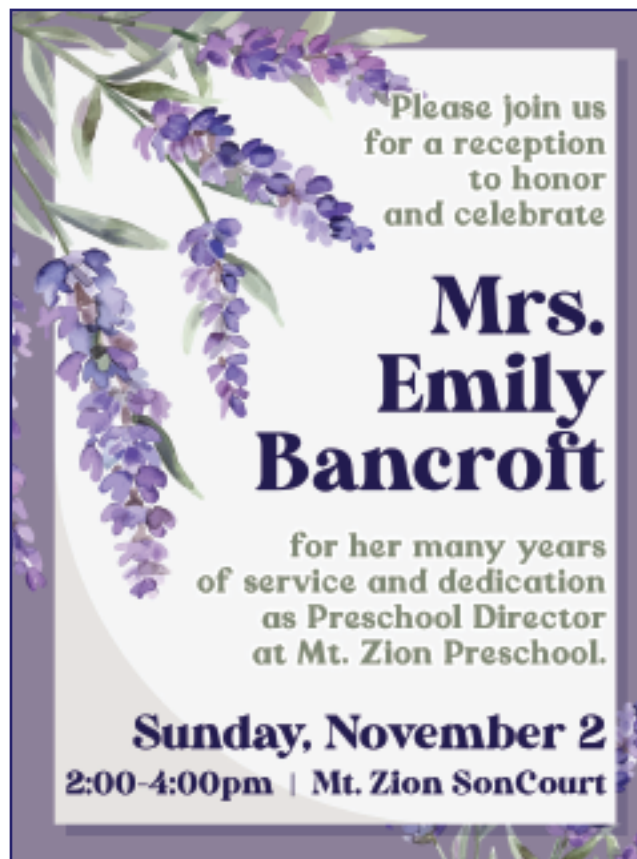


This Week at Mt. Zion

Sunday	12	Congregational meeting after worship
Monday	13	5:20 & 6:30 PM - Camp Gladiator 5:30-7:00 PM - Pickleball
Tuesday	14	5:20 & 6:30 PM - Camp Gladiator 5:30-7:00 PM - Pickleball
Wednesday	15	10:00-12:00 PM - Lectionary Group 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	16	5:20 & 6:30 PM - Camp Gladiator
Saturday	18	5:00-8:00 PM - A Fall Night in China Grove

October Sexton Volunteer - Jeff Safrit

October 19 - Scriptures - Psalm 121, Luke 15, Sermon - God loves inSisters!



Please join us
for a reception
to honor
and celebrate

**Mrs.
Emily
Bancroft**

for her many years
of service and dedication
as Preschool Director
at Mt. Zion Preschool.

Sunday, November 2
2:00-4:00pm | Mt. Zion SonCourt



**SUNDAY
19
OCTOBER**
1:00-5:30 pm

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1 PINT OF BLOOD SAVES
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost+October 12, 2025

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Words of Greeting

*In Prayer and Meditation Let Us Prepare our Hearts
for Worship through God’s gift of Music*

Prelude"Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah"Carole Brooke

*Responsive Call to WorshipPsalm 66:16-20(Leader and People)

(16) All who worship God,
come here and listen;
I will tell you everything
God has done for me.
(17) I prayed to the Lord,
and I praised him.
(18) If my thoughts had been sinful,
he would have refused to hear me.
(19) But God did listen and answered my prayer.
(20) Let's praise God!
He listened when I prayed,
and he is always kind.

*Hymn"Sing Praise to the Father"9

*Prayer of Invocation(Unison)

**God, we have gathered to listen to Your Word again. We have joined as one to
hear what good things You are doing in our lives these days. Thank You for
promising to be among us as we praise You this day.** Amen.

*Gloria Patri"Glory Be to the Father"805

*Scripture ReadingLuke 17:11-19(Leader and People)

(11) On his way to Jerusalem,
Jesus went along the border between Samaria and Galilee.
(12) As he was going into a village,
ten men with leprosy came toward him.
They stood at a distance (13) and shouted,
“Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”
(14) Jesus looked at them and said,
“Go show yourselves to the priests.”
On their way they were healed.

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(15) When one of them discovered that he was healed, he came back, shouting praises to God.

(16) He bowed down at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.

The man was from the country of Samaria.

(17) Jesus asked, “Weren't ten men healed?

Where are the other nine?

(18) Why was this foreigner the only one who came back to thank God?”

(19) Then Jesus told the man,

“You may get up and go.

Your faith has made you well.”

