



# Mt. Zion Fellowship News

## September 2011

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Dear Friends,

Scripture tells us "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). If you believe that verse of scripture, then you know that even though schedules may be hectic with deadlines due and projects to complete, classes to get to, etc., etc., if you put God first in your life then everything else will fall into place.

This is not to say that things in life won't try to mess up our schedules, but not all interruptions are necessarily bad. It's nice to feel that you are indispensable in your job; however, it's a proven fact that in order to be really productive you need to step away from work. You need that time for renewal of your body, mind and spirit.

It's hard to believe that our summer is quickly drawing to a close. It will be only two weeks and the school year will start. Students will know firsthand the joys/headaches of following a schedule. It's a time to adjust to getting up at a set time each morning and getting ready to head off for a day filled with learning. Hopefully the summer vacations and the break from classes will see each student return with the right attitude for a positive and productive school year.

Even Mother Nature makes adjustments for the changing seasons. The days begin to get shorter and the nights are cooler. The foliage gets ready for that final burst of color before entering into a period of rest through the winter. Yes, it's time to finish up the summer vacations and gear up for the return to school/work. It's time to set new goals for another year and to remember that all things work towards the good in Christ Jesus.

There's a wonderful book with the title, "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff". I'm here to remind you that most of life's "problems" fall into the category of small stuff. Remember to keep your eyes on Christ as you move through life. Share your testimony, lend a helping hand and no matter what, keep moving forward. God doesn't care where you've been, He only cares about where you are going.

If you find that you are struggling with the burdens of this life, don't let them overwhelm you before you reach out a hand and ask for help. The congregation at Mt. Zion is a family and families care for one another including any child of God in need.

Your pastor, brother and friend,

*Rev. David A. Watkins*



# CHURCH NEWS

The New Horizons Sunday School class, (which meets in the classroom on the right at the bottom of the stairs), will begin a new study on "Exodus" in September. The first gathering will be an informal discussion on the plans for the study on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The first lesson will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to join. Please see Lisa Davis or Beth McKee if you have any questions.

## Jr Church Begins September 11th

Jr Church for Kindergarten through 5th Grade students begins Sunday, September 11. Children are excused from worship service after the anthem and will gather in the social hall. Claire Engelman will again be teaching the students. Hope to see you there!

## THE MT. ZION CHURCH PICNIC IS BACK!!

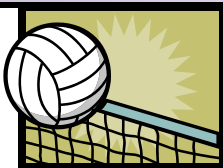
**WHEN:** Sunday, September 18, 2011

**WHERE:** At the church pavilion or Fellowship Hall if inclement weather

**TIME:** Following the morning worship service  
(approximately 12:00 )



There will be games for all ages, a Cake Walk and some surprises. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a dessert to share. If it begins with N-Z, please bring a side dish to share. Hotdogs and hamburg BBQ will be provided, as well as beverages and utensils. Bring your lawn chairs and plan to have wonderful time with great food and friends.



The annual Mt Zion Youth Volleyball tournament will take place on Sunday October 2, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. This will be the 27<sup>th</sup> annual tournament.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets and join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship and root on our defending champions – Mt Zion.

The teams will be competing for.....THE BISHOP'S TRAVELING TROPHY!! Please watch for a sign up for contributing snacks and drinks! Teenagers love to eat!!!! Any questions see Bill Bowers or Michelle Elliott

The Youth Group has rescheduled their church campout!! It will now be held on Sunday, Sept.4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30PM. There will be a cookout and an evening of fun. All are invited! Please see Michelle Elliott if you plan to attend or if you have questions!



**NEXT  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
COUNCIL  
MEETING,  
SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00 PM.**

# FUNDRAISING

Enjoy a day of ice cream at the Meadows, located just off the Wertzville Road in Enola. No coupon needed!!! Just stop by the Meadows on September 20th during normal business hours, enjoy some yummy frozen treats, and support Mt. Zion UMC! The Meadows will donate 20% of the days sales to Mt. Zion, which will be used towards the building fund, minus the 10% donated to missions. It's a win-win! Stay tuned for other upcoming events and nights out for Mt. Zion... a few are in the works!



The Mt. Zion Annual Home Show will be held Saturday, November 12, 2011, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Vendor spaces are just \$10.00 each and limited to one vendor per organization. Vendors will include such home sale items such as Avon, Mary Kay, Longaberger, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Pampered Chef, Candles, and more! For space reservations, please pick up an application at the grocery card table or see Shelley Hoachlander ([dimensions@pa.net](mailto:dimensions@pa.net)).

