



Mt. Zion Fellowship News November 2012

Table of Contents

- Pg 1: Over Coffee
- Pg 2: News
- Pg 3: Youth Volleyball
- Pg 4: Volleyball pics
- Pg 5: More News
- Pg 6: Music Notes
- Pg 7: Missions
- Pg 8: Thanksgiving
- Pg 9: Birthdays/
Anniversaries

Over Coffee

As I began walking to the church this morning, a doe was grazing on the grass on the church lawn by Blust Lane. A few steps later, she raised her head, looked straight at me, and ambled across the lane to cover. Halfway down the lane, I happened upon one of our several groundhogs snacking on the church lawn.

"He's been putting on a lot of weight," I thought to myself.

I didn't have to wonder what that was about.

The changing leaves, the chill in the air, and the brown wooly bear caterpillar all told the tale of my morning meet and greet with our neighbors: autumn is here, and winter is sure to follow.

Over the past few weeks, we have been gathering in our own kind of "meet and greets" that have given us the opportunity to get acquainted, celebrate Mt. Zion Church, and listen to your hopes for our life together. In our gatherings, we learned that many of you grew up at Mt. Zion, while some of you were invited here by your neighbors. One of you saw an ad in the phone book, while others saw the church as you drove by on I-81. You lifted many hopes which all focused on Mt. Zion Church extending its community into the world to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

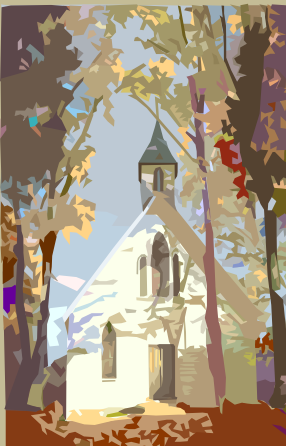
All this, and the upcoming Church Conference, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving holiday put to mind this greeting written to a church long ago:

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all his people. You have this faith and love... through the true message, the good news... This message has been bearing fruit and growing among you since the day you heard and truly understood God's grace... it is also bearing fruit and growing in the whole world. (Colossians 1:3-6)

From the construction of I-81 to the development of Technology Park, Mt. Zion Church has found itself changing to be a church in a place that has been constantly changing. Some of you remember a white, wood-frame church, while others can recall the day the picnic pavilion was built, Friday night family night campfires, or one of many volleyball tournaments. Missionaries have been sent and supported. The church facilities and our Kentucky mission have expanded, and through all that change one thing has stayed the same. It is the very same thing the Apostle Paul saw in the church at Colossae, and that one thing is that when you put your roots down into Mt. Zion's soil, you find yourself growing in the faith and love of Christ.

Your Pastor,

Skip Spangler



Church & Society/Parish Nurse

If you are an RN and are interested in training to become a Parish Nurse, please check the information posted on the Nurse's Bulletin Board or talk with Annabelle Bolig.

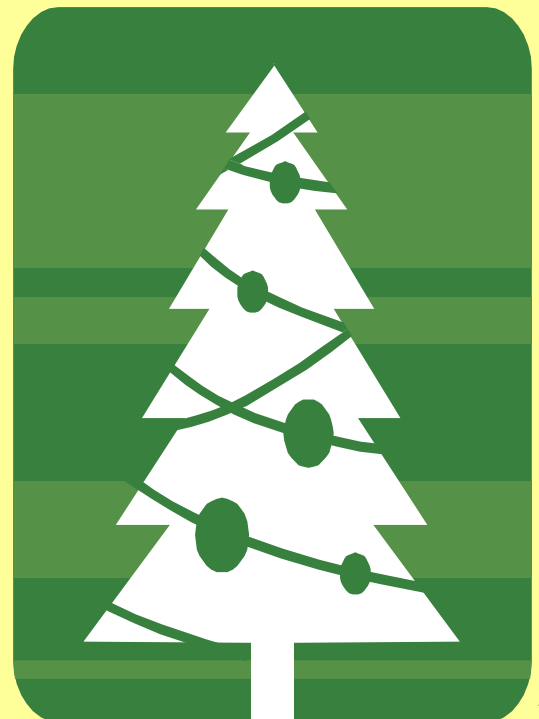
A BIG THANK YOU is extended to the Mt. Zion family for their generous donations this summer to help make Christmas brighter for the clients of New Hope Ministries! What a joy to share God's love with others! God bless you all!

