

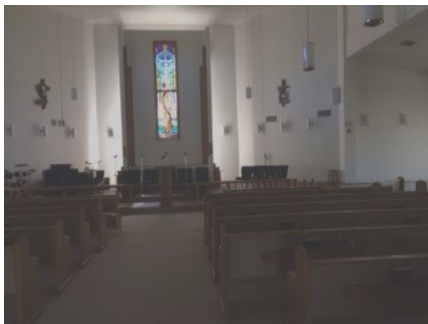
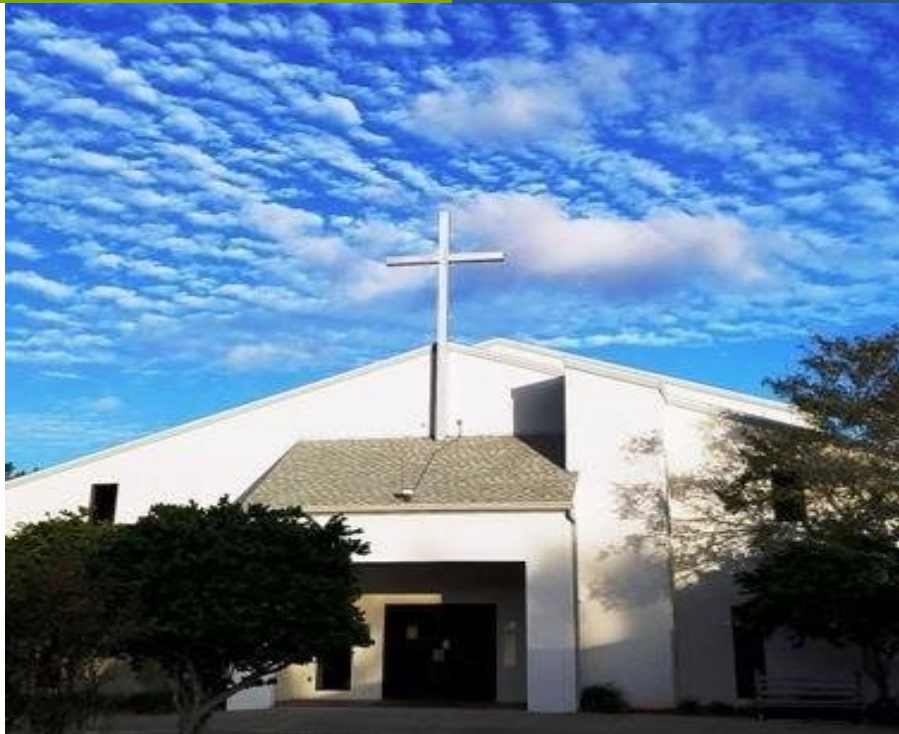
# MT. ZION NEWS



Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Newsletter

March 2019

## Mt Zion United Methodist Church at Sunset Point Rd



Pastor Lee's office and Kathy's office are located in the building adjacent to the sanctuary.



### ***Fellowship With Us***

***Church Service***

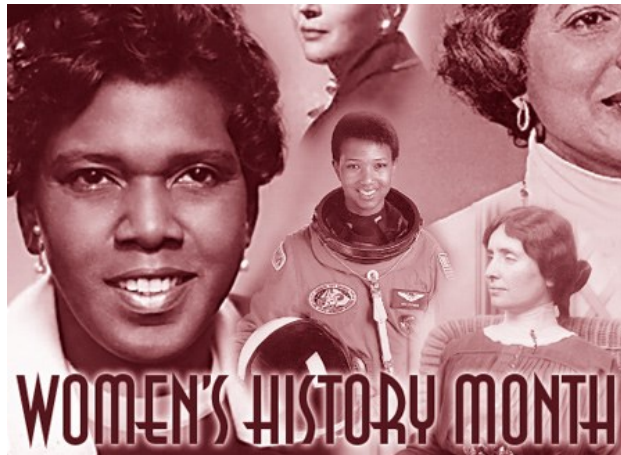
***10:00 AM***

***Family Bible Study/prayer meeting Wednesdays @ 6:00PM***

## MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

*"Don't mistake politeness  
For strength"  
Sonya Sotomayor*

*Bravery is being afraid but  
still pushing forward.  
Malala Yousafzai*



*Never be limited by other peo-  
ple's limited imagination.  
Dr Mae Jemison*

*No one is your friend  
who demands your  
silence or denies your  
right to grow.  
Alice Walker*



July 19-20, 1848 Women's rights convention held in Seneca Falls New York with 300 attendees.

May 29, 1851 former slave turned abolitionist and women's rights activist Sojourner Truth delivers her famous "Ain't I a Woman?" speech.

April 2, 1917 Jeannette Rankin of Montana, a longtime activist with the National Woman Suffrage Association, is sworn in as the first woman elected to Congress as a member of the House of Representatives.

