



Mt. Zion Fellowship News

February 2011

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Dear Friends

As I write this, the snow is swirling and the wind is blowing. I've had to fire up the snow blower twice so far this week and you all know how much I love the snow. I began grumbling about the weather and how I wished it were warmer or better yet that I was somewhere basking in the warm sunshine. However, as I took a break and watched the flakes falling I realized that each snowflake is unique. It's hard to imagine that our creator would take the time to make each snowflake in its own design. But, that's exactly what He does and more importantly that's exactly how He makes each one of us.

We are all created in the image of God and are a reflection of the genes that our parents provided, however even siblings can be vastly different. It's this uniqueness that makes our world so diverse. Every day we are faced with challenges and events that help to form us into the person God intends us to be. However, because of our differences, each of us faces each challenge in a different way. What causes one person to "fight the good fight" can bring someone else to their knees as they cry "why me Lord?"

Norman Vincent Peale wrote, "Hope is wishing for a thing to come true; faith is believing that it will come true." Scripture tells us to trust in the Lord with all of our heart, mind and body. If we believe in these words, and put our faith in God then we can face any challenge that comes our way. I am a firm believer that God never gives us more than we can handle. Often times in our humanness we feel that our problems are insurmountable, but through belief in God and trusting in His wisdom we know that good can come from the worst situation.

None of us knows what our future will bring, but we do know that our God is a God of the past, the present and the future. That is why it is so important to maintain our relationship with God and to support one another as we each face life's daily problems and joys. We are to laugh with one another as well as cry with one another. We are uniquely different in our thoughts, actions and reactions and born in the image of God means that we all face life together. It is through our faith in God and love of Jesus Christ that we can continue to help carry the burdens of those in our lives as well as share in the great joys that come into our lives. Unlike the snow that will soon melt and disappear, we though different, will share the same eternal joy because we live in hope and share life through the grace of God who promises us if we will run the good race, the victory will be ours together.

Your brother, friend and pastor,

Rev. David A. Watkins



YOUTH

The Youth continue to meet each Sunday evening 6:30-8:00 PM with Pastor David leading them while we search for a new Youth Director. Recent events included an afternoon of ice skating and a lock-in here at the church! A great time was had by the 10 youth and the 2 adult helpers! The youth have some fun activities planned for February and they include a Super Bowl Party at the McKee's house and an outing to laser tag or bowling. More information will follow! All youth grades 6th through 12th are invited to join us!

The Youth Group has decided to take a year off from the Birthday Social/Cake auction! Be sure to watch for information next year for the brand new format for the event!!



For all of you who reached out to our 22 families in need, a big thank you from my heart. Their boxes were full of things to make a big ham dinner. Also each family was given a \$10 gift card from Giant to buy eggs, milk, butter, etc. This money came out of the missions budget marked "Friends in Need". Everyone was excited to get that card. Many of you gave monetary gifts to help the families buy their children Christmas gifts and 13 gift cards of \$20, were given out. We gave 6 families used clothing from God's closet and 6 children received used toys from the shed. Also, 2 trees and many other Christmas decorations were given away. It may not seem like much to us but they were so appreciative. I am sure God said, "Well done thy good and faithful servant". What a blessing you are to those people!

Doris Gross

THANK YOU!

FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:

**PUDDING,
KLEENEX
&
CANNED MEATS**

Help to save a life!!!!

Donate blood during the Blood Mobile Drive here at Mt. Zion on Sunday, February 20th. Please see Annabelle Bolig to sign up for a time.

