

MT. ZION NEWS



Mt Zion United Methodist Church Newsletter

December 2018



Join us for:
**Uncommon
Touch Breakfast**
8:00 AM-8:45 AM

Church Service
10:00 AM

**Family Bible
Study/Dinner**
Wednesdays @
6:00PM

99th Anniversary

Mt Zion celebrated it's 99th Anniversary on November 4 with music, dance and an inspiring message from Pastor Lee. There was much to celebrate.

Turkey Give-Away

Great success! Sis. Betty Perry (amazing cook and organizer) along with other Mt. Zion members gave away 225 turkeys and sides on November 20 providing wonderful Thanksgiving meals for many people.



ADVENT MONTH

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

DINNER SERVED FROM 11:30 - 2:30 PM

We are asking that volunteers bring a dessert on Christmas Day to assist with the Christmas Day dinner.

Starting December 4th - 24th please bring new toys, new clothing, new blankets, there will be a box in the hospitality room for these items.

Children & Youth Christmas Program - Sunday, December 16 @ 10:00 AM Service

Come and support the Children & Youth as they bring Christmas to life.

Baking With Ms. Betty - Wednesday, December 21st @ 6:30PM

All kids are welcome to come bake and decorate cookies and other goodies with Ms. Betty.

Christmas Day Dinner - Tuesday, December 25, @ 11:30 AM

Help us serve those less fortunate on Christmas Day. We will have toys for kids, gifts for everyone.



Blessed Baptism

Dontrell Lamar Mickers, son of Sis Melissa Jones and grandson of Sis. Gwen Jones was baptized during the November 4 worship service. Baptism is such a beautiful reminder of the trust we put in God. We wish all God's blessings for Dontrell.



Congratulations To

Alisa and Gerald Pettermon who were joined in holy matrimony on Sunday, November 18th at Skycrest UMC.



DePaul School for Dyslexia

AT OUR NEW LOCATION.....

You may or may not know that we will be sharing space at our new location on Sunset Point Road with the DePaul School for Dyslexia. The DePaul School was founded in 1983 and is a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit school supported strictly by parents and donations from the community.

Our daughter, Gabby Elmore, attended this school for 8 years and I cannot begin to say enough about what they did for her and her ability to learn. We were overwhelmed, scared and didn't know where to turn. We just knew she needed help and could not function in a public school. They will forever be in our hearts!

The school serves children with learning differences from 1st to 8th grades. Dyslexia is so much broader than just backwards d's and b's and these people are masters at understanding each child's challenges and teaching them to succeed.

The best part is that the student/teacher ratio is 8 students to 1 teacher as these kids need a small environment in which to learn.

I served on the DePaul Board for about 9 years and can attest that fund raising is a constant because with the student/teacher ratio there aren't many students to pay teacher salaries. When I first joined the board, you would not believe the little we paid the teachers. You talk about devoted - these teachers are! Salaries have increased but still do not begin to pay what any other teaching position would.

The school gives many scholarships each year as not a single parent planned to send their child to a special private school and it is expensive; but, when it's your child, nothing can possibly stand in your way.

DePaul needs our help to reach their goal of \$30,000 by December 31, 2018. If you have a few extra dollars, please consider a donation to them. You can donate today at www.thedepaulschool.org and it is tax deductible.

You are going to love these teachers and kids!

Joannie Castle-Elmore



Outreach Ministry

On November 3, in service to the community, Mt Zion members visited 3 area laundromats handing out laundry supplies and quarters to patrons.



Birthdays This Month

Sis. Arlene Fisher 12/2; Bro. Conrad Lyttle 12/6; Sis. Charleen Ferguson: 12/16; Bro. Kennie Anderson: 12/17 ; Sis Kayeloni Harris & Robert J. Washington, IV: 12/23; Sis. Gloria Campbell, & Sis. Jessie LaPread: 12/26; Sis. Bridget Filer: 12/28; Sis. Lola Young & Sis. Natasha Sanchez: 12/29



Church Women United

"Peace begins with me"

And now I am about to say, "Go in Peace," but how can I say go in peace.

Out into the world where you are insecure whether at home or on the street? Out into a world where race is set upon race, nation against nation? Out into a world where rape, once a by-product of war, has become a tool of war? Out into a world where this nation squanders its resources building arms that it dare not use, while cheating women and children and men of education, food and housing? Out into a world where every night mothers watch their children sink into a hungry slumber only to awaken, if they awake, to another hungry tomorrow?

With a world like that out there, how can I say to you "Go in Peace?" But I dare say "Go in Peace" because Jesus says, "I give you my Peace". But remember, He who says, "I give you my peace" is He who says "If you would be my disciple (and thereby have my peace), take up your cross and follow me."

Therefore, I dare to say, Go in Peace- if you dare.

Kathy Rollock, Ecumenical Action Chair, Church Women United, FL



Health & Wellness

THE RIBBON COLOR OF THE MONTH IS RED!

This month we support those persons suffering from AIDS:

Caused by HIV or human immunodeficiency virus, AIDS is a disease that weakens the immune system and increases susceptibility to other infections. Overall, AIDS has caused approximately 658,507 deaths in the United States, according to U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention statistics. More than 1.1 million people live with HIV, while 1 in 7 people with it do not know they are infected by the virus. Today, thanks to improvements in the effectiveness of treatment people with HIV who are diagnosed early and who stay on treatment can keep the virus suppressed. You can't rely on symptoms to tell if you have HIV. They only way to know for sure is to get tested.

Submitted by the Health & Wellness Team
Audrey Lyttle, Chair



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