August 18, 1920 Ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution is completed, declaring "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."



## Living It Up - Senior Ministry

Join the Senior "Living It Up" Ministry at 11am Friday, March 29, 2019 for an educational luncheon with Jennifer Phillips the Pre-planning Advisor from Sylvan Abby Memorial Park and Funeral Home, 2853 Sunset Point Rd. Jennifer will share with participants a planning guide that can be helpful when making decisions about cremation, burial, veteran and social security benefits and other important matters related to end of life decisions.

Please **RSVP** with Tyna Middleton or Mrs. Jessie LaPread by Sunday **March 25, 2019** if you would like to attend the educational luncheon.

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Teenah22@aol.com

Mrs. Jessie LaPread  
727 736-5458



Ash  
Wednesday



Rev Nancy (pastor of St Matthias Lutheran Church) joined Pastor Lee for Drive Thru Ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 86.

## Rethinking Justice Workshop

Sunday, February 18, 7 diverse congregations met to study scripture and to rethink justice.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



*Mt Zion members of Church Women United attended the World Day of Prayer hosted by the Mt Olive AME Church. The theme of the World Day of Prayer —Everything is ready. Come to praise, thank, and proclaim the kingdom of love.*

*The group met ladies from Slovenia and heard their stories, giving a picture of the diversity of the country and some of the issues they are facing.*

*The ladies of Mt Olive provided each in attendance with a beautiful carnation. Audrey Lytle, Program Chairperson, offered a taste of potica bread that she had made.*

*Everyone is looking forward to the "Roses & Teacups" Annual Spring Tea March 25 at Peace Memorial Church. Contact Audrey Lytle to register.*

**Kathy Rollock, Ecumenical Coordinator, Church Women United, Florida.**

## BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE



Annette Faison 3/4  
Marlinda Neal 3/4  
Billy Ferguson 3/16  
Marcellus Young 3/19  
Louisa Ward 3/20  
Syanika Porter-Malloy 3/20  
E. J. Robinson 3/21

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### March Events

Monday, March 18, last day to make reservation and payment for cruise  
Monday, March 18 @ 7 PM FAST **Justice Ministry Rally** @ St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Clearwater  
Friday, March 29 @ 11:00 AM, **Living It Up Senior Ministry** program at Sylvan Abbey  
Saturday, March 30 @ 10 AM Combined Leadership Meeting (Vision Team, SPRC, Finance & Trustees)  
Sunday, March 31, "**Night in White**" cruise

### April Events

April 12, Palm Sunday  
April 18, Maundy Thursday  
April 19, Good Friday  
April 21, Easter Sunday

### Regular Weekly Events

Bucket Drums, Tuesday, 6:00 pm  
Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 pm  
Line Dance, Thursday, 6:30 pm

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

THE COLOR OF THE MONTH IS **GREEN**:

**Child:** Cerebral Palsy—Over 10,00 children are diagnosed each year with Cerebral Palsy. It is the most common childhood disability. It is caused by damage to fetal or infant brain and there is no known cure.

**Adult:** Mentally Challenged—There are 4.6 million people in the U.S. diagnosed as mentally challenged. Levels of challenge range from mild to severe in reference to ability to learn and adapting to everyday life.

Submitted by the Health and Wellness Team

Audrey Lyttle, Chair



### Contact Us

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

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The Reverend Lee Hall-Perkins

## Florida Restores

Thank you to Mt Zion UMC for your gift in support of assisting those impacted by Hurricane Michael. We continue to be humbled by how our amazing God moves through his people to provide for those who have experienced the heartbreak and devastation of hurricanes over the last two years. Your generosity supports the recovery of people like the "Smiths" whose names have been changed to protect their confidentiality.

Mr. Smith (66 years old) and Mrs. Smith (57 years old) were out of state attending a funeral when Hurricane Irma struck their single family home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith have COPD. In February, Mr. Smith received the devastating news that he had cancer.

After months of waiting, somehow, through God's providence the Smiths were referred to Florida Restores. Through the process of repairing the damaged home, the Disaster team learned that Mr. Smith had not attended church in over 50 years.

In God's perfect plan, the first volunteer team that worked on the Smith's home included a youth group that was doing choir concerts in local UMC churches while the adults helped Irma survivors. Mrs. Smith attended the first concert and shared with Mr. Smith how much she enjoyed the performance. On the second evening, both Mr. and Mrs. Smith attended—Mr. Smith's first visit to a church in over 50 years! The Smiths felt very connected to the volunteer team and were invited to pray with them before they began their daily work. When the team prepared to leave for the last time, they circled up around the couple to pray. With tears in his eyes and a smile on his face, Mr. Smith asked Jesus to come into his heart.

The Smith home is repaired now and is safe and secure.

Through your financial support, you are a part of this story and hundreds more like them.

Sincerely,  
Pam Garrison  
Disaster Response Coordinator