

MT. ZION NEWS

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Newsletter

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."
Harriet Tubman*

"Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope." Maya Angelou

"I have been in Sorrow's kitchen and licked out all the pots. Then I have stood in the peaky mountain wrapped in rainbows, with a harp and sword in my hands." Zora Neale Hurston

"I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in." George Washington Carver

"Have a vision; be demanding." Colin Powell

"This ain't fun, but watch me, I'll get it done." Jackie Robinson

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Join us every week for:

Prayer Meeting: Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Uncommon Touch Breakfast
Sunday 8:30 am
Sunday School 9:00 am
Church 10:00 am

PASTOR'S CORNER



As we are in February black history month, we need to remind ourselves that we Christians are committed to relating to all people without regard to race, color, national origin, social status, disabilities or sexual orientation, because the Church, the body of Christ is catholic. One aspect of the catholicity of the Church is that the Church is inclusive. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are committed to relate to all, because in Christ, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ" (Galatians 3:28). We are equal in God's sight. I have devoted myself in the ministry of Christ to all because Christ's loving grace is giving to all.

Our commitment in ministry is to become a mirror image of Christ. Jesus did not exclude any person in His ministry; likewise, we must mirror inclusiveness so that we will be the people that God has called us to be. Jesus included even those who hated Him. Surely, Jesus foresaw that Judas was going to betray Him, (John 13:11) but John reveals that Jesus washed His disciples' feet without exclusion (v.12). John does not mention Jesus excluding Judas as the one who was going to betray Him. As Jesus describes it in John 12:32, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to myself."

The unity, which exists within the triune God of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit is very essential and will certainly exist into eternity. I understand that there was no time that one of the Trinitarian persons within the trinity did not exist. They are three persons who have a unique relationship. There is nothing that the Father does in which the Son is not included, and there is nothing the Holy Spirit does in which both the Father and Son are not included. When I give glory to God as Basil states it, I mean, "Glory to the Father, with the Son, together with the Holy Spirit."

To my theological understanding, Basil at this point argues that there is no exclusion within the Trinitarian life. As Christians, I believe, we need to continue to embrace this vital Trinitarian nature and must reflect in our daily ministry in order for us to become the true servant of Christ. The relationship of the Triune God is the foundation for us to follow and live in order to relate to all persons. It is a divine dance that the Holy Spirit creates within The Trinity. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit this divine dance established within God must be mirrored through me at Mt. Zion as I invite all people to **join the dance**.

Pastor Louis

St. Basil the Great, *one the Holy Spirit*, Trans. By David Anderson, (Crestwood, New York: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press 1997) 11. This reflection comes from St. Basil the Great. Basil explains the co-existence of the triune community of the Godhead, I should recall the Christian Eastern Orthodox fathers who believe in the mutuality of the triune community of the Godhead; imputing the theological term Perichoresis to describe this relationship.

I Too

I too, sing America
I am the darker brother.
They send me to eat in the kitchen
When company comes,
But I laugh, And eat well,
And grow strong.
Tomorrow,
I'll be at the table
When company comes.
Nobody'll dare
Say to me,
"Eat in the kitchen,"
Then
Besides,
They'll see how beautiful I am
And be ashamed-

Langston Hughes 1902-1967

KID'S CORNER

CAN YOU UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS TO FIND BLACK HEROS? (HINT: SOME OF THE NAMES ARE IN THE QUOTES ON PAGE ONE.)

1. THARRIE BMNTUA
2. AMAY ULANGE0
3. RABAKC MOBAA
4. HUMAMDAM LAI
5. JIECAK BINROSON
6. DERREFICK GOUDLAS
7. SORA SKARP
8. OUSNJORER HRUTT
9. NIMTAR HTREUL INGK
10. DIA B. LEWLS
11. YESHLIR HISCHMOL
12. LAUP SONOBRE

ANSWERS ON PAGE 4

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"ENOUGH IS ENOUGH"

" A hatred-filled young man caused the death of several young people and injured many which are still in critical condition on Valentine's Day. But as unspeakable acts of gun violence become the new normal in America, we can't allow our political leaders to respond with hollow promises.

In the wake of this deadly school shooting in Parkland Fl, politicians across the country have offered their response; Prayers, moments of silence and promises for action.

But what no one has offered? A clear plan for stopping these tragedies from happening.

We are grieving with Parkland. But we are not powerless. Caring for our kids is our first job. And until we can honestly say that we're doing enough to keep them safe from harm, including long overdue, common-sense gun safety laws that most Americans want, then we have a chance."

Barack Obama

Let us make this the 'Last Shooting'

Kathy Rollock, Ecumenical Action Coordinator, Church Women United Florida

President, Mt. Zion United Methodist Women

Birthday's & Anniversaries

Birthdays: Bro. Rodney Young: 2/2; Sis. NyJa'y Rogers, 2/4; Bro. Leander Lester & Sis. Fredericka Wright: 2/9; Sis. Leontyne Middleton 2/11; Sis. April Tiggett: 2/17; Bro. Darnell Lovette: 2/25 Bro. William Campbell & Bro. Karl C. Morrison: 2/26; Sis. Mattie Shaw: 3/28; Sis. Janice Mobley: 2/29

Health & Wellness

THE COLOR OF THE MONTH IS **RED**:



This month we support those suffering from 'Heart Disease'.

1 in 3 persons have some form of Heart Disease.

It's the #1 killer of men and women in the world, claiming more lives than cancer, respiratory disease, diabetes and accidents combined.

The #1 birth defect in the world is 'defects of the Heart' . Heart Disease is an epidemic sweeping the Globe! We don't want it to be #1!

Excerpt taken from Ironheart Foundation.

Submitted by the Health and Wellness Team

Audrey Lyttle, Chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Vision Team Meeting

Monday, February 19, 6:00

Marketing Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 6:30

Dinner & Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday, February 21, 6:30

8-WEEK WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

Start Tuesday, February 20, @ 6:30 pm \$10 Entry Fee

Boot Camp (for all ages/levels) Every Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

Line Dance Every Thursday @ 6:30 pm

Winners will receive:

1st place \$100, 2nd place \$50, 3rd place \$25

Please contact Sis Brenda Dixon or Sis Kim Brown for more info.

Family Movie Night

Friday February 23

Contact Us

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

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Word Scramble answers: 1. Harriet Tubman 2. Maya Angelou 3. Barack Obama 4. Muhammad Ali. 5. Jackie Robinson 6. Frederick Douglas 7. Rosa Parks 8. Sojourner Truth 9. Martin Luther King 10. Ida. B. Wellls 11. Shirley Chisholm 12. Paul Robeson