

Mt. Zion Fellowship News

February 2012

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Martin Luther once said, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." Galileo offered this thought on faith, "The sun, with all those planets moving round it, can ripen the smallest bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else to do. Why then should I doubt His power?" Those are outstanding examples of a faith in God's omnipotent power and control over His creation.

We face an ever frightening world although the same can be said of all past generations as well. It's just that our threats have become more sophisticated but the thoughts of an uncertain future can be just as daunting. Our bombs are smarter thanks to new technology; our communication throughout the world is unlimited. We are able to see what is happening across the globe in a matter of minutes.

If our belief and trust in the God who loves us is lacking then we can spend our lives in constant fear and fear is such a crippling emotion. It makes you want to jump into bed, pull the covers over your head and not get up. However we know that God is in charge of this world and He has a plan which is slowly unfolding through each generation.

We cannot hide away from the world around us, we must face each new day full on with the resolve that Christ who is in us is greater than any trial that comes our way.

We are also told that no matter where we are or what we are called on to face Christ is there with us. We are heirs together with him and will one day win the victory over death which he has already done.

I would like to share with you a poem written by an anonymous author called, "Faith and Doubt":

Doubt sees the obstacles; Faith sees the way;
Doubt sees the blackest night, Faith sees the day;
Doubt dreads to take a step, Faith soars on high;
Doubt questions, "Who believes?"
Faith answers, "I!"

We will soon enter into the season of Lent and it is time to prepare our hearts. John the Baptist said we are to repent and believe in the one whose things I am unworthy to tie. Let each of us pray for the faith that can move mountains and the strong and sure belief that we have a God who loves us and has a plan for our lives.

Your pastor, brother and friend,

Rev. David A. Watkins



Mt. Zion has scheduled a Mt. Zion Day out at Hoss's Steak and Sea House in Enola on February 12, 2012. This fundraising event is from the time they open until closing time. You will need a coupon (available at the grocery card table) or a print out of this email page. Feel free to send a copy of this page to your friends or anyone you feel might be interested.

Dear Friend of Mt Zion United Methodist Church:

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 2/12/12 to aid us in raising money to benefit Mt Zion United Methodist Church.

Print this email and present it on **2/12/12** at Hoss's in **Enola**

Hoss's will then donate 20% of your total check paid to **Mt Zion United Methodist Church**

***New this year: If your group raises \$1200 or more in sales, Hoss's will donate 25%! This applies to single day, single store events only.**

Group #14625

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.



Valentines for Vets

Neill Funeral Home & Rolling Green Cemetery will be collecting Valentine Cards for our Veterans & Soldiers to distribute locally & overseas for Valentine's Day.

If you'd like to send cards (schools, organizations, churches, etc. are welcome to contribute!) and hard candy (regular & sugar free), please drop the items off at any of the following locations listed below by February 8th, 2012. The items will

be distributed in time for Valentine's Day. For further information, you can contact Shelley at Neill Funeral Home (717-564-2633) or Dawn at Rolling Green Cemetery (717-761-4055).

Neill Funeral Home ~ 3501 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Neill Funeral Home ~ 3401 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Rolling Green Cemetery ~ 1811 Carlisle Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Thank You for your support & Happy Valentine's Day!!!

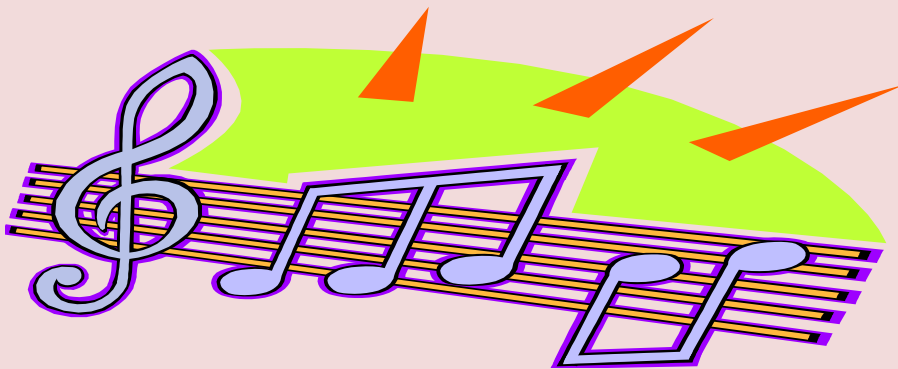
MUSIC NOTES



It is never too late to "try out" one or more of our choirs. We are always looking for and welcoming new, interested persons to sing, chime or play an instrument. Come on, give it a try!

The date has not been established for the mid-winter sing-a-long mentioned in the previous newsletter. Keep watching the bulletins or the March Newsletter; we will gather some Sunday afternoon for a wonderful time of music.

We will be presenting an Easter Cantata again this year --- probably Good Friday evening, April 6th and Easter Sunday, April 8th. You are needed to create some props. I'm looking for an artist or two. And persons will be needed to portray some of the scenes of Jesus' passion. Please don't wait to be asked. Let Paul know or sign up on a **PROP / CHARACTER** sheet in the music room.



February Rehearsals are:

Zionaires - Every Sunday following worship

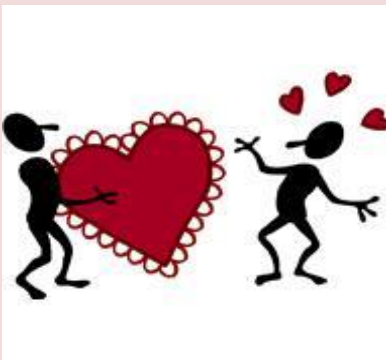
Chimes - 5:45 PM and Praise Team at 6:45 PM –
Sundays, Feb. 12, 19, 26

TTBB - 6:00 PM - each Wednesday except Feb 22

Adult Choir - 7:00 PM each Wednesday except Feb. 22

No rehearsal Feb. 5 (we will yield to the Super Bowl game)

No rehearsal Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday Communion Service.



