



# Mt. Zion Fellowship News

## January 2012

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Dear Friends:

So just where did 2011 go? It's hard to believe that we are quickly coming to the close of another year. Just where will 2012 take us? It's hard to say, but if we remain faithful on the path that is set before us, as we follow our Savior, then we can certainly look ahead with anticipation to whatever challenges are placed in front of us.

During the last year we said goodbye to some faithful friends of Mt. Zion. However in keeping with the circle of life we have also welcomed new members into our church family. Goodbyes are never easy for any of us, but the hello's help to ease the sadness of our goodbyes. God has richly blessed us here at Mt. Zion as we continue to be a vital part of His ministry here in Central PA and beyond.

Our missions programs are going strong and we are able to send Christmas gifts to children at Henderson Settlement. We continue to feed the hungry locally and provide warm coats and blankets during the winter months. Our shed is in a constant state of filling and emptying and refilling again. Only the Lord can say just how many families we have helped.

We continue to lower our debt on the addition through your generous giving. All the bills that come in are paid and we are able to meet our shares of ministry to the conference. That speaks volumes to the faithfulness of each of you as we continue to move forward into the future.

As we begin 2012, God continues to call us to be faithful to all that he lays before us. For some of us it will be the end of ministry in one way and the beginning of ministry in another. There will be times of great joy and great sadness, however our God is always with us and will bring us new and exciting ministries and ways to do ministry as we continue to move forward seeing God's will in our lives. Mt. Zion continues to be a great place to worship with many opportunities to do missions and ministry. As we travel through 2012 it will be our task to find new ministries and better ways of doing those ministries both here and throughout the world. God is looking for people to come forward with new ideas and exciting new ways to glorify His Name.

My prayer for each of you is that you listen for the nudging of the Holy Spirit in your lives. Listen for God's voice as he leads you forward into the future. Remember God will never lead you into failure. So let's go boldly into 2012 following God's lead.

Your pastor, brother and friend,

*Rev. David A. Watkins*



# NEWS!

Mark your calendars for January 28, 2012, for our annual Sauerkraut Supper... made possible through the kindness and hard work of Max & Flo McDonald. This is a great time to visit with family & friends (the more the merrier) and enjoy the homemade goodness of pork & sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, and more! Anyone wishing to help with this event can contact Kitty Roth.

Women of Faith Bible Study will NOT meet again until January 9, 2012. The lesson will be "Guarding the Wellspring". It is based on Proverbs 4:23. "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." May God bless everyone with HIS Hope, Peace, Love, & Joy as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Once again thanks for helping 20 families receive food for their Christmas dinner. We also were able to give them \$10 gift cards to buy milk, eggs, bread, etc. And thanks to the Ad Council who packaged up all the leftover cookies from hospitality. Their eyes really lit up when they received them! It is more blessed to give than receive and what better time to do it than at Christmas.**

**A big thank you to the Weight Loss Group who meets here at the church, for collecting food for God's Food Pantry. Lois Campbell helped Karen Lockard fill the shelves to overflowing. We also gave 3 families food this week. God always supplies our needs. What an awesome God we serve!**

Dear Bus Trip Friends,

The Holidays are almost behind us and the cold winter months are upon us, but you can help me plan a spring bus trip!! Suggestions for trips have been given to me and I am more than happy to put trips together for you, but I NEED YOUR FEEDBACK as to where you would like to go.

Please review the list below and vote for your two favorites! Watch for future bulletins for an insert to vote and place in the basket in the narthex. The most popular trip will be done in the spring and the second favorite will be in the fall. Thank you for your help. ~~ Carol



## Trip Suggestions:

- Lake Raystown with lunch cruise
- Cumberland, MD Western RR train and Shanksville Flight 93 Memorial (from 9/11/01)
- Flight 93 memorial and Quecreek Mine rescue site.
- Horseshoe Curve train ride
- Cape May overnight
- Williamsburg, VA overnight
- Sturbridge, MA Multi- day

Other suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

First Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_



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December 5, 2011

Ms. Anna Geyer & Fundraising Committee  
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church  
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Enola PA 17025

Dear Friends,


Thank you for your recent donation of \$636.76 to support our breakfast feeding program. We know that a lot of work went into your fundraising efforts, and we are so grateful that you selected The Salvation Army Harrisburg Capital City Region as the recipient of the "tithes" from your Fundraising Committee's profits.

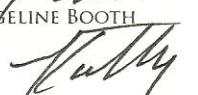
This past year, our office provided 67,813 food assists to needy families and children, a 20% increase from the year before. Assists included grocery orders through our food pantry for low-income families and seniors; hot meals through our weekday breakfast feeding program (the only one in Harrisburg); and meals for children in our youth programs. Our breakfast program, specifically, was open 247 days last year, serving 11,601 meals. On Wednesdays, we also provide "lunch to go" bags of sandwiches and salads to breakfast clients as a supplement to their weekly food needs. A total of 1,983 food bags were provided to our breakfast clients to meet this need.

