

MT. ZION NEWS

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Newsletter

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ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST



STEWARDSHIP MONTH

PASTOR TELCY'S MESSAGE

The Truthfulness of the Bible.

The Bible is the Word of God. God created us with the Word and God cannot save us without the Word. The Bible is true because it reveals the Word of God. It recounts the past with amazing accuracy, the present with beautiful hope to continue living for tomorrow, and predicts the future. The Bible is also true because its entire form and diverse structure tell us of one story, the one of salvation. This helps us to understand that the Bible is never too ancient but is always fresh with the very breath God. It includes the living word, which is the word of life. The Bible within itself claims to be the light to our path, transmitting the very Word of God, infallible, and authoritative in the highest degree (Psalm 119: 105).

To our Christian theological understanding, we should not make any attempt to prove the truth of the Bible, but accept the Bible as the very breath of God that we are relying on constantly to transform our lives. Therefore, the Bible is this kind of truth for which the world should long for the purpose of our salvation. However, this truth cannot be proven as a scientific formula of mathematics or chemistry. The concept of truth puzzled people in our modern world. This truth can be apprehended by faith alone.¹ This faith helps us to embrace the Bible as the very breath of God, writing by men inspired by God useful to teaching (2 Timothy 3:16).

Holy Spirit of God empowered men to write the Bible (1 Peter 1:21). With full assurance of faith, God graciously helps us to embrace the Bible- the very Word of God. We cannot demonstrate this truth as a mathematical formula such a second degree equation $(a + b)^2$ that way equal to $a^2 + 2ab + b^2$. The truthfulness of the Bible must be comprehended with assurance of faith. Within the Bible we learned that Jesus is God's revelation, the incarnate savior (John 1:14). In my theological understanding, I confirm that the Bible is true in many ways.

The Bible is true because, it is the book of God for the people of God. I would say that God has two witnesses in the world today: the Bible and God's community to confront the world with this powerful story of God. God involved men as eyewitnesses in the beginning of the world to make the Bible the true Word of God to the people of God. Men and women of faith inspired by God wrote the Bible therefore people of faith must understand it today. This argument enlightens us to say effectively that the Bible is the human evidence of God's revelation and the carrier of God's revelation. God sent Jesus God's Word, fully human and fully divine; humans wrote the Bible inspired by God's Spirit. My brothers and sisters at Mt Zion, the Bible includes every spiritual discipline we need to maintain a strong relationship with God and with each other.

Pastor Louis

¹ This idea comes from class notes from Dr. Wainwright's Christian Theology course, Duke Divinity, Spring 2003.

Health & Wellness

THE COLOR OF THE MONTH IS **GREEN** to support Mental Health in both children and adults.

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood.

A few of the early warning signs that a person is experiencing problems and needs to seek help:

Eating or sleeping too much or too little.
Feeling like nothing matters.
Feeling helpless or hopeless.
Extreme mood swings.



Pulling away from people and usual activities.
Smoking, drinking, or using drugs.
Yelling or fighting with family and friends.
Having low or no energy.

Submitted by the Health and Wellness Team
Audrey Lyttle, Chair

United Methodist Women



“LOVE & FORGIVENESS”

Love is what binds all things in the universe. Love is why we are here. Love is a choice you make in every moment. The more you learn to love yourself and your life, the more love, energy, and momentum you will feel come your way.

The ideas of love and forgiveness seem to transcend the man-made divisions that exist on our world (including race, ethnicity, religion, class and nationality). Although love and forgiveness are universal in nature, these two concepts are not always so clean-cut and neatly defined, or so easy to put into practice.

Choose to accept others no matter what, listen more than talk and try to understand how other people feel. Pray for others; this helps us to focus on what we want rather than worrying about what we fear.

Love and forgiveness equal personal freedom and liberation from suffering.

Church Women United highly recommends reading ‘The Forgiving Life’.

Kathy Rollock- Ecumenical Action Chair, Church Women United Fl.

FUND RAISING

RAISE YOUR HAND TO CHAIR A FUND-RAISER FOR MT ZION UMC



WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHAIR??

TRIVI

SPAGHETTI DINNER/SOUL FOOD DINNER

COOK-OFF (E.G. BARBECUE, CHILI, COLLARD GREENS)

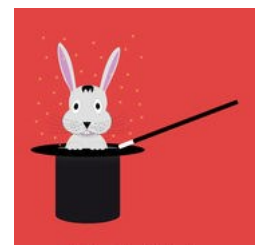
MYSTERY THEATRE/DINNER

MOVIE NIGHT & PIZZA

TALENT SHOW

OPEN-MIC NIGHT

CONCERT



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Birthdays/Anniversaries

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; Sis. Linda Rahn 5/20;

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

100th Anniversary

"Telling Our Stories"

One of the activities the Team 100 has elected to do is celebrating our church's centennial by telling our stories.

Each senior member of the church, (members for more than 25 years) or any member who wishes to share his or her story is welcomed to participate. We ask that you prepare your story which will be videotaped. Recall significant events from your church life and share them.

To participate, please contact Sis. Annette Faison (727/447-2183) to schedule your taping. The tapings will be done every Sunday after church. Members may participate individually or as a family, just let us know in advance. Members will be spotlighted throughout the year of 2019 on the church's information screen and on screens at the Gala for the large celebration.

Submitted by Annette Faison, Team 100

KID'S CORNER



What did the mama spider say to the baby spider?

You spend too much time on the web.

Knock knock. Who's there? **Llama.** Llama who?

Lama llama I love my mama.

Knock knock. Who's there? **Abby.** Abby who?

Abby Mother's Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Events/Announcements

Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, May 8th, 6:30

Mother's Day, May 13

Charge Conference Candidacy, May 20, 4:00

Finance Committee, May 21st, 6:30

Church Announcements

Please get all announcements to the church secretary by Thursday if you would like to have it announced on Sunday morning.

Contact Us

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

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