



ZION HAPPENINGS

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SUMMER 2019



OUR VISION

**To be a church
that follows
Jesus so closely
and makes
disciples so
well, that our
community and
town cannot
help but be
transformed.**



Summer is here Zion family!!

May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

The Apostle Paul starts all his letters with a special greeting saying: "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ". We must notice that Paul never uses a verb. He never says, "Grace and peace be to you," or, " Grace and peace come to you". I believe that he assumes a verb, but never says that.

Now, the apostle Peter is more explicit on that regard; Peter starts his letter saying: "Grace and peace *be* yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord" other Bible translation says, "Grace and Peace *be* multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord". I think, the apostle Paul will be happy with this verb, don't you think? "Be multiplied", which means an increasing peace and increasing grace. Peter prays for us that we may experience that increasing grace and peace and be multiplied.

Summer always brings the opportunity to experience increasing grace and peace. Some people experience it as they visit the beach. I believe that a beach vacation in particular has its own healing power and a special way of renewing the body and soul. I have found that every time I visit the beach my stress seems to melt away and is replaced with a sense of relaxing peace, I feel that I can breath better and think better. The salty smell of the ocean, the cool breeze and sunlight make it possible to connect myself with my creator.

Other people find increasing moments of peace and grace with a visit to the mountains, as they find a place to fish, or camp. Other people find that increasing moment of grace and peace as they just take time off from work and stay home getting extra hours of sleep, or going to the gym, or as they spend time gardening. Taking time off, either traveling, exploring, or relaxing, always refreshes our understanding that there's a lot of "right ways" to live and to experience that grace and peace from God.

Summer is here! Give yourself the opportunity and take some time off. My brother Oscar (some of you met him at church), who is a doctor, says that medically speaking; taking a regular vacation is the best prescriptions he can recommend for staying healthy!!

My wish for you this summer, through the activities that you have already planned, find that increasing grace and peace, and especially for it to be multiplied to you.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

With Love,
Pastor Norma

Please be in prayer for the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church's Annual Conference. The Annual Conference is schedule for June 20-23 at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center. Also, for safe travels for all who will be attending the conference.





NEWS....

Zion UMC serves a meal to those in need at the Union County Homeless Shelter on the **third Monday** of the **even months of the year**. This is a great outreach

program for the church and we appreciate Tara Warlick's efforts in arranging the schedule for these meals. The schedule for the rest of the year is:

June 17-United Methodist Women will prepare and serve the meal at 5:45 pm.

August 10-Book Bag Mission Supplies are due. (see list below)

August 19- Zion Youth will prepare and serve the meal at 5:45 pm

October 21-United Methodist Men will prepare and serve the meal at 5:45 pm

December 16- A sponsor for this date is needed to provide and serve the meal. Please contact Tara Warlick if you can be of service.

Loaves and Fishes-Each month we collect an item of need for Loaves and Fishes. Please watch your bulletin at the **first of each month** for the item that is in need. Collections are in the Family Life Center entrance.

School Kit packets is the UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat project for this year. All packets are due at the church on **June 9**.



**JOIN US FOR
Vacation
Bible School!
June 15
10 am-4 pm**

BOOK BAG MISSION SUPPLY LIST Items to be drop off on August 10

The Mission Committee will collect school supplies and book bags for children in need in our local schools. We will be supplying three schools this year! A list will be available for pick up soon. Items needed are: 24 ct crayons, glue sticks, #2 pencils, book bags, cow notebooks in black/white, red & blue, pocket folders w/prongs in red, blue, green & yellow, pocket folders w/0oprops in red & blue, pencil top erasers, pink beveled erasers, wide rule paper, 4 pack expo dry erase markers, ear buds (dollar tree), spiral wide rule notebooks, colored pencils, pencil pouches. Wishlist items: Kleenex, zip lock bags, expo dry erase markers, paper towels. Wish list items would be used for the pick an item for your teacher table.



**Homecoming & Revival @ Zion
AUGUST 25-28 @ 7:00 pm**

Homecoming is August 25, with a covered dish lunch following morning worship. Revival begins on August 25 with evening worship service at 7:00 pm and continues through Wednesday, August 18.



Zion's Mission and Outreach Committee at work!



Members of the committee are: Emily McCall (chairperson), Susan Beam, Pam Hinson, Kenneth Stegall, Tara Warlick, Lisa Thomas, Grady Gaston, Spencer Thomas, Theresa Donaldson, Gayle Brock, Zach Herman and Pastor Norma.

This group are the great minds behind all that Zion does for the mission field both local and around the world such as Loves and Fishes, Shelter Meals and Operation Christmas Child.

Mission Statement: Our Purpose-To connect our church to people in need and provide opportunities for us to respond to others through our prayers, time, talents, and resources.

A big thanks for all that they do!

Youth Happenings....

Our youth will be out and about this summer with several events coming up. Music in the Park is June 13 and June 27 and our youth will have fundraiser going on at this time. Support our youth by coming out on June 13 for dinner. They will be selling hamburgers and hotdogs!

Details for June 27 are still in the planning stage and will be available soon.

