



Prayer Concerns

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Marion Edwards Recovery Center Initiatives



Inspired by Jesus Christ to a mission of caring, MERCI seeks to alleviate the suffering of those impacted by disaster, poverty, or adversity.

Volunteer Teams Needed...in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season, volunteer teams are needed at the MERCI Warehouse in Goldsboro. Teams will collect, sort and pack Flood Buckets, Health Kits and School Kits to be available for immediate response.

There will be a team from Mt. Zion going down on Saturday, May 5th. We will leave the church at 8:00am and return late that evening. If you are interested in joining the team, please see Jill Rimmer.

Items needed to complete current incomplete flood buckets: bleach (50oz bottles), bottles of liquid laundry detergent (25 – 50oz bottles), non-spray bottles of liquid household cleaner (12 – 16oz), can of insect repellent with cap (6 – 14oz), sponges, latex or non-latex gloves, work gloves, heavy duty trash bags (33 – 45gal).

NOTE: the flood bucket items our church collected in 2005 right after Hurricane Katrina was to be delivered to MERCI, but was sent via a church in Chapel Hill to Robbie and Kristi Murden's church in Mississippi.

Mt. Zion Happenings

A Newsletter of
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

Submission Information

Please e-mail any items to:
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Deadline for submission of articles is the 20th of the month.

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Indian Mobile Mission

Led by Ken and Sylvia Webb, The Indian Mobile Mission is a Christian outreach to the Navajo people of Northern Arizona.

The goals and purpose of the IMM are:

- IMM strives to bring knowledge of Jesus Christ and His love to the Navajo people.
- IMM believes that helping children complete their education will enhance their lives.
- IMM also helps sponsor at-risk children who have no family support. They receive school supplies, clothes, shoes and special gifts throughout the year.
- IMM counsels individuals and families in their responsibilities to each other.

Sponsorship is specifically designed to enhance the educational progress and well being of Navajo children. By becoming a full time sponsor we ensure that the child we sponsor is provided with school materials, clothing, gifts, and most of all Tender Loving Care. We also provide a most important aspect to the child by giving them what they need to become successful in the world today. We Supply Hope!

Mt. Zion began there support of the Indian Mobile Mission in 1993 through the High School Sunday School Class lead by Sandy Davis. The little girl's name was Bonnie Yazzie. The support and love given to her by the High School Class of our church, led Bonnie to become a nurse in the U.S. Military. With the help of the entire church, Mt. Zion's Circle #2, Circle #3 and Methodist Men sponsor three children from one family, Edwin, Shannon and Shania Pikin. We will continue to support them until their 18th birthday.



Pastor's Column

Jesus said, "...and whoever give even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple— truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward..." (Matthew 10:42). A cup of cold water? It sounds like such a small thing, doesn't it? At first it sounds insignificant. But it is actually life-giving...even life-changing! When one is thirsty, nothing will satisfy more than "a cup of cold water".

For many years, Mt. Zion responded to Christ's call of offering a simple "cup of cold water" by serving Him through serving those in need. Food collected and meals are served for the hungry every last Friday of the month at Christian Help Center. Gift boxes are delivered and home cooked meals are served for families at Ronald McDonald House. Bloods are offered to the American Red Cross and meals delivered through the Senior Center. Clothing drives collected lots of knitted scarves, hats and blankets for needy children in our community. Gifts items including baby stuff are collected for victims of domestic violence at Safe Haven and women in crisis pregnancies at Pregnancy Support Center.

We walk at the Relay for Life and Crop Walk and we dust off our work boots and help built a Habitat for Humanity home. Hundreds of Operation Christmas Child boxes are shipped every year in many parts of the world for needy children. We make a difference among children and youth at Pre-School, Vacation Bible School and Youth for Christ. Communion and gifts were delivered to homebound members. We visited the bereaved, sick members and their families. And the list goes on and on...

With gifts of love, kindness and compassion, Mt. Zion members have been sharing "a cup of cold water" for the lost and the least. We all have gifts and graces given to us by the Holy Spirit. All of us have gifts that need to be used in the world to help build up the Body of Christ. In this Holy Week, I pray that each one of us will remember Christ's love, suffering and sacrifice for the world. Make it your personal challenge to find a mission or outreach here at Mt. Zion.

Christ Jesus makes it abundantly clear in Matthew 25:35-40, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." In what way is Christ asking you to offer "a cup of cold water" to a thirsty world?

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Missions Begin at Home Church Facilities Clean-up

April 28th—8am to 1pm

Light Breakfast will be provided. Sign-up sheet for clean-up duties on church secretary.





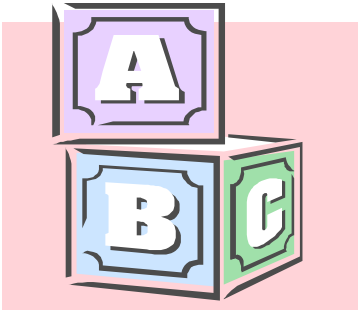
Mt. Zion UMC Pre-School

135 Clay Long Road, Hurdle Mills, NC

Is Now Accepting Registration For the Fall of 2007

Classes are Available For:

2yr. Olds—Tues. & Thurs.
3yr. Olds— Wed. & Thurs.
4yr. Olds—Tues., Wed. & Thurs.



Hours: 9am to 12 noon

If you are interested call the church at 364-2746 or, Maria Lea at 599-7085.

