



Mt. Zion Fellowship News

November 2011

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Dear Friends,

It's time to begin thinking about the holiday that often brings whole families together for a time of celebration and thankfulness. It's a time to give thought to the many blessings we receive throughout the year.

Richard C. Cabot says: "In dutiful moments we are building up our chance to voice somewhere and sometime our thankfulness that we were born and reared on a planet that can show us such wonder, such beauty, such devotion." I would have to say, however that it is not the planet to which we owe our thankfulness. Rather it is to God, our Heavenly Father who created this planet on which we live. He watches over us day by day and knows us by name.

We receive the bounty of God's creation every day of our lives through the air that we breathe. There is such beauty surrounding us in the changing seasons and the food that is harvested from a multitude of gardens around the world. We feel the warmth of the sun to warm the earth and our bodies and we also receive the life sustaining rain to nourish us.

Throughout our lives we also learn an important truth: "There are two types of gratitude – the sudden kind we feel for what we take, the larger kind we feel for what we give." (Edwin Arlington Robinson) The first kind of gratitude is often harder because we are the recipient of someone else's kindness. Linda and I have felt the love that has been showered on us before, during and after her hospitalization. There have been many prayers, offers of help, food that has been delivered to the house and visits and phone calls from family and friends. It is humbling to receive such an outpouring of love from our wonderful church family. Each of you who have offered the hand of friendship and love knows the second kind of gratitude. You are sharing God's love as you give the many gifts we have received.

It is wonderful to be a part of the family of God and to share that love with others. That is truly what God calls us to do. God is awesome and you are all awesome too. We are all vessels through which the grace of God flows on its way to someone else. I pray that each of you will have a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday as you take time to reflect on how much God has blessed you with and also to reflect on how much you do for others. You may never realize how many lives your smiles, hugs and prayers touch, but God knows.

God bless each of you and thank you from the bottom of my heart for being who you are.

Your pastor, brother and friend,

Rev. David A. Watkins



NOVEMBER NEWS!!

I want to thank you again for supplying our snack food in September. But now it is time to think about the big gobbler. We will be signing up to bring in food for our families in need on October 30th, November 6th and 13th. Then we will bring in the food November 21st and hand it out on 22nd. Anyone willing to help will be greatly appreciated. Let's help to give these families lots to be thankful for this season.

We were also able to give food to 5 families from God's food bank. A crib, tv, and washer were also picked up from the shed. We were able to give clothing and a backpack to 3 families. God does supply these people through us.



The holiday season is fast approaching and so is our annual Mt. Zion Home Show. The Home Show will be held Saturday, November 12th, and vendor spaces are available for just \$10.00 each. The Home Show features an array of vendors such as Mary Kay, Avon, various candles, soaps, and jewelry, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, and more. We already have several spaces reserved! We will also be in need of baked goods, pies, and kitchen assistance. If you are able to assist with any of these, please see Shelley Hoachlander or Kitty Roth.

The Forever Young Club will be having their Christmas Party at Hoss's in Enola on Friday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m. You can choose anything off the menu and have separate checks. If you're over 50 and like to eat, join us at Hoss's and we'll get you in the spirit of Christmas with good food and lots of fun!

Join us for our annual Mount Zion Family Thanksgiving Dinner – Sunday, November 20, 2011 @5:00 PM. Turkeys, stuffing, potatoes and gravy provided; however, we need volunteers to roast the turkeys and make stuffing. We need 4 volunteers to set up tables on Saturday morning; it only takes ½ hour, but we need help. Sign-up sheets will be on the tables.

Please bring a dish to share based on your last name. This assures that variety.



Cold side dish – A to G

Dessert – H to N

Hot Side Dish – O to Z

Any questions, please call T. Fetsko.

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Mt. Zion 27th Annual Volleyball Tournament Report

Could the Mt Zion youth defend the Bishop's trophy they won the previous two years? Read on to find out!

The 27th Annual Mt. Zion Youth Volleyball Tournament was held two weeks late due to the rain and wet grounds. The day was sunny then overcast, windy then calm with temperatures in the 60's. It was not raining so it was perfect weather for an outdoor volleyball tournament in 2011! God has blessed Mt Zion with a great facility and provided the great weather. Four teams from four different United Methodist churches filled the air with volleyballs all afternoon. One team, Lightstreet UMC traveled all the way from near Bloomsburg, PA. Team members had made friends with some of the Mt Zion youth at summer church camp. Their two hour travel was rewarded. The results were as follows: First place went to **Lightstreet UMC**, second to **Mt Zion UMC**, third to **Otterbein UMC** and fourth to **Fishing Creek UMC**.