Also don't forget about VBS coming up on June 15! Everyone have a fun and safe summer.



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JUNE

Jason Taylor - 4
 Melia Haigler-8
 Amy Wiley-8
 Brenda Daniels-9
 Lila Clontz-13
 Dianne Helms-16
 Kirby Haigler-17
 Kirk Clark-19
 Elaine Stobel-19
 Jennifer Douglas-20
 Sarah Biggers-22
 Abbey Mills-28
 John Biggers-29

JULY

Tommy Hinson-2
 Karis Haigler-7
 Rebecca McCall-8
 Debbie Purser-8
 Ashley Price-10
 Bernice Tomberline-13
 Norma Villagrana-13
 Jenna Purser-19
 John B. Phifer-23
 Hugo Villagrana-26
 Lee Gaston-27
 Peyton Wiley-29

AUGUST

Spencer Thomas-1
 Tracy Biggers-2
 Daniel Purser-3
 Jennifer Clark-8
 Kevin Brock-9
 Robbie Hall-12
 Julie Plyler-20
 Madeline Taylor-25
 Katie Price-26
 Emily McCall
 Annette Harris-31



JUNE

Vann & Tanja Huntley-7
 Bobby & Tammy Parker-15
 Gary & Janie Whitley-18
 James & Shirley Lowery-21
 John & Tracy Biggers-23
 Phil & Jennifer Douglas-28

JULY

Dwight & Nancy Brooks-6
 Bob & Emily McCall-20

AUGUST

Charles & Kay Medlin-1
 Doug & Nancy Martin-2
 Jamie & Amy Wiley-4
 Carlton & Gail Brock-11
 Mark & Jennifer Clark-16
 Bobby & Ann Simpson-26
 Bobby & Lila Clontz-30




Zion United Methodist Women meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7PM. We would love to have you join our group so please attend a meeting soon! Our next meeting is scheduled for June 25th. We are small in number but we stay busy with many projects.

In April we enjoyed a barbeque dinner with our congregation. We just wanted to say thank you to everyone for all the help with the chicken and dumplings meal. It is always fun to get together, especially if we have a little food involved. Thank you all for supporting our chicken and dumpling events.

In May we celebrated our mothers with a Mother's Day Brunch. It takes a team to put on such a successful event and we certainly have a great group of ladies who pulled this off without any problems! Everyone enjoyed a great meal with some professional entertainment. Thank you to Susan Beam for leading our group with all the preparations.

Thank you for supporting our UMW!



Blood Drive

AUGUST 5
3:00-7:00 PM
AT ZION UMC

SPONSORED BY ZION'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Sign up sheet will be available soon!
Contact Nancy Martin with any questions.

LADIES SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT @ LAKE JUNALUSKA

A few ladies will be attending the annual Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska during June. The conference theme will be Thorns and Roses. This will be a time to pray, listen, reflect, study and share fellowship with women from across the conference. Keynote speaker Rev. Alisha L. Gordon, M.Div., is the executive for spiritual growth at United Methodist Women and, in addition to furthering spiritual development, she wants women to see their full potential as mothers, daughters, sister and members in an ever-changing social and political landscape.



JUNE

- 9 School Kits are due
- Church Picnic at Fairview Park at 11:30 am
- 13 Music @ the Park with Youth selling burgers and hotdogs as a fundraiser for trips & playground
- 13-15 UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska
- 15 VBS "Farm Fresh Faith", 10 am -4 pm
- 20-23 WNCCUMC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska
- 17 Meals at the Shelter, UMW
- 25 United Methodist Women's meeting at 7:00 pm
- 28 Music in the Park with Zion UMC youth fundraiser
- 30 Youth Sunday

JULY

- 4 office closed
- 18 6:30 pm Mission/Outreach Committee Meeting



AUGUST

- 5 3-7PM UMW sponsored Blood Drive
- 10 Book Bag Mission
- 25-28 Zion's Homecoming and Revival
- 26 First day of school



Shut-ins: Jo Martin, Bernice Tomberlin
Ongoing: Jimmy Clontz, Joe Greene, Helen Greene
Military: Dylan Beach, Kirby Haigler, and Danny Herman
Recent: Barbara Griffin, Scarlet Helms, Darlene Furr, Virginia and Bengie Braswell, Cindy Armstrong, Mae Atchley, John Black, Elizabeth Brooks, Doris Bryant, Kim Griffin, Logan Hasty, Cindy Mabe, James Mabe, Kay Medlin, Renee Osbourne, C.W. Price, Finley Smith, Reece Stegall family, Violet Stegall, Frank Suddreth, Genene Watkins, Betty Wilson, Romona Womack, Dwight Brooks, Myrtle Lefler.



FYI The Spiritual Academy for Leading Transformation (SALT) is a program designed to identify, inspire, train, and support spiritually-mature lay people, partnering with clergy, to lead effective change in their congregations and communities. The Leadership group will meet 7 times, once a month. The dates for the Leadership Project are:

- 2019-September 21, October 19, November 16
- 2020-January 25, February 22, March 28, April 25

If you would like to attend or have any questions please contact Pastor Norma.

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