Again, we appreciate your consideration of The Salvation Army in Harrisburg. The Salvation Army is committed to *Doing the Most Good* in our community. And we appreciate friends like you who support our efforts in many and varied ways. Please feel free to contact me at anytime to learn more about our programs and services. We appreciate your partnership with us to help those in need.

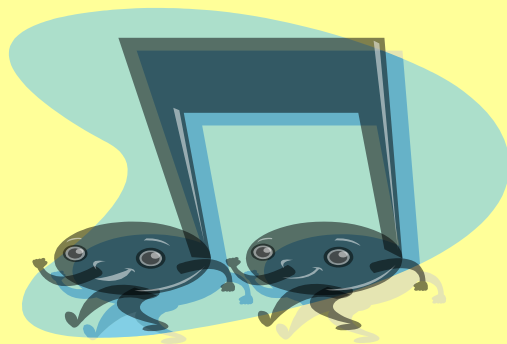
Sincerely,

  
Major John Griner  
Corps Officer

  
Kathy Anderson-Martin  
Director of Philanthropy

Thank you so much! We would love to have you visit and tour our office at anytime. Just call me!  
Merry Christmas,  


# MUSIC NOTES



Thanks and appreciations are hereby given to everyone who participated in the presentation of our Advent music and the Christmas cantata "How Great Our Joy".

Our hats (what hats?) are off to Ruth Weller, accompanist,  
Ken & Karen Kammeier, narrators  
Lisa Davis, flutist.

**SPECIAL KUDOS** to four young men who joined the adult choir for this celebration:

Andrew Davis, Jonah Harmon, BJ and Zach Leer,  
who "wowed" the congregation with their solos and trumpets.

Thanks be to God for all who employ their gifts and talents to praise the God who visited earth with love and salvation in Jesus, the Christ.

Last, but not least, to Shelly Paul who provided a moment of levity in the Chimes Choir and to Paul who looked the wrong way to both ends of the line of chimers for the last two notes !!!  
What a (nice) way to end a glorious morning of worship.

**In the New Year, we will continue the Christmas music because we hesitate to end this beautiful season. In addition, you will hear the adult choir singing "Kairos" again, the anthem that speaks about God's Time.**



**Discussion has begun on offering a "mid-winter" Sunday afternoon Sing-A-Long sometime in February. More information on that will appear in the weekly bulletin and the next newsletter.**





**Missionary Correspondence**  
Diane Allen  
The United Methodist China Program  
General Board of Global Ministries

November 30, 2011

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Revd David Watkins  
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Dear David,

Over the last several months there have been some developments for me that I wanted to share with you and members of Mt. Zion UMC before you receive some official information from the Advance/Missionary Support office at GBGM which deals with Covenant Relationships.

After nearly 25 years in missionary service with The United Methodist China Program I have decided to take up an opportunity to work on issues of local food security within a Community Supported Agriculture project. I will become one of its principle growers. This means I will be ending missionary service with the General Board of Global Ministries as of January 31, 2012. I realise that Mt. Zion has been in a Covenant Relationship with me for the entirety of my time in missionary service with GBGM and am very humbled by this show of missional commitment, friendship, and support.

Early next year you will be receiving some information. from Rachel Barnett, GBGM's Mission Liaison for The Advance who coordinates the Covenant Relationship program. We both hope that Mt. Zion will continue its commitment to missionary support and below are two suggestions in place of me. One missionary would keep the link with China, and the other missionary is a link with someone from Pennsylvania.

1. Joy Prim. Joy is part of the Mission Intern Program, which places young adults (ages 22-30) in justice-seeking placements around the world for 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years, followed by an assignment in the United States for another 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years, a total of 3 years. Joy is now serving in Hongkong with the Mission for Migrant Workers and at the Bethune House, a women's shelter for abused domestic workers. You can read about Joy via her missionary biography on the GBGM website ([www.gbgm-umc.org](http://www.gbgm-umc.org)), under Our Work: Missionaries: Biographies.
2. Michael Airgood. If you'd like to keep the Pennsylvania connection, you may want to consider Michael Airgood who hails from Kane, PA. Michael was recently commissioned as a GBGM missionary and now serves in the Ukraine in student ministries and church-planting. You can read about Michael on the GBGM website following the same links as for Joy Prim: ([www.gbgm-umc.org](http://www.gbgm-umc.org), Our Word: Missionaries: Biographies)
3. Another option, of course, is to work with Rachel to find a missionary that you feel, suits the personality and the missional priorities of Mt. Zion. I know Rachel will welcome working with you no matter what course you decide. Her contact information is below, but I do know she will be in contact with you in the new year.