The Mt Zion players wore new tee shirts with the words "Over the net, Between the Lines" which is what volleyball is all about. Mt Zion played their best volleyball and lost only 2 games; both to the winner – Lightstreet (the last game was 25-23). Our youth displayed great teamwork, team spirit and great serving in every game. We are very proud of our team!

Because of the distance to Lightstreet and their uncertainty about returning next year, the Bishop's trophy will reside at Mt. Zion UMC for the next year. Well played games, fellowship and friendships all contributed to a successful day. Our grounds looked wonderful and the sand court was great. We are so blessed to have such great facilities and space to play here at Mt. Zion.

Thanks to the referees – Jason Slenker, Sharon Shuey, Bob Geyer, and June Wilbert. Also a big thanks to Lisa Davis, Barb Leer, and Shelly Paul for setting up and keeping the refreshments flowing and boy did those kids eat and drink! Thanks to Audrey & Dana Myers and Doris Gross for scheduling the games and keeping scores.

The support from the parents of the Youth Group who played was outstanding. Support like that shows what Mt Zion is all about – thank you! The support of the congregation supplying refreshments is very much appreciated. Bill Bowers and Rebecca Slenker coached the team.

Players on Mt Zion's team were seniors **Brad Leer, Becca Davis, Jonah Harmon, and Eli Long**. Those returning next year include **Andrew Davis, Joe Engelman, Zach Leer, Savannah Paul, Shanise Gray, Tiffany Jensen and Lauren Smith**. Thanks to all who contributed refreshments for the kids to enjoy; your support is much appreciated! Please stop by the trophy case in the hall to view the 2nd place trophy and congratulate the team members!



YOUTH VOLLEYBALL 2011



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MORE NOVEMBER NEWS!

The Women of Faith Bible study will continue to read & discuss the book titled Having a Mary Spirit....ALLOWING GOD TO Change Us From The INSIDE OUT during the months of November & December. We meet most Monday evenings beginning at 7 P.M. Please watch the Sunday bulletins for additional updated information. We welcome & invite all women to join us in discussion or just come & listen, or both.

~KENTUCKY MISSIONS TRIP~

When you read this 18 members of this church & 2 from 2 other churches will be in Frakes, KY at Henderson Settlement unloading the 26' Penske truck, delivering & wrapping toys, sorting baby items, putting new flooring down, tearing off an old deck & rebuilding a new one as well as painting a house foundation annnnnnnnnnd anything else that we can do to help them down there.

We sincerely wish to THANK this **entire congregation**, their friends & family members, who have overwhelmingly supported this effort through your donations, gifts, help and especially your prayers. You just can't imagine how many men, women & children you have blessed by sharing your love, care & concern. You give God His Glory by your love in action. God bless you all.

Ephesians 3:20 "With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine" (New Century translation)

Your Missionaries in Christ,

Helen Vogelsong, Mary & Alvin Wiest, Ruth & Harold Weller, John O'Leary, Sara Ann & Archie Noss, Flo & Max McDonald, Vicki Leo, Karen & Jack Lockard, Ken & Karen Kammeier, Doris & Emmett Gross, Neala Eyler, and Lois & Galen Campbell

"Christmas Around Mt. Zion": Once again we are looking for people who would like their home to be one of 4 that are toured on Sunday, December 4th, from 5:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. This is a time of fellowship for our congregation while also helping a charity such as a food bank. In the course of the evening, 4 different groups (10--20 people maximum) will visit your home for a half an hour each. They will purchase tickets in advance for \$5 per person, \$15 per family. All profits go to the selected charity. Members of the congregation are always more than happy to assist the host homes with finger foods such as appetizers, cookies, etc. Please let Karen Kammeier know if you would like to place your home on the list for "Christmas Around Mt. Zion" or if you have any questions regarding this event. Thank you.



MUSIC NOTES!

Music for November 13th worship will feature three choirs for the anthem "Songs of Peace": Zionaires, Chimes and Adult Choir. Still undated appearances will bring the TTBB and other ministries to the choir loft.

Special thanks are extended to:

- Shelly Paul for filling in on the piano for Ruth Sept. 25th (Oh my, I'm late with this!)
- Savannah on the flute. Your music aided our worship very effectively.
- Joan Bellmund who was our keyboardist for worship and the choir accompanist.
- The Adult Choir and Praise Team for kicking off our year of singing praises to God.
- Zionaires, TTBB and Chimes for working hard on preparing music for November.

