



# Mt. Zion Fellowship News

## July 2011

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### Pastor's Message:

Another Annual Conference has come to a close and, yes you have me for one more year. However in case you haven't been listening, this should be my last year here as the pastor of Mt. Zion UMC. I am looking forward to retirement following next year's Annual Conference and as Linda and I look towards this next goal in our lives together it is with a mixture of excitement and a degree of sadness.

We have begun the process of house-hunting which is not all it's cracked up to be. We have learned firsthand that you can't always trust the pictures/information on the internet. Just the thought of taking on a 30-year mortgage at the age of 65 is also a bit daunting as is the thought of all the other things that come along with being a homeowner – things that most of you are quite used to such as heating/cooling costs, electricity, phone and the list goes on and on.

We have always faced each change in our lives by first seeking God's guidance. Right now I am sure God is just shaking his head and saying, "Now what!" Every time we think about leaving a congregation that we have come to know and love it's just the same as losing a family member. In this case it's like losing the entire family at once. We are now entering our 13<sup>th</sup> year at Mt. Zion and have been witness to some powerful ministries within our church family.

If you don't mind too much I think over the next year I will reflect on the changes that we have seen during our sojourn with you. One of the first changes for us was to leave the northern part of PA and arrive in the foreign land of Harrisburg/Enola. We left the security of a congregation where we were quite comfortable and secure, Linda left a job at Mansfield University and Sara was in the midst of a personal crisis when we relocated. It didn't take us very long though to realize that the congregation here at Mt. Zion was ready to embrace us with open arms. There were meals delivered while we went through the settling in process, many offers to show us around the new neighborhood and countless calls to make sure we had everything we needed. Dale Stehr was so kind to stop and give us a detailed map of Harrisburg so when we got lost, which we often did, we could find our way home again.

Change is never easy no matter which side of the pulpit you are sitting on. However you made us feel welcome from the very beginning. You accepted us for who we are and didn't try to fit us into some preconceived notion of what you expected in a pastor or in his family. I just want to say thank you for the welcome we received right from day one of our ministry here at Mt. Zion. We have laughed together, worked together and cried together and have tried our best to continue the work that God has set before us at Mt. Zion. New ministries have started and we have said goodbye to some and hello to many others. Sharing in ministry is much the same as sharing in our families,;however, here we are all part of the family of God. May God bless each of you as we continue our walk together.

Your pastor, brother and friend,

*Rev. David A. Watkins*



# IMPORTANT NEWS & UPDATES!!

## Flea Market

Thank You to those who volunteered their time and efforts for this year's Annual Mt. Zion Flea Market and those who have donated baked goods and items for the Mt. Zion table. We couldn't have done it without your support! Despite a few no-shows due to possible rain, we still had a successful event. We raised \$2096.00 towards the principle for Mt. Zion and \$232.92 was put into a special missions fund. That's a total of \$2328.92!!! Again, thank you so much for all your support!!!

## Grocery Cards

With Summer picnics & holidays all around, grocery shopping is at the top of everyone's "To Do" list this season. And who doesn't want to feast on fresh produce this time of year! And a perfect way to purchase groceries for your summertime events, daily noshing, or even gas for your travels, is with a grocery card from Giant or Karns!!! Each card sold earns Mt. Zion 5% and it is no extra cost to you, the consumer. Each card is face value of what you pay; however, the store will donate 5% of that dollar amount to the church. It's a win-win! You're going to purchase the products anyway, so why not help Mt. Zion at the same time! Grocery cards are available each Sunday morning at the grocery card table and can be bought with cash or check in several different increments, so they make great gifts as well!

## Strawberry & Ice Cream Social

**GOD IS SO GOOD!** The free will offering taken at the Strawberry & Ice Cream Social last Sunday amounted to \$998 to be used for work camp project supplies on the Kentucky Mission Trip in October. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** to everyone who supported this mission by eating strawberry delectables & ice cream while donating so generously. A special thank you to the strawberry pickers, suppliers, preparers; also the shortcake & dessert bakers; and last, but not least, to the McDonald's for the ice cream! God is truly so good! And we had a great time, too, enjoying strawberries & ice cream!



## Women of Faith Bible Study

Beginning on Monday, July 18, the Women of Faith Bible study will begin to discuss & study the book, Having A Mary Spirit: Allowing God to Change Us from the Inside Out by Joanna Weaver. If you would like to participate & need a book, please contact Karen Lockard so that she may order enough books for everyone interested. The approximate cost is \$8--\$10. Deadline to let Karen know is June 29. Thank you.

## Bob Evans

Join us on Tuesday, June 21st, at Bob Evans on the Carlise Pike for another Mt. Zion Night (and day) Out! This event will last all day long, all you need is a coupon! Mt. Zion will receive a percentage of your check, so feel free to dine out for breakfast, lunch, and dinner!!! This is also a great opportunity for food groups to get together or to take your family out or get together with friends. We'll keep you posted of more upcoming Mt. Zion Nights Out!!!



