

MT. ZION NEWS



Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Newsletter

JULY 2018

Farewell Dinner



Uncommon Touch

Sundays @ 8:00AM-8:45AM

Church Service

Sundays @ 10:00 AM

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

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The cake says it all —a heartfelt thank you to Pastor Telcy for the love and guidance he has given to the Mt Zion community. The community bid farewell to Pastor Louis Telcy and his family on June 24, 2018 at a dinner where the pastor and his family were presented gifts of appreciation to honor their commitment to the church of Jesus Christ. We wish him and his family best wishes on their next journey in ministry. Pastor Telcy will be serving River-view UMC in Riverview Florida.

Thank you to Kathy Rollock for photos.

Mt. Zion's New Pastor



THE MT ZION COMMUNITY WELCOMES REVEREND LEE HALL- PERKINS

Called by God at the age of fourteen, the Reverend Lee Hall-Perkins shares the Gospel through his preaching, writing, and social activism. He received his bachelor's degree in religious studies and master of divinity from Vanderbilt University. Recognized as a leader on and off campus, the University awarded Rev. Hall-Perkins the Dorothy Legros Award for Global Vision and Spiritual Leadership. God has opened doors for him to minister in many venues across the United States and most recently in the nations of Israel and South Africa.

In 2011, Rev. Hall-Perkins was ordained as an elder in the Church of God in Christ, but currently serves in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. Before relocating to Florida, Rev. Hall-Perkins served in several ministry capacities in Tennessee. He was the associate pastor of the Living Word International Church in Nashville, Tennessee for six years, the NextGen minister at Gordon Memorial UMC, and an editor at R.H. Boyd Publishing Corporation—one of the country's oldest African American religious publishers. Rev. Lee is a contributing writer for *BlackPast.org* and David Cook's adult Sunday School curriculum. He has also been published in the African American Lectionary.

His partner in life, love, and ministry is the Rev. Jana Hall-Perkins, who is the senior pastor of McCabe United Methodist Church. Together, they are the proud parents of Aniya and the co-editors of *Unashamedly Black, Unapologetically Christian: A Devotional for Black Faith and Life*.

Church Women United



Children don't belong in cages.

Between May 7 and June 20 over 2,300 children were separated from their parents at the US-Mexico border. When did separating families become a standard practice? These kids, many of them toddlers and therefore non-verbal, were concentrated in camps far from their parents, with no clear plan to reunite them. This is unacceptable.

On June 20 an executive order was signed to end the Administration's original practice of separating migrant families crossing the US-Mexico border, and abandoning the previous stance that only Congress can fix the problem. This executive action will jail children with their parents for a period of time and keeps in place new rules stating that migrants, who are fleeing domestic or gang violence in their home countries will be prosecuted instead of granted an application for asylum. But, it provides no plan to reunite the roughly 2,300 children already separated with their parents.

Church groups and human rights advocates have sharply criticized the policy, calling it inhumane. The focus needs to be on the welfare of these children, absent of politics.

[Kathy Rollock-Ecumenical Action Coordinator, Church Women United](#)

Prayer for children by Marian Wright Edelman

O GOD OF BLACK AND BROWN AND WHITE AND ALBINO
 CHILDREN AND THOSE ALL MIXED TOGETHER,
 OF CHILDREN WHO ARE RICH AND POOR AND IN BETWEEN,
 OF CHILDREN WHO SPEAK ENGLISH AND SPANISH AND
 RUSSIAN AND HMONG AND LANGUAGES OUR EARS CANNOT DISCERN
 HELP US TO LOVE AND RESPECT AND PROTECT THEM ALL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays: Sis. Wynter Wright: 7/2; Sis. Krystal Campbell: 7/9; Sis. Rasha Okuboye: 7/11; Sis. Ameris Filer: 7/12; Sis. Betty Perry: 7/28

Anniversaries: Bro. & Sis Calvin Royal, Jr.: 7/2; Bro. & Sis. Charles Montana: 7/14; Bro. & Sis. Phillip Faison: 7/18; Bro. Gary Coney: 7/20

Health & Wellness

The color for the month of July is **Blue & Purple!**

Childhood Juvenile Arthritis Awareness

Juvenile Arthritis is not a disease, rather an umbrella term to describe the many autoimmune and inflammatory conditions or pediatric rheumatic diseases that can develop in children under the age of 16. Although the various types of juvenile arthritis share many common symptoms, like pain, joint swelling, redness and warmth, each type is distinct and has its own special concerns and symptoms. The most important step in properly treating juvenile arthritis is getting an accurate diagnosis. Most treatment plans involve a combination of medication, physical activity, eye care and healthy eating.

Adult Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness

Rheumatoid Arthritis is an autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system attacks the joints. The cause of RA is not yet fully understood. Along with joint inflammation and pain, many people experience fatigue, loss of appetite and a low-grade fever. Because RA is a systemic disease it may also affect organs and body systems. The goals of RA treatment are to stop inflammation (put disease in remission) relieve symptoms, prevent joint and organ damage, improve physical function and overall well-being.

Audrey Lyttle
Health & Wellness

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Community Events/Announcements

Please check the bulletin board out front for community announcements.

Packing Party for Up-Coming Church Relocation

July 11 (Wednesday) 4 pm to ??

July 14 (Saturday) 12 pm to ??

Contact Us

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

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