Thursday, November 15th at 7:30 PM, the Theater Harrisburg, will present "The Music Man" at the Whitacker Center in Harrisburg! Tickets are \$35.00 each and all proceeds will benefit the ministries of "Christian Churches United". For more information or to order tickets please call the CCU office at 717-230-9550 or email them at ccuhbg@aol.com



TO OUR FOREVER YOUNG FRIENDS~~

Come and let us get you in the holiday spirit on Friday, December 7, 2012, at Ho's's in Enola at 6:00 PM for our annual Christmas Party! If you are 50 years of age or older, we welcome you and hope you will join us. Mt. Zion is having Ho's's day all day on the 7th so we encourage you to come out and support the church and take a break from your kitchen. If you are over 50 and would like to attend the Christmas party, please fill out the sign-up sheet in the bulletin and place it in the basket in the Narthex. Please join us for an evening of good food, lots of fun and great fellowship!



Mt. Zion 28th Volleyball Tournament Report

A week before the 28th annual Mt Zion Volleyball tournament, there was only one other church that thought they would bring a team – defending champion Lightstreet UMC (from the Bloomsburg area). During the week, they sent a message that they would not be coming. A message was sent out stating that there would just be pick-up games. By Friday two other churches sent messages that they would be at the tournament. Sunday afternoon they both showed up and one had two teams. Four teams made scheduling of the games very easy and thus the tournament proceeded.

The day was sunny then overcast, windy then calm with temperatures in the 60's. It was not raining so it was perfect weather for an outdoor volleyball tournament in 2012! God has blessed Mt Zion with a great facility and provided the great weather. Four teams from three different churches filled the air with volleyballs all afternoon. One team, **Grace Bible Fellowship**, made its first appearance at the Mt Zion tournament. The results were as follows: First place went to **Fishing Creek 'B' UMC** with a 5-1 record, second place was a tie between **Grace Bible Fellowship** and **Mt Zion UMC** both with 3-3 records, fourth place went to **Fishing Creek 'A' UMC** with a 1-5 record.

After the first game, Jason Slinker commented that Mt Zion “really stepped up their game!” Our youth displayed great teamwork, team spirit and great serving in every game. We are very proud of our team!

Well played games, fellowship and friendships all contributed to a successful day. Our grounds looked wonderful and the sand court was great. We are so blessed to have such great facilities and space to play here at Mt. Zion.

Thanks to the referees – Jason Slenker and Barry Gainor. Also a big thanks to Breanne Bruner, Nick McMichael, Lisa Davis, Barb Leer, and Shelly Paul for setting up and keeping the refreshments flowing and boy did those kids eat and drink! Thanks to Audrey Myers and Doris Gross for scheduling the games and keeping scores.

The support from the parents of the Youth Group who played was outstanding. Support like that shows what Mt Zion is all about – thank you! The support of the congregation supplying refreshments is very much appreciated. Bill Bowers and Jason Slenker coached the team.

There was only one senior on the Mt Zion team, Joe Engelman. Underclassmen players on Mt Zion's team were **Andrew Davis, Zach Leer, Savannah Paul, Shanise Gray, Tiffany Jensen, Lauren Smith, Chase Slenker, Tristan Paul & Nic Walter**. Thanks to all who contributed refreshments for the kids to enjoy; your support is much appreciated!



2012 VOLLEYBALL

NEWS

~~Mt. Zion Charge Conference!!~~

Mt. Zion's Annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 11th beginning at 6:00 PM. All churches in the Upper West Shore Cluster will be gathering at Summerdale UMC for a worship service at 6:00 PM. Following the worship service, each church family will gather for their individual Charge Conference Meeting.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Military Donations

~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*

The Nurture Committee will be accepting donations for items to send to our military overseas as well as our Veterans in the Lebanon VA Hospital. Items needed include individually wrapped hard candy or gum (no chocolate please!), toiletries for both men and women such as lotions, lip balms, deodorants, personal hygiene, bug sprays/wipes, sunscreen, and so forth, cards, Bibles, letters of encouragement, phone cards, puzzle books, and card games. These items can be placed in a designated box near the grocery card table up until November 11th. Items for the VA Hospital will be delivered prior to Thanksgiving. The VA Hospital will also accept magazines, books, and prepackaged cookies (regular, sugar-free, and gluten free). Items being shipped overseas will be sent out in time for Christmas.