Anthem"Turn, Turn, Turn"John Rapp, soloist

Youth MinuteNikki Franz

Call to Prayer"Be Thou My Vision"(vs. 1) 532

Morning Prayer (based on Psalm 66)(Leader and People)

Our Lord and our God,
we gather in prayer because You are good.
We gather in worship
to tell on another of Your good ways.
And we gather as family,
united by the love of Jesus.
Thank You for listening
as we shared our prayer concerns.
Thank You for loving those we love
in ways beyond our understanding.
And thank You for showing us Your kindness before
which gives us courage to come to You now.
We have spoken concerns with our voices and in our minds
and we lift them all to You now.
For those who are separated from community like the lepers,
we pray they will find family again.
For those who are sick or distressed like the lepers
we pray You will deliver them peace and healing from above.
For those who grieve people and things they have lost like the lepers,
**we pray You will speak to their hearts individually like You have ours giving hope
for tomorrow and eternity.**
And for our country that has people of all kinds of life situations,
**we pray for leaders who will show them kindness on behalf of our country. We
pray in the name of the one who loved the lepers saying**

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Passing the Peace

Sermon "God loves Seekers!"

Offertory "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" Carole Brooke

*Choral Congregational Response "Doxology" 809

*Offering Prayer {for offerings given in person, Online and by mail}
God, when we looked for You, You were there. When we needed healing, You answered our prayer. We are thankful for Your love and give these offerings to share Your love with others. Amen.

*Hymn "Near to the Heart of God" 542

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Be Thou My Vision" (vs. 2) 532

*Postlude *All able please stand

Welcome to Mount Zion United Church of Christ. If you're looking for a family that accepts people as they are and works to spread God's love, we'd love to have you join us. Please speak to Pastor Jim if God is leading you to join the MTZ family! You can call or text him at **336-682-9649**. Or you can email him at **pastorszion@gmail.com**.

Please lift our sick and shut-ins in prayer, and show your concern through visits, cards, calls and prayers. **Convalescing at Home:** Jewel Thompson, Wild Bill Corriher, Peyton Bare. Jeanne Kirk is at Big Elm. Pat Archie is at Liberty Commons. Doris Campbell is at Trinity Oaks. Thelma Corriher is at Brookdale High Point North. Judy Beaver is at The Laurels of Salisbury. Doris Hileman is at Morningside of Concord. Members and Friends of the congregation are reminded to help the pastor and secretary by informing them of any persons who are sick or in the hospital.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Southside Church of God Food Ministry Donation: October - Peanut Butter & Soup

Be sure you are following the Mt. Zion Facebook page so you will be able to find our live-streamed services and other important information! **www.facebook.com/mtzioncg** or search your Facebook for "Mount Zion United Church of Christ, China Grove, NC" then click the "Like" button!"



Congregational Meeting | TODAY after worship

Consistory Meeting | October 19

The Mt. Zion Consistory will meet, Sunday, October 19, beginning at 8:00am.

Pastor Jim OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor and Cheryl Simonds will be on vacation **October 14-18**. Christmount trip originally planned for October 20-24 at Black Mountain has been canceled.

PINK OUT | October 19

We invite everyone to wear pink with us in celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Celebration of Baptism

Join the Mt. Zion friends and family, **Sunday October 19**, as we celebrate the baptism of Mary Catherine Meadows, daughter of Sarah and Andrew Meadows. Maternal grandparents are Candice and Jeff Safrit. **Church members are invited for cookies and lemonade after worship with the family in the old library.**

JOY Club

The JOY Club will travel to Wilkes County, **Wednesday, October 22** for delicious mountain apples. We will leave the church at **10:00am**. Everyone that wishes to attend must sign up on sheet at handbell tables as only 15 passengers can fit on bus. Everyone else will need to provide their own transportation. Please sign up ASAP. **There will be no meeting in November or December.**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be **CLOSED** for vacation **Tuesday, October 28 - Friday, October 31**. Please contact Pastor Jim directly. Thank You.

Trunk or Treat | October 25

Saturday, October 25 from 5:00-6:00pm, Mt. Zion will host a gathering of ghouls and goblins for the annual Trunk or Treat in the preschool parking lot. You can help us out by bringing your candy filled, decorated trunk that night or just by donating candy. Popcorn will be available.

JOIN MT. ZION FOR A FALL NIGHT IN China Grove

Saturday, October 18th | 5-8 PM

Downtown China Grove, NC

Be sure to stop by the Mt. Zion booth!!

Come out to enjoy:

- Hayrides
- Pumpkin patch
- Apple cider

- S'mores
- Music
- Activities

...and SO MUCH MORE!!

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Should Mont Zion United Church of Christ spend \$12000-17000 as part of a plumbing project which includes the following?

- Complete the youth restrooms
- Replace two drinking fountains
- Remove the third floor drinking fountain
- Convert the utility room sink in preparation for a new sink

Total project cost is quoted at \$52-\$57,000.

A grant of \$40,000 has been approved for the project and is included in the price.

Mt. Zion is responsible for the remainder as per grant approval.



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