must be received by November 1, 2011. Church members who wish to be vendors will be given priority.



**HOLIDAY WREATHS, GARLAND & TREES** – Troop 10 will once again be accepting orders for wreaths, garland and trees for the holidays. With reduced prices this year, orders forms will be available after the 8:30 Service and before the 9:45 Service/Sunday School as well as before and after the 11:00 Worship Service. Sale dates are: 10/23, 10/30 & 11/6.

Fraser Fir Wreaths: 18", 24" & 30";  
 Fraser Fir Trees: from 5'-12'; Garland:  
 White Pine - 30' and 75' rolls; Fraser Fir  
 Garland - 30' and 75'; NEW - Fraser Fir/  
 White Pine Mix Garland 30' and 75'

Items will be available for pick-up on Sunday, December 4, from 10:00-1:00 and 3:00-5:00 outside the Family Life Center.

**BARBEQUE:** It's time to start getting ready for our annual Mt. Zion Barbeque. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 5th from 11am-Until. The FUEL Youth Ministry will be organizing the event again this year and we need lots of volunteers to help make this another successful event and fundraiser. There are a lot of different ways you can help us out. First and foremost, spread the word and invite people to come! We are also looking for volunteers to help with: making slaw, cooking the meat, making desserts, serving kitchen/take-out, collecting money, keeping things stocked, helping with traffic/parking, etc. If you would like to help, look for the sign up forms around the church (in Sunday School classes, on tables after church services, church office, etc.) and turn those into the church office so we can get you on the master list. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Sherrill at 704-892-7825 or e-mail [msherrill@mtzionumc.net](mailto:msherrill@mtzionumc.net).