**If you have any questions, please see Shelley Hoachlander.
THANK YOU!!!**

**The holiday season is fast approaching and so is our annual Mt. Zion Home Show. The Home Show will be held Saturday, November 3rd 10:00 AM -2:00 PM. The Home Show features an array of vendors such as Mary Kay, Avon, various candles, soaps, and jewelry, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, and more. We will also be in need of baked goods, pies, and kitchen assistance. If you are able to assist with any of these, please see Shelley Hoachlander or Kitty Roth.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

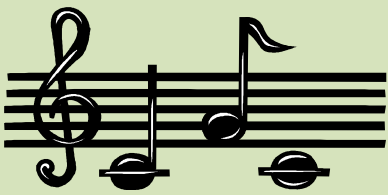
Elementary Sunday School Patch Program

~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*~*

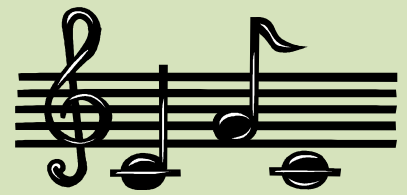
The Elementary Sunday School will be collecting new hats, gloves, and scarves for all ages to donate to several local charities in time for the winter season. Donations can be dropped off in the Sunday School/Toddler Room anytime until November 18th, in which the items will then be distributed to New Hope Ministries and the Bethesda Mission.

The children will also be creating Christmas Cards to send to local nursing homes. If you have a loved one in a nursing home or retirement village who would like to receive cards from our Sunday School, please provide their name and address to Shelley Hoachlander. The cards will be sent around mid-December.





MUSIC NOTES



THE FALL HOLIDAYS ARE FAST APPROACHING:

HALLOWEEN

Wed. Oct. 31
Choir Rehearsals
Come in Costume

THANKSGIVING

Thurs., Nov 22
Family Feasts
Remember History

ADVENT

Dec 2-23
Preparation
Waiting

CHRISTMAS

Dec. 25
Dec. 24 - Eve
Uncontrolled Joy

Since Halloween falls on a rehearsal night, singers are invited to come in costume. During rehearsal time, fun and festivities with cider and ??? will be enjoyed. Don't go out and buy something to wear; just dress crazily. This eve began as an All Hallows Eve, a preparation for celebrating All Saints' Day on Nov. 1. Unfortunately, the baser spirits took over and it has become a scary and spooky time. So, come dressed as a saint or a spook!



Since

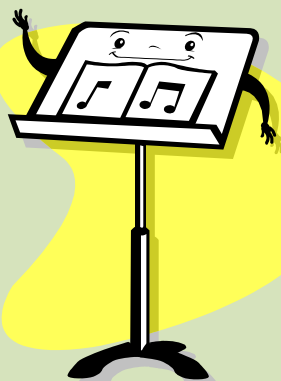
Thanksgiving

preparations rob us of a good attendance at rehearsals; there will be no rehearsals on Wed. Nov. 28th.

Since Advent begins the new Christian year, anthems and special music will prepare us for the greatest event in human history. Our home-made Christmas cantata will be presented on the last Sunday in Advent, Dec. 23rd.

Since Christ the King Sunday ends the Christian Year, you may hear the Hallelujah Chorus on Nov. 25th.

Since Christmas Eve is always Dec. 24th (duh) our music will exhibit the uncontrolled joy of our Savior's birth.



November Rehearsal Schedule:

Zionaires – Every Sunday after worship

Wednesday, Nov. 7th, 14th, 28th (NO Practices on 21st)

6:00 PM - TTBB

7:00 PM - Cantata

8:00 PM - Adult Choir

Sunday., 5:30 PM – Chimes

6:45 – 8:00 PM – Nov. 4th & 18th – Praise Team

Nov. 11th & 25th - A Cappella Choir

MISSIONS



The "Potatoes for Projects" bar was a huge success!

Thank you to the Potato baker, Chief Spud: Emmett Gross, for all of his efforts. Thank you to the potato purchasers & eaters for supporting this project; and thank you to the Kentucky missionaries who helped with desserts, beverages and serving. \$1,234.00 was received, all of which will go to pay for the work camp projects this coming week at Henderson Settlement that our group will be working on.

May God bless this congregation for the overwhelming support of the KY Children's Christmas gift project. There will be at least 2 very nice gifts under the Christmas tree this year for the 40 nine & ten year olds that we were blessed with helping. **THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!**

Mark 12:31 says "The second most important commandment is this: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself'." You have all shown your love to these families (our "neighbors") in southeastern Kentucky as well as shared God's love. Know that God must be saying "Well done, thou good & faithful servant(s)".



