

# MT ZION NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF MT. ZION UMC

## JUSTICE FOR MARKEIS MCGLOCKTON

On Saturday, August 24, the family of Markeis McGlockton, their attorneys, and the community gathered at Mt. Zion to respond to the guilty verdict of Michael Drejka. There were many emotions in the room that day, but most importantly there was a sense of relief. "It's been well over a year since we've been dealing with this matter, and I can safely say my family can rest now," McGlockton's father, Michael McGlockton said.

The trial lasted a week and the jury deliberated late into the evening for six hours on the last day. Community supporters and clergy were in the courtroom that week to stand in support of the McGlockton family. Among them was our pastor, Rev. Lee Hall-Perkins.



Ben Crump, attorney for Britany Jacobs, encouraged the community to continue to stand with the family, especially as Britany will have to raise three children without their father. Sentencing for Drejka will take place on September 10.



Rev. Lee Hall-Perkins, with Rev. Andy Oliver of Allendale UMC, standing outside the courtroom on Thursday.

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Randi, our summer pastoral intern, at the Dunedin Back to School expo at MLK Rec Center



Marilyn Shaw signing books after sharing her powerful testimony of overcoming a mental break down. *It's Possible: A Dreamer's Manifesto to Overcome Opposition* is available on Amazon.com

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SCHOOLS

Sandy Lane Elementary is Mt. Zion's adopted school. Each week we have volunteers who go there to have lunch with students, mentor them, help teachers in the classroom, and even proctor tests at end of the school year.

Rowland Johnson, is one of our dedicated volunteers who gives his time at Sandy Lane and Kings Highway Elementary Magnet School. He mentors PJ, who last year, lost his mother. Rowland was right there with PJ when he was needed the most and continues to this day. Through this mentoring relationship, Mt. Zion was also able to support PJ and his family. During a Sunday worship service, we wrote notes of encouragement. We collected school clothes for PJ and connected his family with community resources in addition to the ones Rowland had already found.

PJ's story is a testimony to why it is so important for us as a church to be present and active in our local schools.



Rowland Johnson with his mentee PJ



Bishop Ken Carter, who oversees Florida United Methodist churches including Mt. Zion, said, "I want to ask you to see the children in your community in a new way. I am asking every local church to consider a connection to the nearest school with at-risk students."

Pastor Lee will begin volunteering each week this school year at Sandy Lane and invites others to join him and our other volunteers. Volunteer applications are available on the welcome desk in the worship center lobby or you can request one from the church's secretary ([kgrollinger@mzumc.net](mailto:kgrollinger@mzumc.net))

You can volunteer to be a tutor, classroom assistant, reader, or lunch pal. Lunch Pals is a lunch time mentoring program where businesses, community organizations, and individuals are paired with a student to provide additional presence of caring adults.

Sandy Lane is a Title 1 school and has received a grade of D for the third year in a row from the Florida Department of Education, but we believe the teachers and students can and will succeed.

# 100TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

## Anniversary Souvenir Booklet

Ad Prices:

\$100 - Whole Page; \$60 - Half Page;  
\$35 Quarter Page; \$25 - Business Card

Email ads to Bro. Robert Young  
(robert.young80@verizon.net)

Deadline: 9/15/2019

## Anniversary Gala

October 5 @ 6:00pm - Ruth Eckerd Hall  
Tickets: \$100 (18 & up) - \$50 (Ages 13-17)

Deadline: 9/22/2019

## Anniversary Worship Service

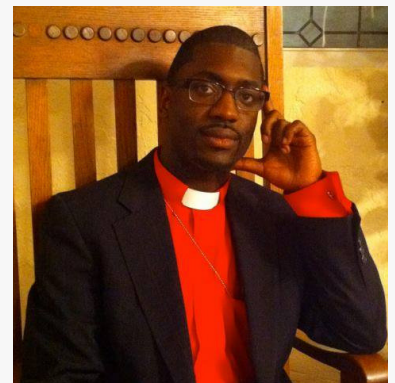
Sunday, November 3 @ 3:00 PM

## Anniversary Pledges

Pledge cards are on the welcome desk and can be submitted in the offering basket. Your special investment this anniversary will enable us update our technology (projection, video streaming, wi-fi website, etc) to reach more people in creative and relevant ways.