Pumpkinfest will take place October 8th & 9th at Adam's Ricci Park in Enola. This year Mt. Zion will have two booths, one for Nurture promoting Mt. Zion UMC, and one for our youth, who will be selling baked goods. The youth will be accepting baked goods to sell October 7th and assistance will be needed to tend to the Mt. Zion booth, as well as set up and clean up. If you are available to help with either booth (they will be side by side), please see Shelley Hoachlander (Nurture) or Michelle Elliott (youth).



# KENTUCKY MISSIONS



The Potato Bar is scheduled for Sunday, September 25th, following the worship service. Emmett Gross (Chef Spud) will be in charge of this event. Baked potatoes with all the fixin's will be available for sale that day as well as hot dogs. This event is sponsored by the Kentucky Mission Work Campers. See Emmett to reserve your potato &/or hot dog as soon as possible.



**Update on KY Children's Christmas Gifts:** The table is starting to fill with gifts for the 11 & 12 year olds that we are helping this year. These children are part of a large group of boys & girls whose parents cannot afford a single gift at Christmas. Each year our church is given an age group. 1/2 of these children were in the 9 & 10 year olds from last year. The Outreach Director said that these children like the same things as teenagers. A list of ideas follows. Regarding the AXE Spray for the boys (which can be found at the grocery store or discount stores), the Director said "these boys like to smell good, too!"

There have been questions regarding the dollar amount for gift cards. They like to spend a total of \$20 per child since that's all they receive for Christmas. Any amount is appreciated.

Last year someone from our church sent a gift card with the gifts that went down to Kentucky. The Director said that the boy who received it (they never know who gets what gift) was so thrilled that he brought it over & showed her his gift. She remarked that he was the most deserving to have received the gift card. (The LORD works in mysterious ways!----And wondrous, too!)

**IDEAS for BOYS (36):** CD players, fishing poles, AXE spray, Nerf guns, footballs, MP3 players, Nascar items, anything UK (University of Kentucky) or UT (University of Tennessee), gift cards to Wal-Mart or JC Penney, disposable phone, billfolds, or anything appropriate for 11 & 12 year old boys.

**IDEAS for GIRLS (31):** CD players, fishing poles (yes, the girls like to fish, too), gift cards to Wal-Mart or JC Penney, make-up, cologne, lotions, camera, purses, jewelry, or any thing appropriate for an 11 or 12 year old girl

**NOTE:** If you do not care to shop, you may give a donation that will be used towards gifts for these children. Please give money to Archie Noss or Karen Kammeier. If you write a check, please make it out to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. THANK YOU!

We learned last year that each family of these children receives ONE new blanket & ONE new set of towels; BUT last year they didn't have enough new blankets or towels so they gave them USED ones. The Director said, "When you're poor, it doesn't matter. They were so happy just to have received the used blanket & towel set." Ask Helen Vogelsong what she's been doing to buy new towels for these families, please.

**The Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker project** needs children's underwear up to size 4T. Please talk to Sara Ann Noss about this need.

# MUSIC NOTES

## SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SEPTEMBER

4th – Open (*Any volunteers?*)

11th – Adult Choir and Small Group  
(*Remembering 9-11*) “Be Still” &  
“When Sudden Terror Tears Apart”

18th – Elizabeth Bashore – *Teenage Harpist*

*\*\*See special note below!*

25th – Pastor David & Barb Leer  
(*guitars & accordion acc.*)

*\*\*\*A word about Elizabeth: She is a H.S. junior and has been volunteering at Holy Spirit Hospital on Tuesdays this summer. After her hours, she volunteered to play her harp in the Atrium (main entrance) for two hours. That has been heavenly! She agreed to come to Mt. Zion and play for a worship service.*

*On September 18 she will:*

*\* Provide gathering music in the sanctuary from 10:00 – 10:15.*

*Please plan to enter the sanctuary in silence to enjoy her music prior to worship.*

*\* Play the Prelude, Offertory and Postlude*

*\* Offer a number for Special Music*

MaryAnn Bowers, Ruth Weller, Paul & Judy Zieber attended Loser's Music Store's annual choral reading day in Lititz July 30. Mary MacDonald, composer and organist in Tennessee, led the 200 + choir directors and friends through 55 anthems. She was a delight (great humor, fantastic keyboardist, and inspiring composer)

We purchased several of her compositions and you will hear some by our choirs this fall. Your contributions to Mt. Zion make these purchases possible. ☺ *If you hear an anthem that especially speaks to you and you would like to sponsor it in honor or memory of someone (or just sponsor it), we will place stickers with that information on our music.*

# THANKS

to all who used the "sign-up" stations for our various choirs.

