

# MT ZION NEWS



Mt. Zion Church Newsletter

APRIL 2019

Scenes from the “Night in White” dinner cruise on Sunday evening March 31. The cruise was a unqualified joyous event starting the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Mt Zion Church. Don’t miss the next big night of celebration: the Anniversary Gala at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Saturday, October 5th. Tickets are \$100 for adults and \$50 for children and youth. You can begin paying now—just see Tyna Middleton, Kathy Rollock, or Lola Young.



On Sunday, March 3, 2019, Mt. Zion made another major milestone in our almost one hundred year history. We celebrated our first Sunday in our new location at 2751 Sunset Point Road, Clearwater. We began that morning with a motorcade from the old Union Street location. Once we arrived, we gathered at the entrance of the worship center for a special ribbon cutting ceremony. Vision team co-chair Gloria Campbell and trustees’ chair Rowland Johnson assisted Pastor Lee Hall-Perkins in cutting the ribbon. Members—old and new—and friends of Mt. Zion filled the pews to worship God for this tremendous blessing. Rev. Dan Jackson, director the Vital Church Initiative of the Florida Annual Conference, was present and gave remarks.



## DePaul School—Our Neighbor



Say “Hello” to the DePaul children who share our church spaces.

The dePaul School provides an exceptional educational experience for children with dyslexia and related language-based learning disabilities in the Tampa Bay area.

The dePaul School embraces a school-wide vision and commitment to the following core values:

- **RESPECT the child** - showing understanding and acceptance of their challenges.
- **TEACH the child** – with proven, research-based curriculum and methodologies.
- **CHALLENGE the child** - to meet their potential, setting appropriate expectations.
- **INSPIRE the child** - promoting strengths, fostering creativity and building self-confidence through praise and encouragement.

The dePaul School Fast Facts:

- Founded in Clearwater in 1983
- Independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- Full-time day school for students in 1st - 8th grades
- Signature Orton-Gillingham based remediation methodology, dePaul Structured Linguistics (DPSL) taught twice daily
- Appropriately leveled and paced classes and work load
- Compassionate and challenging environment
- Class size is 8 students:1 teacher

## Health & Wellness

THE COLOR OF THE MONTH IS **JIGSAW**:

We are supporting those persons advocating for AUTISM!

AUTISM is a group of closely related disorders that have similar symptoms. If children can be diagnosed early, then treatment can start earlier.

### 10 early Autism symptoms in young children:

1. Disconnection to others
2. Apparent lack of empathy.
3. Indifferent to human interaction.
4. Emotional outbursts.
5. Delayed language development.
6. Prone to non-verbal communication.
7. Difficulty understanding figurative expressions.
8. Repetitive behavior.
10. Sensitivity to external stimuli.

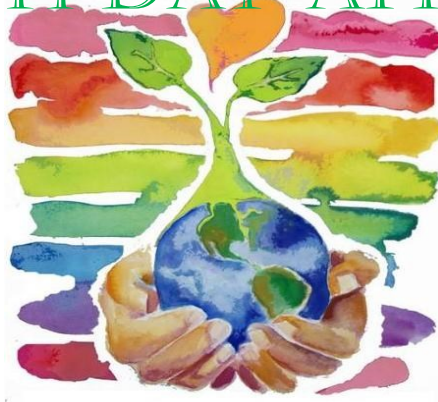


Submitted by the Health and Wellness Team, Audrey Lyttle, Chair

# EARTH DAY APRIL 22

Our task must be to free ourselves...by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty.

*Albert Einstein*



God looked at everything He had made, and He found it very good.

Genesis 1:31

## Things each of us can do to help the environment:

- ◆ Use reusable bags for shopping. You will cut down on the manufacture of plastic bags that can end up in the ocean.
- ◆ Encourage your family to eat meals together. This cuts down on the use of appliances and besides it is a wonderful family time.
- ◆ Buy products with less packaging.
- ◆ Place produce directly in your grocery cart or in reusable bag instead of pulling a produce plastic bag from the dispenser every time.
- ◆ Make one night a week a “no-device” night. Turn off electrical devices and play a board game, or go for a family walk.
- ◆ Don't purchase products that exploit marine life such as coral jewelry, tortoiseshell hair accessories (made from hawksbill turtles).
- ◆ Help take care of the beach. Always clean up after yourself. Be especially careful not to let plastic items end up in the water.
- ◆ Reuse plastic water bottles. By having a water filter system in your home or filtered water pitcher you can reuse plastic bottles.
- ◆ Use both sides of a piece of paper.
- ◆ Turn off tap when brushing your teeth.

## PRAY for a more harmonious world where humans recognize their responsibility to protect the Earth.

Teach your children  
 What we have taught our children -  
 That the earth is our mother.  
 Whatever befalls the earth  
 Befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.  
 We did not weave the web of life;  
 We are merely a strand in it.  
 Whatever we do to the web,  
 We do to ourselves...

*Chief Seattle*



## Holy Week Schedule

**April 15, Pastor Lee Speaks @ Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Clearwater @ 7PM  
 Upper Pinellas Co. Ministerial Alliance Passion Week Revival**

**April 18, Maundy Thursday—Love Feast @ Mt Zion @ 7 PM**

**April 19, Good Friday Service @ McCabe UMC, St Pete @ noon**

**April 19. Pastor Lee Speaks @ Curlew UMC @ 2:30 PM**

**April 20, Easter Extravaganza @ Mt. Zion, 12PM—3 PM**

**April 21, Easter Sunrise Service @ Crescent Lake Park, St. Pete @ 6:45 M**

**“WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?”** Kathy Rollock, Ecumenical Action Coordinator, Church Women United

Human Trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. It is the second largest criminal industry in the world after the sale of illegal arms. The United States and other global countries are under the threat from Human Trafficking. Florida is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation for human trafficking across the U.S. The Tampa Bay area, including Pinellas County, is one of the greatest problem areas in the state.

Victims of trafficking can be found in all types of establishments and locations, in trailers, on the streets and on farms. However, the most common sites with trafficked individuals are massage parlors, garment industries, domestic work and entertainment. More mainstream sites are food processing, healthcare and contract cleaning.

We think that something like this only exists elsewhere and not in our back yard. Traffickers take advantage of the most vulnerable- migrants, indigenous people and children with false promises forcing them into contract slavery, forced labor.

An estimated 21 million children, women and men are caught in the cycle of trafficking worldwide, with 80% of trafficking victims being female, and up to 50% are children. There are between 100,000 – 300,000 sex trafficking victims under 18 in the U.S. per year.

Our Local Contact:

Florida Coalition against Human Trafficking

P.O Box 2948

Clearwater, FL 33757

Hotline: 727-442-3064



## Come Join Our Weekly Events

Monday—Friday 8:00-8:05am

Prayer Line # (563) 999-2031

Access Code: 190136

Tuesday @ 6 pm

Bucket Drums for ages 17 & under

Wednesday @ 6pm - 7:30 pm

Prayer & Bible Study

Thursday @ 6:30 pm - Line Dancing

Friday @ 11am - Senior Ministry

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSERIES TO CELEBRATE IN APRIL

### Birthdays:

Ray Dixon 4/9;

Nakesha Ferguson 4/14

Calvin Royal, Jr. 4/15

Robert C. Young 4/18

Loretta Hunter 4/20

Starling Middleton, Sr. 4/24

Audrey Lyttle 4/24

Yvonne D. Gaines 4/25

Laurel Braswell 4/30

Victor Middleton: 4/30

### Anniversaries:

Gwendolyn & Eddie Jones 4/9

Toinetta & Andrew Taylor 4/10

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