



# Mt. Zion Fellowship News

## May/June 2010

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Dear Friends,

In my readings this week I came across this small piece by Lewis L. Dunningham. As we travel along through life all of us at one time or another have "hit a brick wall". I don't mean it in the literal sense although I'm sure that has happened to some of you. What I mean is that we have had a dream or have tried something and have failed. It's not a feeling anyone enjoys. We are taught from early on to give something our best effort and we will succeed but sometimes our best is just not enough.

Lewis Dunningham wrote: "The greatest force for making people bigger and better than they are now is the belief in your heart and mine that they have infinite potential for growth. Even when they fail us, we are to continue to carry and express the mental image of what they may become. To have someone believe in you, even when you fail, is the most blessed and creative force in the universe."

This belief is something each of us has received or given many times throughout our lives; sometimes without even realizing it. Our parents encouraged us and then allowed us to step out and face the world away from the securities of home. We have done it with our own children and have loved them through their successes as well as offered encouragement when they experience failure.

Our biggest supporter in life is God. God knew us before we were born and He loves us yesterday, today and forever. As we encounter all of life's trials God is always there calling us by name and encouraging us, cheering us on to succeed in life. God is always with us, loving us and wanting us to be the beautiful spiritual being that He knew before we were born.

As Christians it is our job to offer such love and support to all those around us. What better place to "practice" than within our church family. It's the one place where we can succeed or fail and still hold our heads up and try again. Within our church family we are able to share our laughter, tears, successes and failures knowing that we are accepted and loved. This is what God has done for us all of our lives and it is truly what we should be doing for one another. We are all to "love one another as Christ loved the Church".

Life is not the way it's supposed to be – it's the way it is. The way you cope with it is what makes the difference. God is ever present to help you cope with the good, bad, success or failure. He believes in you and He put you here to serve a higher purpose – to help others along the path of life and in the end He will say to each of us "well done thou good and faithful servant, inherit the kingdom I have prepared for you."

Your pastor, brother and friend,

*David*

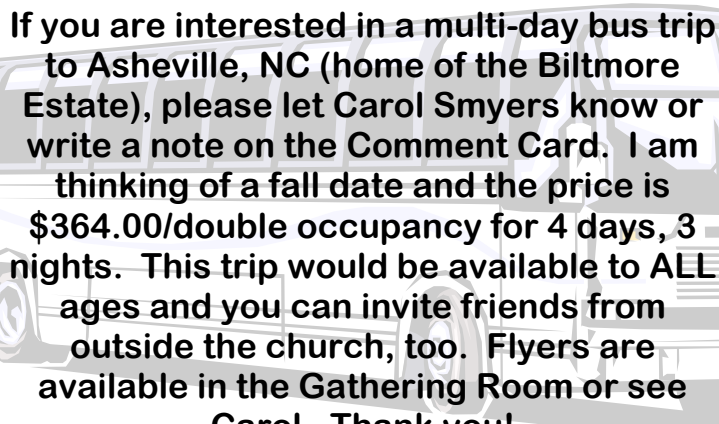


# OVER 50 GROUP



The Over-50 Group planning committee met on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and we have some fun and exciting events planned for you! Our first get together will be on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM for a potluck picnic at the church. Think of some names we can call ourselves and we will pick one that day!

The committee consists of: Norma Bussenger, Kay Ellis, Mary Magda, Sheree Stehr, Ruth Weller, JoAnn Wolfe, Jean Zidik and myself. If you have any suggestions or ideas in the way of activities, please see any of the committee member or myself. Thank you and I look forward to getting to know you. ~ Carol Smyers



If you are interested in a multi-day bus trip to Asheville, NC (home of the Biltmore Estate), please let Carol Smyers know or write a note on the Comment Card. I am thinking of a fall date and the price is \$364.00/double occupancy for 4 days, 3 nights. This trip would be available to ALL ages and you can invite friends from outside the church, too. Flyers are available in the Gathering Room or see Carol. Thank you!

To my Over-50 group friends, mark your calendar for Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 for our potluck picnic here at the church. I've been told there are a lot of fantastic cooks at Mt. Zion, so bring a favorite dish to share. Also, we need a name for our Over-50 group, so bring some ideas and we will select one. More details will be available soon.



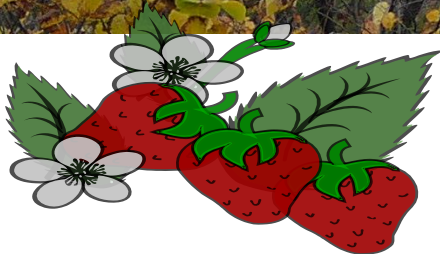
# MISSIONS

There are 14 people signed up to help with Rebuilding Together Saturday April 24th. We are all excited to find out what families in need we will be helping in the greater Harrisburg area. Thanks to everyone.

