

MT. ZION NEWS



Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Newsletter

MAY 2017

KIDZ CORNER

This year's Easter program included songs, recitations and a play put on by the children & youth department and Drama ministry. They reenacted a dramatic interpretation of the Real Easter Story. Mt. Zion is very proud of our youth department.

They ended the day with an Easter Egg Hunt, where they got to eat the eggs they decorated the day before with Ms. Betty. Even though we had fun with the Easter Egg Hunt we always want to keep the real message of Easter up front. We serve a risen Savior.

Keep your eye out for youth summer activities like Vacation Bible School, Movie Nights, & Children & Youth Health Fair.

Mt. Zion's Annual Honors and Achievements ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 28th during service. Please fill out the forms for you children so they can be recognized. Forms can be found at the Welcome table.



Uncommon Touch

8:00AM-8:45AM

Church Service

9:30AM

Family Bible Study/Dinner

Wednesdays @ 6:00PM

"Mt. Zion United Methodist Church will be a vessel of hope for the community..."

- Rev. Michael A. Frazier, Sr.

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STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Community Corner

Attention: Parents & Mentors of 5th Graders and Up

Did you know there is an amazing scholarship opportunity for 6th – 12th grade students? Participation in Take Stock in Children Pinellas can result in the earning of a paid college tuition scholarship. Students are eligible if they:

- Qualify for free/reduced lunch
- Earn C's or higher in their classes
- Have good attendance
- Exhibit good behavior



Have additional risk factors that often make it a challenge to achieve higher education
If you think your student may qualify, talk with them about the opportunity. See the website for more information:
<https://www.pinellaseducation.org/students/take-stock-in-children>

You can also provide the website to the student to share with their parent/guardian so they can see what's involved.

In the fall, a mentor, parent/guardian, or school staff member can nominate the student as a potential TSIC candidate. School personnel would verify that student meets program criteria, the parent/guardian is asked to complete their end of the application process and the school and mentor are informed of the outcome.

To fulfill requirements throughout each school year, students need to:

Earn C's or higher in all classes	Have good behavior	
Meet with a mentor during school hours	Remain drug and crime free	
Have good attendance	Remain in a public school system within FL	

Message from Lunch Pals Program



Health & Wellness



THE COLOR OF THE MONTH IS **GREEN** to support Stroke.

A stroke, or cerebrovascular accident (CVA), is a scary experience. It occurs when the blood supply to the brain is impeded or cut off completely due to lack of blood flow (or ischemia), blockage (thrombosis, arterial embolism), or a brain hemorrhage. As a result, the brains stops functioning normally and oftentimes the muscles in the body, the reflexes, and the senses are all affected.

Luckily, a stroke can be treated, but getting emergency medical attention as quickly as possible is the key to survival. That's why it's vital to recognize the following ten warning signs of a stroke...
If you recognize the signs of STROKE, you must act FAST!

- **F**ace. Does the face droop on one side while trying to smile?
- **A**rms. Is one arm lower when trying to raise both arms?
- **S**peech. Can a simple sentence be repeated? Is speech slurred or strange?
- **T**ime. During a stroke every minute counts. If you observe any of these signs, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

Submitted by the Health and Wellness Team
Audrey Lyttle, Chair

United Methodist Women

"PUTTING ACTION INTO MOTION"

Human Rights: On the onset individuals had rights only because of their membership in a certain group, such as a family or social class. With many people unaware of their rights, the question arises; who will make sure that human rights are respected? The names of some of these pioneers come to mind; **Martin Luther King Jr, Thomas Jefferson, Nelson Mandela**, each of these individuals spoke and lived as an effective advocate of human rights. They all share a passionate commitment to the principle that everyone is born with equal rights and anything less is an injustice. If you were to ask people in the street, "What are human rights" you would get many different answers... They would tell you the rights they know about, but very few people know all their rights.