When you read this, the 19 men & women who traveled to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY, will have returned from delivering the Christmas gifts for the children and from putting new windows and a door in a family's home, as well as doing various projects on the campus. In a recent conversation with the outreach director, Mrs. Frankie Blackburn, she told me about a discussion she had with a father and son. She asked me to share it with you all. The boy, a young man of 19, with autism and difficulty speaking, told her, with his father's help, that there were 4 things in his life that he loved: his birthday and all these years of coming to Henderson Settlement for the Christmas party. (Frankie could not remember the other 2.) This is just one of many stories of how much it means when we share how God has so richly blessed us with those in Appalachia. Matthew 25:30 reads "The King will reply, 'I tell you whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me!'" Frankie concluded our conversation by saying "Everyone gets a blessing from helping with this children's Christmas program."

THANKSGIVING



Mission News:

We will be collecting food for our families in need for Thanksgiving. The clipboards will be in the Gathering Room and outside the Choir Room November 4th, 11th, and 18th for you to sign up. Please help us give our families something to be thankful for this wonderful time of the year. We have so much that God has blessed us with, so can't we share with others? Thanks!

Doris Gross, Missions Chair

Join us for our annual Mount Zion Family Thanksgiving Dinner – Sunday, November 18TH, 2012 @5:00 PM. Turkeys, stuffing, potatoes and gravy provided; however, we need volunteers to roast the turkeys and make stuffing. We need 4 volunteers to set up tables on Saturday morning; it only takes half an hour, but we need help. Sign-up sheets will be on the tables.

Please bring a dish to share based on your last name. This assures variety.

Cold side dish – A to G

Dessert – H to N

Hot Side Dish – O to Z

Any questions, please call T. Fetsko.

Work #234-3156 Ext. #5216 or cell 724-699-2711.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



3	Sheila Sawyer	15	Doris Gross	22	Judy Fry	27	Jacob Blust
4	Lois Campbell	16	Jennie Miller	23	Janet Bretz		Bill Bowers
9	Franklin Bretz	17	David Bretz	25	Deb Fortunato		James Brink
10	Pastor Skip	18	Mason Shaw		Jean Zidik	29	Ray Miller
	Shaun Davidson	20	Betty Shumaker	26	Dave Damsky		
12	Dale Stehr				Carol Gainor		

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



1	Mike & Michelle Johnson	15 yrs
8	Ed & Nancy Manbeck	54 yrs
15	Chuck & Mary Magda	54 yrs
18	Emmett & Doris Gross	50yrs
23	Bill & MaryAnn Bowers	43 yrs
29	Ray & Bernie Miller	54 yrs

Mt. Zion Day at Friendly's October 28th. Pick up a slip at the Fundraising table to take with you. Mt. Zion receives 20% of your bill. Hope to see you there!

Get your umbrellas ready!!! It's time for Noah! Bring your family & friends and join us for "Noah" at Sight & Sound Theaters in Lancaster on Saturday, March 9th, 2013, at 4:15 pm. Further details will be available in November. In the meantime, questions can be directed to Dana Myers.



MT. ZION'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS IS . . .

the monthly newsletter of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, a congregation of Christ's people serving East Pennsboro, Hampden and Silver Spring Townships.

MT. ZION'S PURPOSE IS . . .

to be the people of God in this area, to minister to the Spiritual needs of the people in this area, and to be their advocate for justice and mercy.

MT. ZION'S MISSION IS . . .

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Pastor

The Rev. Norman "Skip" Spangler

Youth Ministry Coordinator

Ms. Breanne Brunner & Mr. Nicholas McMichael

Organist

Mrs. Ruth Weller

Minister of Music

Rev. Paul Zieber

Parish Nurse

Mrs. Annabelle Bolig, R.N.

Secretary

Mrs. Barb Leer

Missionaries

*Michael Airgood
Missionary Ukraine*

Telephones

Parsonage 972-0115
Church Office 732-1577

Email:

mtzionumc@mtzionumc.comcastbiz.net

WEB ADDRESS

www.mountzionumc.org

Sunday Service Schedule

Church School 9:00 AM
Worship 10:15 AM



Visitors welcome

November

**MT ZION U M CHURCH
4685 MT ZION DRIVE
ENOLA PA 17025**

Please notify us if you are willing to receive this newsletter electronically or if you are no longer interested in receiving the newsletter. Thank you!
Email us at: mtzionumc@mtzionumc.comcastbiz.net
or phone: 717-732-1577