The Keystone Capital Chorus is delivering Singing Valentines on Tuesday, Feb. 14th. What an excellent way to surprise your wife, husband, mother, or someone important to you. A quartet will show up at the place and time you designate and sing one or two love songs, present a long-stemmed red rose, a bag of (Hershey's) kisses and two tickets to our Spring Show May 5th. All this for \$40. You may go online to keystonecapitalchorus.org, call 730-0289, or talk to me (Paul).

FINANCE COMMITTEE SUMMARY 2011 REPORT

All bills have been paid and the books are closed for 2011! The income for Mt Zion exceeded the expenses by \$3,571. A good thing! We were able to pay \$45,667 toward the principal of our building mortgage reducing our debt to \$287,612. A good thing! As we continue to pay down the principal, our interest payments will decrease. In 2010 our interest payments were \$21,432 and in 2011 the interest payments were \$17,857. The missions/outreach expenditures were \$42,586 which is 13.3% of the total expenditures, exceeding our minimum goal of 10%. A good thing!

Funds for the debt reduction came from many sources and everyone who led and supported these events is to be thanked. Fund Raisers (\$1,407), Ash Wednesday/Maundy Thursday/Christmas Eve services (\$2,347), Little Church for Change (\$1,431), Donations (\$11,395), Flea Market (\$2,160), Grocery Cards (\$5,942), Home Show (\$987), Sauerkraut Dinner (\$852), Dick Krieger Memorial (\$2,185), Budgeted from current income (\$7,800), Carryover from 2010 (\$9,200).

In 2011 Mt Zion was able to meet our financial obligations and objectives. We made good progress on the debt reduction which in turn reduces our interest payments allowing those funds to be utilized in other areas. It is important to remember our stewardship responsibilities into 2012. There will be parsonage repairs and renovations, the continuing need to reduce our mortgage on the church, support to our excellent staff and our missions/outreach activities.

Electronic giving is available. It makes it easy to keep our support of the ministries of Mt Zion during periods when we are away or when winter weather prevents our attending of weekly services. See any finance committee member for details.

As we begin 2012, please prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings to further God's work. If there are any questions, please ask any Finance Committee member – Jere Engelman, Bill Bowers, T Fetsko, Ann Geyer.

		Income	Percent of Budgeted Amount
Regular Income		\$259,608.13	95%
	2011 Budget	Expenses & Obligations	
STAFF (salary, benefits)	\$127,133.00	\$119,195.04	94%
TRUSTEES - BUILDING (includes interest & budgeted debt retirement of \$7800)	\$48,500.00	\$42,720.98	88%
TRUSTEES - FACILITIES (Church & Parsonage) includes heating	\$37,029.00	\$40,655.72	110%
CONFERENCE MINISTRIES	\$26,058.00	\$26,057.97	100%
CHURCH AND SOCIETY	\$8,700.00	\$8,584.44	99%
MISSIONS	\$8,659.00	\$8,659.00	100%
EDUCATION	\$4,200.00	\$3,142.92	75%
WORSHIP	\$3,950.00	\$2,251.54	57%
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	\$2,650.00	\$2,539.25	96%
YOUTH	\$1,850.00	\$664.75	36%
CHURCH COMPUTER	\$1,650.00	\$922.00	56%
NURTURE/OUTREACH	\$1,600.00	\$643.38	40%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$271,979.00	\$256,036.99	94%
Net Gain (Regular Income – Expenses)		\$3,571.14	

Non-Budgeted	Income	Expense	Balance
Designated Funds	\$64,127.26	\$64,084.67	\$42.59
Principal Payments made in 2011		\$45,667.06	
Total loans outstanding	\$287,612.89		
Interest paid in 2010		\$21,432.39	
Interest paid in 2011		\$17,857.84	
	Planned	Expended	
Total Missions/Outreach	\$42,351.00	\$42,586.22	

Mission/Outreach = budgeted amounts for Missions+Church & Society+Conf Benevolences+ Designated Missions

12.6%

13.3%

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



2 Dolores Lewis	10 Karen Kammeier	18 Joan Bellmund	22 Golda Foltz
3 Bob Germond	12 Jamie Brown	19 Lois Council	26 Emmett Gross
5 Rob Shaw	13 Tianna Strayer	20 Joey DeMartyn	27 Matt Souder
6 Sue Jackson	17 Elva Colyer	Katie DeMartyn	28 Denise Smith
9 Mindy Wentz	Mary Magda	21 Matt Priest	
		Harold Weller	

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

27 Barb & Brad Baney
35 years

BLOOD MOBILE FEBRUARY 19th

Please see
Annabelle Bolig
to sign up
to donate
the gift of life!

As the Super Bowl approaches many of us have thoughts of fun parties with good food. There are many individuals without the ability to participate in that type of event or even have a square meal three times a day. Our youth are participating in the "**Souper Bowl of Caring**". On the day of the Super Bowl, our youth will be collecting donations of cash or cans of soup, directly after the service. Thank you so much for your support!

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

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Sunday Service Schedule

Church School 9:00 AM

Worship 10:15 AM



Visitors welcome



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