*Gala Speaker*  
Bishop Ken Carter



*Anniversary Speaker*  
Rev. Konrad McCree

The 100th year celebration has included many joyous events and continues many special activities in the coming months:

Valentines Day Ball, Around the Bay Cruise, Youth Celebration Bowling, Youth Outing to Celebration Station, Latin Luncheon, "Telling our Stories" videos, Souvenir Booklet, Anniversary Gala, Health Fair on October 26, and Anniversary Service

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

September is prostate cancer awareness month. Prostate cancer affects more than three million men every year, worldwide. Research shows that one in nine men in the US will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. The senior ministry of Mt. Zion is inviting every male to attend the Health Education Workshop on September 20th at 11:30 a.m., at the Willa Carson Health and Wellness Center, 1108 N Martin Luther King Jr Ave, Clearwater, FL. The worship will focus on men's health especially the prostate. We hope as many men as are able will attend. Only men will be in attendance at the workshop until 12:30 p.m., then the women will join them for lunch.

# SEPTEMBER EVENTS

## **Wednesday, September 11 @ 6:30 PM - Welcome Dinner for Young Adult Missional Interns**

Location: Fellowship Hall, Mt Zion

## **Wednesday, September 11 @ 7:45 PM - Mission Trip Interest Meeting**

Location: Sylvan Abbey UMC, 2817 Sunset Point Rd, Clearwater, FL

## **Saturday, September 14 @ 9 AM - Uncommon Touch Breakfast**

Location: Epworth Hall, 411 Turner Street, Clearwater

## **Wednesday, September 18 @ 6:30 PM - Bible Study Resumes**

Location: Fellowship Hall, Mt. Zion

## **Thursday, September 16 @ 6:30 PM - Finance Meeting**

Location: Fellowship Hall, Mt. Zion

## **Saturday, September 28 @ 9 AM - Uncommon Touch Breakfast**

Location: Epworth Hall, 411 Turner Street, Clearwater

## **Saturday, September 28 @ 6 PM - Parents Night Out**

Location: Fellowship Hall, Mt Zion - Cost \$20

## **Sunday, September 29 @ 11 AM - Joint Service with McCabe UMC**

Location: 2800 26th Avenue South, St. Petersburg

## **Tuesday, October 1 - Charge Conference Paperwork Due to Church Secretary (email: [kgrollinger@mzumc.net](mailto:kgrollinger@mzumc.net))**



## *Birthdays*

Chaunty Howard 9/8

Justamona Mack 9/8

Freeman Middleton 9/12

Melanie Robinson 9/14

Kathy Rollock 9/15

Gwendolyn Jones 9/20

Christopher Shaw 9/23

Danielle Johnson 9/25

Rev. Lee Hall-Perkins 9/26

Trason Williams 9/28

Mia Lyttle 9/29

*If we missed your special date or got it incorrectly, please email*

*Kathy the church secretary,*

*[kgrollinger@mzumc.net](mailto:kgrollinger@mzumc.net)*



## *WEEKLY ACTIVITIES*

Sunday School 9:00am

Sunday Worship 10:00am

Wednesday Bible Study 6:30pm

*(Starting Sept. 18)*

## *SENIOR MINISTRY*

September 20 @ Willa Carson

Health Center 11:30 am

## *CHURCH VAN*

The church van is available for rides to church on Wednesdays and Sundays. Please call the church office (727-447-0064 ext 301) by noon on Friday if you need a ride on Sunday and call by noon on Wednesday for ride to bible study.

## *CONTACT US*

### **Office Hours**

Monday-Friday,  
10:00am - 2:00pm

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