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Please do share my profound thanks to members of Mt. Zion for their most generous gifts of continuity, support, prayers and hospitality which they've given over these nearly 25 years. Too, I would be remiss not to thank Mt. Zion for giving me, from my infancy, a clear sense of God's encompassing care, Christ's steadfast guidance, and the Spirit's wise companionship which will remain with me always.

Wishing you and everyone at Mt. Zion Advent blessings and a joy-filled Christmas season,

Diane Allen  
The United Methodist China Program



## **Administrative Council Meeting November 28, 2011**

**In Attendance:** Stan Wolfe, Ann Geyer, Dana Myers, Audrey Myers, Max McDonald, Flo McDonald, Jake Lehman, Doris Gross, Jean Zidik, Jere Engelman, Barb Leer, Pastor David, Chuck Magda, Kitty Roth

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

Pastor David led us in devotions.

Minutes from October meeting were distributed electronically. No corrections. Jean Zidik motioned to accept, Kitty Roth seconded. Motion carries.

**Treasurer report:** We are 83% through this year. We have taken in 79% of budgeted income and so far we have spent 77% of our budgeted expenses. \$25,546.87 applied to principle on building loan. We will make our goal of having the debt amount under \$300,000 for the end of the year! We made payment of over \$8,000 in Oct. Would like to see an increase in grocery card sales. Really helps to pay down the principle

Youth didn't realize they had budget since they have their own checking account. Beginning of year we didn't have a youth director. Michelle was paying things like volleyball tournament out of youth account. It has been explained to her and she did turn in \$620.00 from volleyball. They also have bill from Lasertron activity. Chuck Magda made motion to accept and Max McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

**Committee reports:** Fundraising gave an update to their report. For this year they have earned \$5,545.20 by fundraising. They have decided to send the 10% saved for Missions to The Salvation Army as a donation. You will see in the bulletin that we aren't ringing bells at Boscovs for the Salvation Army. However, any of our members are welcome to ring 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Capital City Mall. They have two spots at the mall with inside kettles. They need ringing help now through Christmas. Number to contact to schedule a time to help can be found in the bulletin.

Questions related to committee reports being submitted. Not many are submitted electronically. Do we continue doing committee reports before the meeting so we don't take up time at meeting? T Fetsko feels we should continue and each committee head must get info in or state no report. Doris indicated that we fed 21

families, 83 people, for Thanksgiving. T. Fetsko moved that we continue submitting committee reports to Barb and require committee heads to respond even if it is with a "NO Report" response! Barb Leer seconded. Motion carried.

**Trustees:** Trustees have started working on upgrading the parsonage. Today a stove for parsonage was purchased and a dehumidifier for church basement. Dehumidifier will have an automatic shut off. Trustees are trying to use some of this year's budget on the repairs per the Finance Committee suggestion. Scott is ordering new toilets as well. Fundraising committee suggested holding a possible fundraiser to raise money for the parsonage repairs, possibly a pig roast, roast beef or turkey supper. Shawna Souder's father-in-law works for South Mt. Butcher Shop and they work with groups for fundraising meals. They indicate that the most profitable is turkey or beef. We would cook the sides and set up would be similar to the sauerkraut dinner. We made around \$1,000 at the last sauerkraut supper with around 100 people. That price was \$7.00 per person. Folks in church ask friends to come. Kitty states another way to raise funds is to ask folks to commit to a certain amount. Trustees are looking into doing that for the lights in the social room. Ones in the hall would cost \$45.00. Fundraising committee should come back with a price report at first meeting in 2012 to see if Ad council will help.

#### **Old Business:**

No update on new class for young adults.

One dehumidifier was purchased for use downstairs. Door should remain open so dehumidifier works most efficiently.

#### **New business:**

Jere presented budget for 2012. Budget for 2011 was \$271,979. The suggested budget for 2012 is \$277,092. SPRC recommends 3% increase for Pastor's salary. Youth number for staff is different because new folks are at lower rate than old youth leader. Trustee's budget has decreased for next year. Questions related to parsonage repairs. Hope to spend some this year so the \$20,000 for next year will be less. No major work on parsonage until after the year. Ann suggests we purchase items that we can, this year, so that lowers the amount for next year. Ann suggests getting prices for floor this year. It might be a good idea to keep numbers for this year and next year until all the repairs are done. T Fetsko really feels the trustees should have a budget plan to figure out what repairs will cost. It is just an estimate and unknown if it will be higher. But at least there should be a plan. Bathrooms, kitchen, carpeting are some of the planned projects. Hope to replace the bathtub with a newer version but not the sinks. Max will work on more complete figures by next meeting. Trustees facilities items can be seen in detail on the proposed budget. Heating oil is different and based on a guess really. Conference ministries numbers are down again this year and they are given to us by conference. No real big changes in Education, Youth or Worship budgets. Missions and Church and Society budgets are up about \$1,000 each. Details of where money goes is in proposed budget.