**IF YOU HAVEN'T,**  
please add your name and indicate  
which choirs the next time you're in church.

**Auditions start soon!**

**NO!!!**

**Just Kidding!!**

**But practices do start soon!**

**See times below!**

## Rehearsal schedule is:

### Wednesdays (beginning Aug. 31)

6:15 PM - TTBB choir (tenor and bass singers)

7:00 PM - Adult Choir

### Sundays (beginning Sept. 11)

Zionaires (children K-5th grade) –

Immediately after morning worship

5:45 PM - Chime Choir (3x/mo)

Usually no rehearsal on last Sun. of mo.

6:45 – 8:00 PM - Praise Team (3x/mo)

I am hoping to present a cantata for Christmas. Rehearsals will begin in early October. Watch for more information at worship and the next newsletter.



## Ad Council – June 27, 2011

### In Attendance:

Rev. David Watkins	Shelley Hoachlander	Max McDonald	Barb Leer
Ann Geyer	Michelle Elliott	Linda Reisinger	Bob Bolig
Doris Gross	Audrey Meyers	Archie Noss	Jake Lehman
Jean Zidik	Jere Engelman	Jonathan Leer	Chuck Magda
Bill Bowers			

Minutes Recorded By: Shelley Hoachlander

Call to Order at 7:03 pm by Rev. David Watkins, as Stan Wolfe was absent.

Opening Prayer – Rev. David Watkins

Review of previous minutes, Barb Leer made a motion to accept, Max McDonald seconded.

Treasurer's Report - Jere Engelman: Jere reviewed the financial report pertaining to the first five months income of \$114,942, which was 42% of budget. Everything is good, income is 5/12 of that projected. Mt. Zion pays 1/12th to conference ministries every month. Jere stated that we are working into months of vacation and offerings are down and encouraged electronic giving. Bill Bowers commented on the total loans outstanding and would like to see them under \$300,000.00. Bill Bowers moved to accept the treasurer's report, Linda Reisinger seconded.

### Old Business:

- A) Doris commented on Missions in regards to drivers. She had three people volunteer to assist, including herself. She also stated that Archie had helped a family by providing them with things from the shed.
- B) Michelle Elliott was introduced to the council as the new Youth Director.
- C) Max mentioned that there were a few complaints regarding the sink in the kitchen, some saying they were too low. Ann Geyer stated that we should count our blessings that we have people who are willing to help so that we don't have the extra expenses of contractors. Max plans to have the walls painted in August. Bill Bowers told Max it was a job well done.
- D) Per Max, a trustee has resigned and they are looking for a replacement.
- E) AED – Tim Slagle, a church member, checked the machine and ordered new pads.
- F) Jonathan Leer spoke about Cyber-Safety and its relations to Safe Sanctuary. He discussed the communication issues with minors as well as taking pictures of minors and stated that permission from parents must be in place, especially in use of the internet and websites. We should have releases from parents approving such interaction and that we should always maintain a paper trail, especially with social media and texting. Ann Geyer questioned if Michelle & Nick would need to obtain permission slips and Michelle questioned photo releases. Jonathan stated that we should have some type of disclaimer in place. Jonathan also discussed the Mt. Zion Newsletter and website. He has disabled google so that when searches are done, Mt. Zion will not be linked for protective purposes. Barb Leer asked if we, as a church, should have a confidentiality waiver. Jonathan stated that we should always consider professionalism and be careful of anything you say publicly. He suggested SPRC speak with conference regarding social media, e-mails, etc, and what



is the separation between personal and business, as well as storing e-mails. David feels we need a policy & procedure book, especially in regards to safe sanctuary. Ann Geyer suggested having someone from SPRC on the safe sanctuary committee. Michelle Elliott commented that all youth leaving the premises for an event or attending a youth event need permission slips and we should have some type of slip for all activities and communications. Jere asked if we had a back-up system on the computers in which Jonathan stated he backs things up once a month.