Human rights are based on the principle of respect for the individual who deserves to be treated with dignity. Human rights are the rights to which everyone is entitled- no matter whom they are or where they live-

simply because they are alive. Yet some people when asked they list one or two rights and the first one is **Freedom of Speech** which is a very important, they are others like the **right to travel widely** and many others rights, we also have **women's rights**; many problems faced by the women at the turn of the century have re-emerged in our time with a new demanding urgency: new waves of immigration, racial division, lack of affordable health care, concerns for the well-being of children and the elderly, questions about women's roles in society, and world peace. Millions of women, who prayed, organized, marched, because of these individuals countless lives, especially women and children have been changed. We have much to be proud of and a great deal to celebrate as we continue this journey.



We will see and hear more stories of harassment at border crossing and airports. Sometimes these refugees and immigrants are often left with nothing but the scars of war. The travel ban have not been limited to immigrants entering the US, non-profit groups that resettle refugees are also facing uncertainty. As Christians, we are called to champion and welcome the stranger, over and over, God returns to the theme of loving your neighbors, welcoming and recurring newcomers and giving shelter to those who seek Freedom in foreign lands. I am an immigrant!!

**Kathy Rollock- Ecumenical Action Coordinator- Church Women United
President- Mt. Zion United Methodist Women**

United Methodist Women Annual Prayer Breakfast

On Saturday, April 22, 2017 the United Methodist Women held there Annual Prayer Breakfast. They had a dynamic speaker Rev. Angela Edwards-Luckett who's message was "Am I Being Unfair to You". During the Breakfast there was prayer, liturgical dancing, singing and an energetic fashion show moderated by Linda Brewton of Grand'mond House of Fashion. The stunning models worked the runway, showcasing church attire, everyday wear and after 5 attire.

Make sure you join us next year!



Birthdays

Birthdays: Bro. Alvin Washington: 5/2; Bro. Gary Coney: 5/5; Bro. Alexie Angel Sanchez: 5/7; Sis. L'nae D. Jones 5/9; Sis. Rosine Tabiri: 5/10; Sis. Barbara Branch: 5/12; Bro. Elijah Frazier & Bro. Maximus Montana: 5/13; Sis. Deborah Johnson: 5/24; Sis. Lydia Lang-Royal: 5/25; Bro. Laurence Green: 5/24; Bro. Nehemiah Evans: 5/28;

Anniversaries: Bro. Christopher Shaw: 5/12; Bro. Victor and Sis. Ruth Middleton 5/27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honor & Achievement Ceremony - Sunday, May 28th @ 9:30AM

Please fill out a form for your child's Honors and Achievements for the 2016 - 2017 school year. The recognition is for school and extra curricular activities outside of school. We want to celebrate all of their achievements. There is a separate form for Graduates. Please turn in all sheets to Sis. Kim Brown by Sunday, May 21, 2017 .

New Pastor for Mt. Zion

Rev. Frazier will be heading to Gainesville to pastor Mt. Pleasant UMC, this is a great opportunity for him and his family. As he moves on we will be welcoming Rev. Louis J. Telcy a great pastor who will lead Mt. Zion into our next phase of ministry. He is an Elder in the United Methodist Church currently serving at Asbury UMC in New Port Richey, FL. He has a degree from Duke Seminary, he is married to Marie Claudie Telcy and they have 5 children. His first Sunday will be July 2, 2017, let us welcome with open arms Rev. Louis Telcy and his family.

Church Business Directory

Mt. Zion is starting a business directory. It will be for church member and regular attendees that have a business or a service to provide. It will be displayed on our church website. To get registered for this directory please fill out a form at the welcome table.

Church Announcements

Please get all announcements to Sis. Kim Brown by Thursday if you would like to have it announced on Sunday morning.

Community Events/Announcements

Please check the bulletin board out front for community announcements.

Text "mtzevents" to 555888 and you will receive text messages about events.

We are always looking for photographers for the newsletter. Please see Sis. Kim Brown if you would like to be an official photographer for the newsletter and our website.

Check out our website - www.mzumc.net

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our service, events and ministries.

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