MUSIC NOTES



**One change in the rehearsal schedule
this year.**

**The Zionaires (Children's Choir):
rehearse immediately after worship
**EXCEPT on Hospitality Sundays (3rd Sun.
of each month).****

Other rehearsal times are:

Sunday, 5:45 PM - Chimes Choir

6:30 – 7:45 PM - Praise Team

**Wednesday, 6:15 PM - TTBB (tenor and
bass singers)**

7:00 - 8:45 PM – Adult Choir

**If interested in participating in any of
these choirs, please talk to Paul.**

Easter is April 24 -- very late this year. That means Lent begins March 9. I want to get an early start on "His Last Days", this year's Easter Cantata. So, rehearsals will begin on Wednesday evening, Feb. 16, at 7 - 8 PM in the Music Room. If you are interested in a short-term commitment to the choir, please contact Paul. We will need "extras" to portray various scenes like we did last year. The cantata will be presented for the community on Good Friday evening, April 22, and Easter Sunday morning during the regular worship hour.



Several conversations have occurred among some of our musicians about holding a mid-winter song-fest some Sunday evening --- to fight off cabin fever.

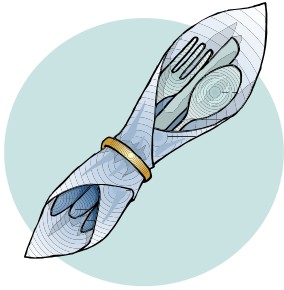
Would you attend?
Please sign the comment card in church.

**WHAT INSTRUMENT (DO YOU) (DID YOU)
(WILL YOU) play ---beside the radio, tv, or
computer?**

I am discovering here and there that "he" used to play the trumpet, or "she" used to play in the H.S. band. If I and others are willing to get up in church and risk making mistakes as we present special music from time to time, that should encourage you to do the same. You will be seeing more of this from me and several others, so why hide YOUR talents? Come forward and let me know "what you used to play". Clean off the dust and make some noise.

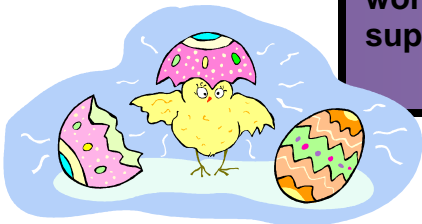


FUNDRAISING NEWS



Wow! The Fund Raising Committee has taken their winter nap and they are busy scheduling some events. First up on our calendar is Mt. Zion Day at Hoss's in Enola on Sunday, Feb. 13 (an all day event). You'll find a complete announcement elsewhere in the newsletter. A new restaurant has been added to our list! Mt. Zion Day at Bob Evans on the Carlisle Pike has been scheduled for Sunday, March 13 and this is an all day event. More information and coupons will be in a future bulletin and the next newsletter. We are also working on scheduling an event at Isaac's of Silver Springs.

Other events include an Easter Egg Hunt for the general public on Saturday, April 16 from 11 AM to 1 PM. and of course our annual FLEA MARKET on Saturday, June 11. Information is at the Grocery Card Table. We know none of these events are possible without the wonderful family we have at Mt. Zion UMC. Thank you for your past support and we're looking forward to seeing you again at these events.



Dear Friend of Mt Zion UMC:

We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money for a very worthy cause. Please consider visiting the Hoss's location(s) listed below on 2/13/11 to aid us in raising money to benefit Mt Zion UMC.

Print this email and present it on **2/13/11** at Hoss's in **Enola**.

Hoss's will then donate 20% of your total check paid to **Mt Zion UMC**.

***New this year: If your group raises \$1,200 or more in sales, Hoss's will donate 25%! This applies to single day, single store events only.**

Group #10813

Please print and present this email when ordering. There is no attachment with this email. Voucher distribution is prohibited on Hoss's property. See the attached file for the entire Community Night agreement. Thank you for your cooperation.



GIGANTIC ANNUAL MT. ZION UMC ***FLEA MARKET***

FOOD & BAKE SALE

Saturday ~ June 11, 2011
7:00 AM ~ 2:00 PM

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
4685 Mt. Zion Drive
Enola, Pennsylvania 17025
(just off Valley Rd, from the Wertzville Rd, Near Rt 81)

Rent Your Space Now!!! Just \$10.00!