## PENNSYLVANIA GRAND CANYON

Wellsboro, PA

Friday, October 14, 2011

It's not summer yet, but let's turn our thoughts to a fall bus trip. Our destination this time will be to **Wellsboro, home of the PA Grand Canyon!** The date is **Friday, October 14th**. Enjoy God's beautiful fall colors as we travel up north for a fun day trip.

### Lunch will be at the historic Penn Wells Restaurant with your choice of:

- Roast turkey with dressing and cranberry sauce \_
- Baked ham with pineapple glaze \_\_\_\_\_

*The hot served meal will also include a garden salad, vegetable, potato, dessert, coffee, tea or iced tea.  
Please mark your selection.*

There will be a guided short walking tour of downtown Wellsboro. Following that, we will have a driving tour of the area and then head to the PA Grand Canyon Overlook. At 3:30 we will be treated to a 2-hour covered wagon ride into the Canyon's Upper Gorge along Pine Creek. Please dress in layers as it will be chilly at that time of year.

*Because of limited seating on the wagon, we only have room for **45 PASSENGERS ON THIS BUS TRIP**. If you want to go, please contact me as soon as possible so I can put your name on the list.*

COST: \$114.00 per person and includes: lunch, guide and driver's gratuity, driving tour, wagon ride at the Grand Canyon, Grand Canyon Overlook, and bus transportation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks can be made payable to:  
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church  
Payment is due on or before  
Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

Carol Smyers  
469 Rich Valley Road  
Carlisle, PA 17015



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**Join Us For Vacation Bible School!**

Bible Stories • Crafts • Skits • Games • Songs

July 11-15, 2011  
6:30-8:30 PM  
Mt. Zion United  
Methodist Church  
4685 Mt. Zion Dr., Endla, PA 17025  
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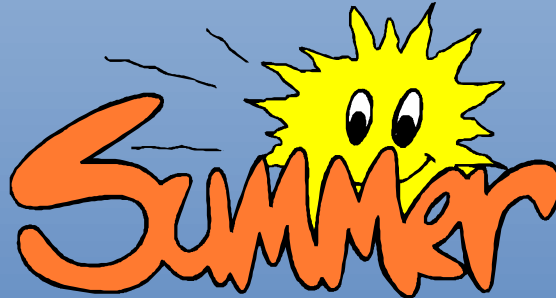
### Items needed for VBS...

Vacation Bible School is FAST approaching and we are in need of some items for the crafts and snacks. A list and sign up sheet for snacks will be on the VBS table in the Narthex. Please sign up to supply an item for our children during VBS. The snacks will need to be brought in prior to July 11th. Also, we are in need of children's sunglasses which can be bought at the Dollar Tree. Any color is fine as long as they are children's and plain, as the kids will be using them for a craft. There will be a basket on the VBS table to put the glasses in and we are in need of approximately 40 pairs. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!!

# Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

## Summer 2011

### Usher Schedule



July 3, 2011	Kate and Lou Knaby, Debbie and Nathan Raupach
July 10, 2011	Len Leer, Ed Manbeck, Ted Clements, Frank Ramsdale
July 17, 2011	Ted Clements, Dick McMichael, Harold Weller, Stan Wolfe
July 24, 2011	Patsy and Van Milbrand, Joanne and Bob Shuey
July 31, 2011	Deb Fortunato, Brook Johnson, Dennis Johnson, Dick Roth
August 7, 2011	Kate and Lou Knaby, Debbie and Nathan Raupach
August 14, 2011	Len Leer, Ed Manbeck, Ted Clements, Frank Ramsdale
August 21, 2011	Ted Clements, Dick McMichael, Harold Weller, Stan Wolfe
August 28, 2011	Patsy and Van Milbrand, Joanne and Bob Shuey
September 4, 2011	Deb Fortunato, Brook Johnson, Dennis Johnson, Dick Roth
<b>September 11, 2011</b>	Kate and Lou Knaby, Debbie and Nathan Raupach
September 18, 2011	Len Leer, Ed Manbeck, Ted Clements, Frank Ramsdale
September 25, 2011	Ted Clements, Dick McMichael, Harold Weller, Stan Wolfe

**Please call me if you can't usher during your scheduled Sunday even if you have made your own arrangements to cover each other. Thanks very much, Ted Clements 773-2955**



I want to thank you for all your wonderful support for my time in London with Mission Year. I have felt your love and prayers from across the ocean. Thank you for all your wonderful packages and letters, they mean so much to me, and help me to feel supported while being so far away from home. I feel really blessed to have so many friends and family at home praying for me. It's an interesting and challenging concept, sharing money, resources, and time with each other, but it's one that has blessed me. I love the church that I'm working in, and all the amazing people who have taught me so many new things. I have learned so much about leadership, teaching, and friendship since I've been in London.