- G) Safe Sanctuary – David commented that the committee would be meeting soon and new changes will be approved. All churches use Trek One, which is good for three years and costs \$13.99. Everyone with Safe Sanctuary must come in and info will be stored with confidentiality. David and Barb will be visiting the conference center with questions at some point. Jere questioned the time frame of Safe Sanctuary and Barb is checking with the conference to be sure of all the correct policies.

#### New Business:

- A) We will be bringing in five new members on Sunday. Stan Wolfe had previously suggested hosting a special hospitality for the new members. Barb Leer passed around a sign-up sheet for cookies and drinks.
- B) David read a letter from Stottard UMC in Stoddard, Wisconsin, thanking us for the choir robes.
- C) Church Picnic – David mentioned the date is always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Sept., but had no one in charge. Jean Zidik mentioned that the Over 50 Group would be interested.

#### Upcoming Events:

VBS – July 11<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Allenberry Playhouse  
Next Ad Council Meeting – August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Barb Leer motioned to adjourn, Max McDonald seconded.

#### Ad Council Mini-Meeting 7/21/11

In regards to the picnic presented by the Over 50 group in September, it was asked if the funds slated for the Ruth & Naomi Meal could be used since the event did not take place. Barb Leer motioned to accept, Kitty Roth seconded.

In regards to the upcoming schedule for 2012-2013, the Cumberland County Quilters asked for use of the building on September 29, 2012, and April 6, 2013. Each day would include approximately 20 people and are affiliated with the sewing guild that already uses our facilities. Jake motioned to accept, Barb Leer seconded.

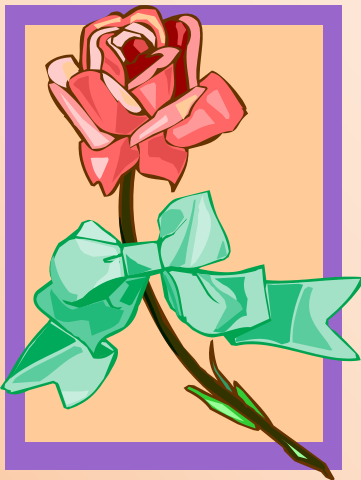
Ann Geyer made the suggestion that the trustees be made aware of all usages of the building.

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



<b>1 Barb Baney</b>	<b>15 Brooke Johnson</b>	<b>19 Walter Bates</b>	<b>23 Isaiah Knaby</b>
<b>Steve Fake</b>	<b>17 Katie Brink</b>	<b>Katie Fake</b>	<b>26 Garrett Shaw</b>
<b>2 Dody Hess</b>	<b>John Gerrick</b>	<b>21 Charley Sawyer</b>	<b>27 Frank Ramsdale</b>
<b>9 Len Leer</b>	<b>Jim Hazzard</b>	<b>22 Carol Bates</b>	<b>28 Rose House</b>
<b>12 Sue Canniff</b>	<b>18 Nancy Manbeck</b>	<b>Jake Lehman</b>	<b>George McKee</b>
<b>14 Pat Wentz</b>		<b>Melissa Vaccaro</b>	<b>29 Samuel Wood</b>

# SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



<b>1 Wayne &amp; T Fetsko</b>	<b>22 yrs</b>
<b>4 Bob &amp; Peg Germond</b>	<b>57 yrs</b>
<b>10 Dick &amp; Becky McMichael</b>	
<b>11 Dave &amp; Roxanne Damsky</b>	<b>40 yrs</b>
<b>13 Dale &amp; Sheree Stehr</b>	<b>31 yrs</b>
<b>15 Jerry &amp; Deb Fortunato</b>	<b>15 yrs</b>
<b>Ron &amp; Sue Rickens</b>	<b>21 yrs</b>
<b>16 John &amp; Marjorie Gerrick</b>	<b>5 yrs</b>
<b>18 Steve &amp; Sara Musti</b>	<b>8 yrs</b>
<b>19 Bob &amp; Ann Geyer</b>	<b>53 yrs</b>

## **A Special Preboarding Announcement:**

All passengers traveling to our final destination today have been awarded a lifetime's worth of frequent flyer miles, entitling them to automatic upgrades to first class.

Since the flight is very full, we ask that you check the following items at the gate before boarding: *gloominess, stuffiness, cynicism, pessimism, intellectual snobbery, closed-mindedness, self-righteousness and prejudice against God or religion.*

Please be assured you can retrieve this property upon your return—if you wish.



**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**

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**Sunday Service Schedule**

Church School 9:00 AM

Worship 10:15 AM



**Visitors welcome**

# September



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