We try to get good handle on expenses and see where we are and what we will need. This year's budget is \$5,000 more than last. Finance Committee feels good about where we stand. Finance Comm. does a great job and should be commended.

Doris Gross explained increase in her budget. Part is Methodist Mtn. mission for \$400 to help toward gas for the trucks. Ann questioned this item, Doris responded that this is toward gas for truck. Ann said that this past year, the truck has been here three or four times, at \$300 contribution for each trip, why is this item not higher? Where is the difference coming from? Other new item is Mt. Zion food pantry to help if shelves empty. Questions about if we are continuing the Mt. Zion food pantry were made. Ann Geyer questions if we should continue this or should we just support New Hope which has huge needs. Ann really questions if we continue a food bank here. As our name gets out there and more people call us, are we prepared to expand or do we just support a place that has already done the legwork? Doris points out that New Hope is only open certain hours. We are to be a onetime stop and then they go to New Hope. Doris said Karen Lockard has had some repeats. That is a concern. Doris feels right now we are ok with doing it. We only keep canned foods. We

are a "band aid" until food stamps come again. We get new and repeat clients. We do give them brochures for New Hope. New Hope tries to get folks back on their feet but they must qualify. If we put it in the budget are we prepared to expound on this in the future. We DO NOT give out cash, because we never know where it goes. More and more people are running on the margins and things may get worse before it gets better. As a church, how are we prepared to handle this? . Motion by Barb Leer to have a report submitted by Karen Lockard every month. T seconded. Motion carried. List should show if first time user, where from or repeat. At 4 month point, Ad Council should carefully review the trends to see if we can afford to continue. Council will review if this program is to be continued or are we were going to expand our support for New Hope Ministries (which is already established). Ann's concern are we prepared as a Church to expand this program as our name gets out in the community?

Jere Engelman made motion to accept the budget as submitted, Max McDonald seconded, motion carried.

**Ad council mtgs 2012:** Meetings will continue to be the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month with no meeting in May, July or December. Barb Leer motioned to approve, T Fetsko seconded. Motion carried.

**Hospitality schedule for 2012:**

January= Youth	May=Trustees	September= Church picnic
February=Church & Society	June=Fundraising Comm.	October=Adult Sunday School classes
March=Missions	July=VBS	November=Thanksgiving Dinner
April=Worship	August= Kentucky Group	December=Ad Council

Ann Geyer is coordinating Ad Council's hospitality Sunday for this December. David moved schedule stays the same for next year, Barb seconded, motion carries.

**New business:** We need a new chair for Ad Council for next year. Stan Wolfe not sure he can always be here. T.Fetsko says she can share with Stan. Dec. 7th Charge Conference at Emmanuel UMC.

Good Turnout for Thanksgiving dinner may need to change setup for next year.

Barb Leer Motioned to adjourn 8:25 PM, T seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting Jan. 23rd.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Leer filling in for Ad Council Secretary Shel Hoachlander.

**The Back Pew – Jeff Larson**



In their 35 years as neighbors on Earth, Arnie and Bart never knew they were both Christians. FUNNY isn't it? *Do your neighbors know what you believe?*



# HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!



1 Hailey Mixell	15 Arlene Gontz	21 Rebecca Slenker
5 Clint Smith	Zach Leer	Ed Manbeck
6 Gene Council	Van Milbrand	24 Nate Raupach
12 Roxanne Damsky	16 Beth McKee	26 Ken Kammeier
Lisa Davis	17 Eleanor Cox	29 Patsy Milbrand
Paul Smith	Shayne Elliott	30 Dick Michael
14 Jack Brightbill	19 Amanda McKee	Tristan Paul
	20 Leah Sweitzer	31 Sheree Stehr

# HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

12 Joanne & Bob Shuey 49 yrs.  
 22 Judy & Tom Fry 14 yrs.  
 29 Arlene & Carl Gontz 57 yrs.

**The Worship Committee wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to ALL who helped with the "Service of the Symbols" during the 4 weeks of Advent! Each of you played an important role in making these "Services" very special and meaningful. Thank you!!**

**Also, a big thanks to all those who placed poinsettias in the sanctuary! Please remember to pick yours up following worship!**



**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**

*Mrs. Michelle Elliott & Mr. Nicholas McMichael*

**Organist**

*Mrs. Ruth Weller*

**Minister of Music**

*Rev. Paul Zieber*

**Parish Nurse**

*Mrs. Annabelle Bolig, R.N.*

**Secretary**

*Mrs. Barb Leer*

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**Sunday Service Schedule**

Church School 9:00 AM

Worship 10:15 AM



**Visitors welcome**



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