With XLP I've been working in a Pupil Referral Unit (PRU). These are students that have been expelled from other schools, and they come to the PRU to finish their education. I've been co-leading the Girls' Group along with Sarah my colleague from XLP, and Michelle the safer schools officer from the area. We've done all sorts of different activities including, first-aid, self defense, drama, and cooking. We've had speakers ranging from members of the police department to ladies who are serving time in jail. Also with XLP is the MTV van project, which provides a mobile recording studio to meet young people where they are. This van comes onto the parking lot near where these young people live, and gives them the opportunity to express themselves by rapping. It gives a great space to build relationships. By being consistent and persistent by being there every week, no matter the weather or condition, we are gaining the trust of the young people we're working with.

I've also been involved in ministry at Holy Trinity Swiss Cottage Church. I've been leading Sunday school for the children under five in the first service, and helping out with the six to ten year olds in the second service. I've enjoyed learning how to do children's ministry with Matti, and taking a hands on role in leading Sunday School weekly. As if that wasn't enough, I'm also involved with the youth program at the church. Tim the new youth leader has started an initiative called Overcome that is bringing youth together from our church, the church across the road, and is open to all youth from North West London. I recently had the opportunity to speak to the youth during that event about foundations. It was a privilege to speak to young people about living a life build on the foundation of God and his word.

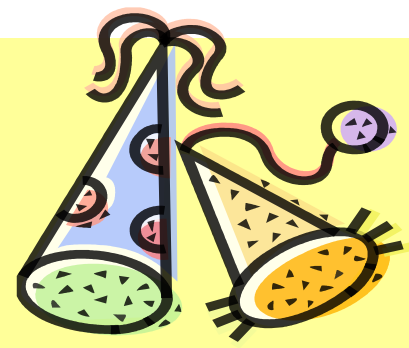
#### Starting Soon

- ▲ The newly refurbished XLP bus will be coming onto the Regent's Park Estate to do a youth club on Friday nights.
- ▲ Massive – the after-school club at the church will be re-launching for students in elementary school on Fridays.
- ▲ I will start tutoring a student in the PRU one on one on a Wednesday morning.

I've been enjoying the sights of , including the wonderful museums, historical sights and special events of London. I'm particularly fond of the Tate Modern Museum, I could spend days in there :) I've been witnessing the London events, most notably the London Marathon, and the Royal Wedding. But there is still so much to see and so here in London, I think I'll stay for a little while more. I have just about three months left on my London adventure, if you want to keep up with me more frequently you can read my blog at [www.alonduncupoftea.blogspot.com](http://www.alonduncupoftea.blogspot.com), or e-mail me at [angelanna@hotmail.com](mailto:angelanna@hotmail.com) or my address in London is 89A Brondesbury Villas, London UK, NW6 6AG. If you want to financially support the mission work I'm doing here you can send a check made out to Breanne Brunner, mailed to Mike Brunner 8701 S. Kolb Rd. 3-247 Tuscon, AZ 85756. Thank you again for all your thoughts, prayers and support.

Much Love, Breanne

# HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS



4 Samantha Elliott	10 Amy Johnson	14 Jack Lockard	22 Linda Watkins
5 Ray Getz	Kitty Roth	16 Ryan Fortney	23 Claire Engelman
Cathy Kiner	Hanna Vaccaro	17 Mike Harmon	24 T Fetsko
Cindy Sheaffer	11 Carol Hamburg	Dennis Johnson	Peg Germond
6 Carl Jurcik	Savhanna Paul	18 Cora Beckey	27 Sue Bretz
Beatrice Stackpole	Alvin Wiest	Sarah Fake	Ruth Weller
7 Helen Vogel song	13 Zona Kirkpatrick	Audrey Myers	June Wilbert
8 Jerry Wilbert	Sabrina Robinette	21 Kate Knaby	Barb Zimmerman
			31 Dorothy Scheibelhut

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

<b>12</b>	<b>Mike &amp; Betsy Harmon</b>	<b>6 yrs</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Stan &amp; JoAnn Wolfe</b>	<b>44 yrs</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Walt &amp; Carol Bates</b>	<b>52 yrs</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Dick &amp; Kitty Roth</b>	<b>44 yrs</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Jerry &amp; June Wilbert</b>	<b>11 yrs</b>



### Best Poem Ever

I was shocked, confused, bewildered  
As I entered Heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all,  
Nor the lights or its décor.

But it was the folks in Heaven  
Who made me sputter and gasp-  
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade  
Who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbor  
Who never said anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought  
Was rotting away in hell,  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,  
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?  
I would love to hear Your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here?  
God must've made a mistake.

'And why is everyone so quiet,  
So somber- give me a clue.'  
"Hush, child," He said,  
They're all in shock.  
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

### JUDGE NOT!!

*Remember ...Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.*

**Every saint has a PAST... Every sinner has a FUTURE!**

**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 Coordinators**

*Mrs. Michelle Elliott & Mr. Nicholas McMichael*

**Organist**

*Mrs. Ruth Weller*

**Minister of Music**

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**Sunday Service Schedule**

Church School 9:00 AM

Worship 10:15 AM



**Visitors welcome**



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