(spaces are 16 X 20, bring your own tables)

For further information, contact:

Carol 717-789-3781 or Kitty 717-732-0154

***No explicit materials or magazines, weapons, or food may be sold (the church will provide food and drinks for sale). For further information, please contact either of the numbers above.

THANK YOU!!!

<u>Mt Zion January – December Report</u>			100.0%
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INCOME SUMMARY		Income	
Regular Income		\$267,099.90	99.3%
	2010 Budget	Expenses & Obligations	
STAFF (salary, benefits)	\$126,965.00	\$122,272.97	96.3%
TRUSTEES - FACILITIES (Church & Parsonage) includes heating	\$41,746.00	\$35,201.55	84.3%
TRUSTEES - BUILDING (includes interest & budgeted debt retirement of \$5200)	\$36,200.00	\$39,617.91	109.4%
CONFERENCE MINISTRIES	\$31,115.00	\$31,115.00	100.0%
CHURCH AND SOCIETY	\$8,000.00	\$8,267.70	103.3%
MISSIONS	\$7,959.00	\$7,959.00	100.0%
EDUCATION	\$4,800.00	\$3,403.37	70.9%
CHURCH COMPUTER	\$2,850.00	\$4,133.37	145.0%
WORSHIP	\$3,375.00	\$2,801.38	83.0%
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	\$2,650.00	\$2,099.44	79.2%
YOUTH	\$1,850.00	\$743.50	40.2%
NURTURE/OUTREACH	\$1,500.00	\$286.80	19.1%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$269,010.00	\$257,901.99	95.9%
Net Gain or Loss (Regular Income – Expenses)		\$9,197.91	
Non-Budgeted	Income	Expense	
Designated Funds	\$72,755.84	\$71,950.83	
Principal Payments made in 2010		\$38,014.42	
Total loans outstanding	\$333,302.89		
Interest paid in 2009		\$23,486.56	
Interest paid in 2010		\$21,432.39	
	Planned	Expended	
Total Missions/Outreach	\$47,148.03	\$48,446.84	
	13.8%	14.7%	
Outreach=Missions+Church&Society+Conf Benevolences+Designated			Missions

A big THANK YOU is extended to the many men and women who give of their time following worship each week, to count the offering! Your time and efforts are appreciated!!

Stan & Joanne Wolfe
Gene & Lois Council
Ann & Bob Geyer
Lou & Kate Knaby
Chuck & Mary Magda
Dan Putt

Naomi Goodling
Dale Stehr
Kay Ellis
Len Leer
Alvin Wiest

Bill Bowers
Bonnie Shenk
Helen Vogelsong
Bob Bolig
Jere Engelman

NEWS FLASH!!!!

Keep your eyes open for the Mt. Zion kitchen remodeling project about to begin!!! The kitchen will be closed during the month of February for the remodeling project!!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Delores Lewis	12	Jamie Brown	19	Lois Council	22	Golda Foltz
3	Bob Germond	13	Tianna Strayer	20	Joey DeMartyn		Phyllis Long
6	Sue Jackson	17	Elva Colyer		Katie DeMartyn	26	Emmett Gross
9	Mindy Wentz		Mary Magda	21	Matt Priest	27	Matt Souder
10	Karen Kammeier	18	Joan Bellmund		Harold Weller	29	Jeremy Wilson

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

27TH
Brad & Barb
Baney

34 years!

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 declare the Gospel of Jesus Christ in loving and redemptive ways, to be the caring, sensitive fellowship described in the Scriptures, to reach out to the community with ministries that meet social needs.

Pastor

The Rev. David A. Watkins

Youth Ministry Coordinator

Ms. Breanne Brunner

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Mrs. Ruth Weller

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Sunday Service Schedule

Church School 9:00 AM

Worship 10:15 AM



Visitors welcome

FEBRUARY

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ENOLA PA 17025**

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