November begins the holiday "rush" with All Saints Day and Thanksgiving Day. Add Veteran's Day (Nov. 11) and Daylight Savings Time (Nov. 6) and 4 Sundays in which to worship God and you have a busy month!!



Cantata rehearsals continue Wednesday evenings 7-8 PM.
"How Great Our Joy" by Lloyd Larson and Doug Wagner will be presented on Sunday, December 18 during the worship hour.
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



3	Sheila Sawyer	15	Doris Gross	22	Judy Fry	26	Carol Gainor
4	Lois Campbell	16	Jennie Miller	23	Janet Bretz	27	Jacob Blust
6	Brian Gontz	17	David Bretz	25	Deb Fortunato		Bill Bowers
9	Franklin Bretz	18	Mason Shaw		Jean Zidik		James Brink
12	Dale Stehr	20	Betty Shumaker	26	Dave Damsky	29	Ray Miller

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



1	Mike & Michelle Johnson	14 yrs
8	Ed & Nancy Manbeck	53 yrs
15	Chuck & Mary Magda	53 yrs
18	Emmett & Doris Gross	49 yrs
23	Bill & MaryAnn Bowers	42 yrs
29	Ray & Bernie Miller	53 yrs



CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY!

An old pastor lay dying. He sent a message for an Internal Revenue Service agent and his lawyer to come to the hospital.

When they arrived, they were ushered up to his room. As they entered the room, the pastor held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The pastor grasped their hands, signed contentedly, smiled and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything.

Both the IRS agent and the lawyer were touched and flattered that the old man would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also puzzled because the pastor had never given any indication that he particularly liked either one of them. Finally, the lawyer asked, Pastor, why did you ask the two of us to come here? The old pastor mustered all his strength and then said weakly, Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I'd like to go.



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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.

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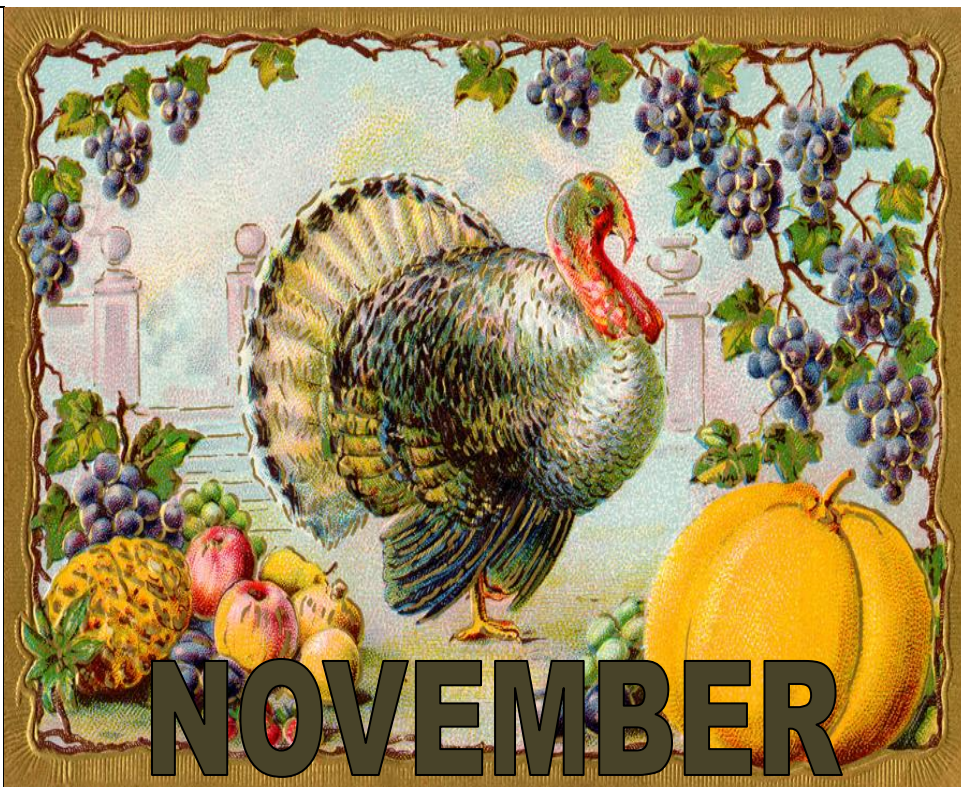
Sunday Service Schedule

Church School 9:00 AM

Worship 10:15 AM



Visitors welcome



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