Well, you did it again! You exceeded my expectations. We were able to give food to 26 families for Easter and 1 family from God's food bank all because you gave and gave and gave. They were delighted. We had a lot of new faces help pack and give out food and that was great. This is the most families we ever helped. Thanks be to God for blessing us and in return we blessed others. Doris Gross-Missions

## **Kentucky Mission & Work Camp Trip:**

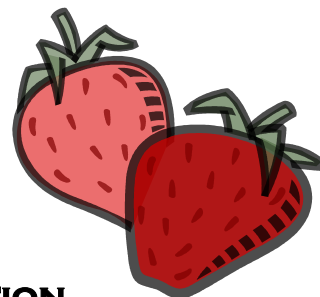
**This year will be the tenth year that Mt. Zion United Methodist Church missionaries will travel to Kentucky. Whether you are interested in going for the weekend or the entire week, please attend the next meeting on May 16 at 5:30 P.M. as we need to make reservations for the trip that will leave Mt. Zion UMC on Saturday, October 23 and return Sunday, October 31, 2010.**



COMING SOON

**STRAWBERRY & ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**WATCH FUTURE SUNDAY BULLETINS FOR MORE INFORMATION**





# FUNDRAISING NEWS!

## **Mt. Zion UMC Annual Flea Market**

**Saturday ~ June 12, 2010  
7:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Mt. Zion will host their annual flea market on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 am – 2:00 pm. Spaces are just \$10.00 each and can be reserved by contacting Carol Bates or picking up a form at the grocery card table. Vendors must supply their own tables.**

**Assistance will also be needed in the kitchen during the event. We will be selling soups, sandwiches, drinks, and baked goods. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods and pies can drop off items on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, or early Saturday morning, June 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen, please contact Carol Bates or Kitty Roth.**

**Mt. Zion will also have a space to sell items which will benefit the Mt. Zion UMC Building Fund. If you wish to donate items for sale, please see Walt Bates.**

## **Mt. Zion Dinner Night Out!!!**

Thank You to everyone who joined us for dinner at Isaac's in Lemoyne last month! We had a great time and raised \$123.00!!!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for May 11<sup>th</sup> at Pizza Hut in Mechanicsburg (near Wal-Mart). Coupons are available at the grocery card table (and enclosed) and can be used all day long, in house, take-out, or delivery. If you have any questions, please contact Shelley Hoachlander.

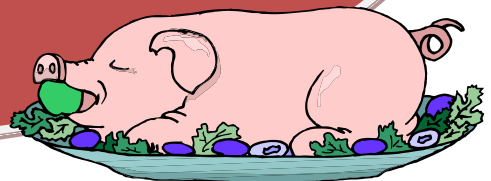
## **Cake Pans!!!**

Seventy-Seven Cake pans were sold during the recent fundraiser, resulting in profits over \$450!!! Thank you to everyone who purchased a cake pan.

The pans will be arriving the first week of May and can be picked up at the grocery card table. Due to the success of this fundraiser, we will sell the pans again near the Christmas holiday season... the pans make great gifts for friends & loved ones! If you have any questions, please see Ann Geyer.

## **PIG ROAST FUNDRAISER**

Planning is underway for a pig roast to be held on August 28<sup>th</sup>. The event will be open to the public and tickets will be available for sale shortly. Adult tickets will be \$9.00, children will be \$4.00. More information will be available in upcoming bulletins.



# Pizza Hut®

## Fundraiser Night



Come Help Raise Funds for  
Mt. Zion



United Methodist Church

By Participating with Pizza Hut in a Pizza Hut Fundraiser  
Night!

**When: May 11, 2010**

**Where: Pizza Hut, Silver Springs Twp.  
(near Wal-Mart), Mechanisburg, PA**

**What time: All Day!!!**

Please order from Pizza Hut on the date and time shown above and our organization will receive 20% of the sales generated! Please be sure to pick up a fundraiser ticket at Mt. Zion UMC or use the one below, and bring it with you to Pizza Hut the night of the fundraiser!

### Fundraiser Ticket

20% of bearer's purchase will be donated to:

**Mt. Zion UMC, Enola**

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**Please present to server or delivery driver**

\*excludes alcohol, tax, and delivery charges. Coupons/discounted pizzas not valid on fundraisers.



# NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR!

## Summer Music

When the choirs recess for the summer months, we look for persons willing to present special music for the worship services. From Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> we will be looking for special music.

- a. Are you willing to provide special music---vocal or instrumental??
- b. Do you know someone you or I (Paul) can invite?

Please speak to Paul, include information on the "Comment Card" or write it on the signup sheet on the Music Room bulletin board.

The Music Ministry Team invites you to a music extravaganza on

Sunday, June 6th at 7:00 PM

in Mt. Zion's sanctuary. Instead of the "Moring of Music" in previous years, each choir will present some favorite anthems which have been sung in worship since last September. This format allows more time and possibilities than does morning worship. Please mark your calendar and invite others to attend. We plan about an hour long program!

The Mechanicsburg Ecumenical Choir Concert featuring 120 voices from 31 area churches, will be held on

Sun., May 16th at 3:00 PM in the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mechanicsburg.

Several singers from Mt. Zion are part of this choir!

Do you enjoy barbershop style music?  
Would you like to hear quartets and choruses in competition?  
The division competition is in our backyard this year---The Radisson in Camp Hill---June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

This is open to the public and you get the chance to hear some of the top groups in the Eastern USA.  
Watch the newspaper and Sunday bulletins for more information!

## **Report from the Finance Committee**

Our regular income for this calendar year thru March 31 totaled \$65,910. Our budgeted expenses and obligations thru the same time period were \$65,682 so our income exceeded our expenses by \$228.

Between our budgeted expenses for Mt Zion Missions, Church and Society, and Conference Benevolences plus unbudgeted 'outreach' efforts such as Haiti (\$2,271.60), One Great Hour of Sharing (\$326), and Souper Bowl Sunday (\$334) our total missions/outreach expenditures so far this year is \$11,009 which is 13.9% of our total expenditures thru March 31st.

We began the year with total debt of \$371,317. We've paid \$5,457 for our first quarter interest payment and made principal debt reductions payments of \$6,977 leaving our outstanding loan total at \$364,340. Our debt reduction payments consisted of \$1,300 from our budgeted income plus an additional \$5,677 from donations and other fundraising activities.

Your stewardship is important to the programs and upkeep at Mt Zion. Please prayerfully consider your tithes and offering that support these programs. And consider electronic giving so your offering is received even while you are away during the upcoming summer months. If you have any questions about this report or would like to sign up for electronic giving, please see Bill Bowers, Ann Geyer, T Fetsko or Jere Engelman.

### **YOUTH NEWS**

MAY 2ND YOUTH 6-7:30  
MAY 9TH NO YOUTH  
MAY 16TH YOUTH 12-3PM  
MAY 23RD NO YOUTH  
MAY 30TH NO YOUTH

JUNE 6TH YOUTH GROUP 6:30

DONE TILL VOLLEYBALL IN THE  
FALL



#### **Capital Area Pregnancy Center:**

Beginning on Mother's Day Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, the large baby bottle will be passed through church collecting donations for the Capital Area Pregnancy Center. Donations to this cause will be collected through Father's Day, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MAY FOOD PANTRY ITEMS**

SALT &  
PEPPER,  
COFFEE  
&  
MANDARIN  
ORANGES

#### **JUNE FOOD PANTRY ITEMS**

**Please see  
upcoming  
bulletins!**

# Join Us at SonQuest Rainforest

SonQuest Rainforest runs July 19 - 23, 2010  
at Mt. Zion UMC from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

For information, call 732-1577



At SonQuest Rainforest your kids will follow Jesus on a life-changing journey! Children will have a great time singing songs, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. But most important, they'll learn about how much God loves them and that He gave us His Word to show us the best way to live. We're looking forward to sharing this

exciting event with the children and parents in our neighborhood. We hope they will all join us at SonQuest Rainforest. Help is still needed with games, crafts, snacks and music. Please contact Rayna Wilson or the church office to volunteer!

## SonQuest Rainforest Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_



City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Age or School grade just completed \_\_\_\_\_

Name of home church, if any \_\_\_\_\_



# HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

1 Russ Beckey	12 Linsey Weaver	19 Andy Calhoun	26 Sharon Mackert
2 Heather Sweitzer	14 Molly Jurcik	24 Breanne Brunner	27 Bob Shuey
4 David Watkins	Vicki Leo	Leesa DeMartyn	29 Lou Knaby
7 Janet Wenger	15 Bob Bolig	25 Bev Allandar	Jonathan Leer
10 Marjorie Gerrick	16 Sue Rickens	Jenny Messimer	31 Amanda Rickens
Kara Swearingen	Tami Smith		

# HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

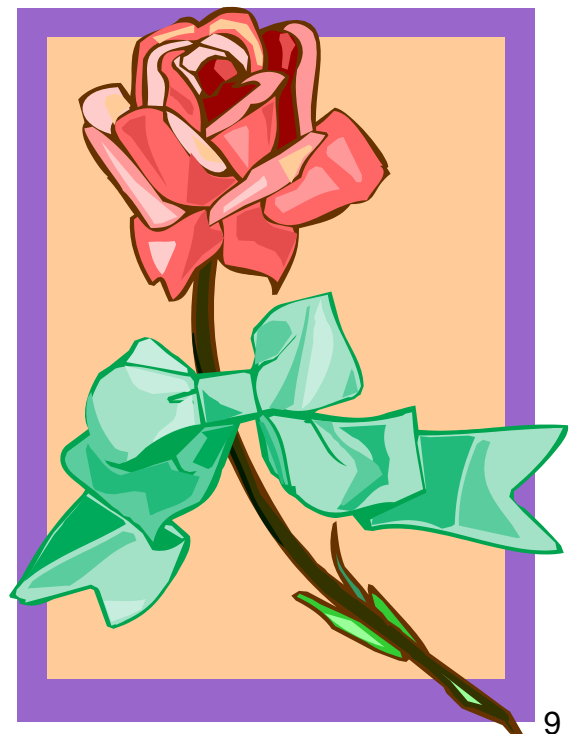
1 Lucille Shaffer	16 Zachary Rickens	26 Mary Wiest
10 Bob Geyer	19 Greg McKee	27 Debbie Raupach
Karen Lockard	21 Rayna Wilson	29 Ted Clements
11 Bob Brink	22 Brad Leer	Virginia Swartz

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

8 Kevin & Sue Canniff	6 yrs.
17 Jere & Claire Engelman	35 yrs.
22 Earl & Linda Reisinger	46 yrs.
24 Ted & Holly Clements	13 yrs.

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6 Alvin & Mary Wiest	61 yrs
7 Max & Flo McDonald	58 yrs
10 Barry & Carol Gainor	43 yrs
25 Dick & Barb Zimmerman	55 yrs
27 Carl & Molly Jurcick	1 yr
Archie & Sara Ann Noss	56 yrs
28 Mike & Heather Sweitzer	2 yrs
29 Bill & Jackie Kennedy	47 yrs



**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*

**Organist**

*Mrs. Ruth Weller*

**Minister of Music**

*Rev. Paul Zieber*

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*Mrs. Annabelle Bolig, R.N.*

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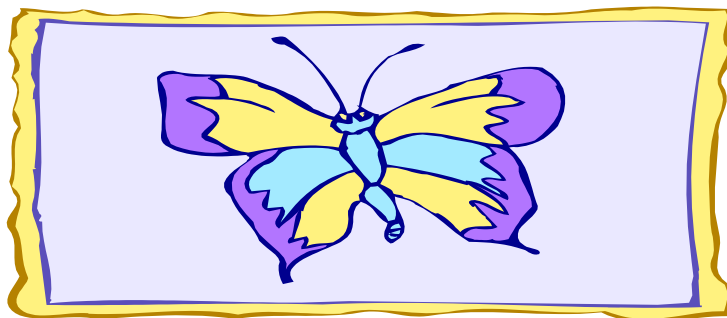
**Sunday Service Schedule**

Church School 9:00 AM

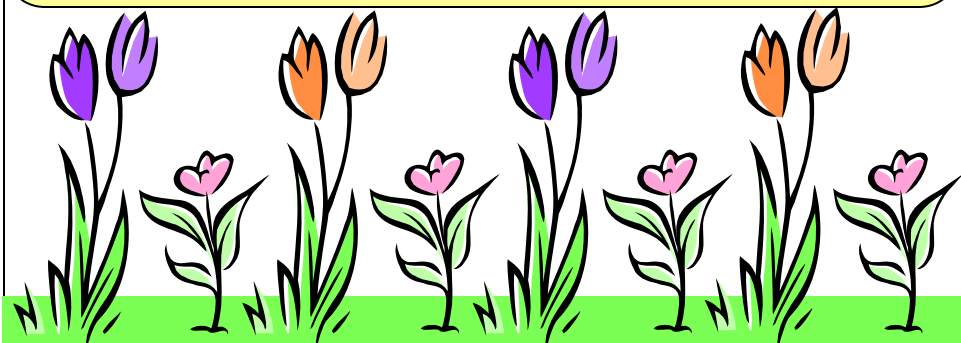
Worship 10:15 AM



**Visitors welcome**



# MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER



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