

This Week at Mt. Zion

Sunday	19	PINK OUT 3:00 PM - Wild Bill Corriher Celebration of Life Service
Monday	20	5:20 & 6:30 PM - Camp Gladiator 5:30-7:00 PM - Pickleball
Tuesday	21	5:20 & 6:30 PM - Camp Gladiator 5:30-7:00 PM - Pickleball
Wednesday	22	10:00 AM - JOY Club trip to Wilkes County 10:00-12:00 PM - Lectionary Group 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	23	5:20 & 6:30 PM - Camp Gladiator
Saturday	25	5:00-6:00 PM - TRUCK OR TREAT

October Sexton Volunteer
Jeff Safrt

October 19 -
Scriptures - Psalm 65,
Luke 18:9-14,
Sermon - God loves Sitters!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Mt. Zion Blood Drive has been CANCELED for October 19. Red Cross should be in contact with those that had appointments. Please watch your bulletins and newsletters for an upcoming drive. Thank you for your understanding.



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United Church of Christ

BAPTISM SUNDAY

OCTOBER 19, 2025

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ORDER OF WORSHIP		
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	†	October 19, 2025
<i>"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."</i>		
Words of Greeting	<i>In Prayer and Meditation Let Us Prepare our Hearts for Worship through God's gift of Music</i>	
Prelude	"Lift Thine Eyes"	Susan Trivette
*Responsive Call to Worship	Psalms 121	(Leader and People)
(1) I look to the hills! Where will I find help?		
(2) It will come from the Lord, who created heaven and earth.		
(3) The Lord is your protector, and he won't go to sleep or let you stumble.		
(4) The protector of Israel doesn't doze or ever get drowsy.		
(5) The Lord is your protector, there at your right side to shade you from the sun.		
(6) You won't be harmed by the sun during the day or by the moon at night.		
(7) The Lord will protect you and keep you safe from all dangers.		
(8) The Lord will protect you now and always wherever you go.		
*Hymn	<i>"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"</i>	60
*Prayer of Invocation	(Unison) We have gathered here, O Lord, to find help in You. You are our Protector and we praise You for all You have done in our lives. Receive our worship this day. Amen.	
*Gloria Patri	<i>"Glory Be to the Father"</i>	805
*Scripture Reading	Luke 18	(Leader and People)
Jesus told his disciples a story about how they should keep on praying and never give up:		
(2) In a town there was once a judge who didn't fear God or care about people.		
(3) In that same town there was a widow who kept going to the judge and saying, "Make sure that I get fair treatment in court."		
(4) For a while the judge refused to do anything. Finally, he said to himself, "Even though I don't fear God or care about people,		
(5) I will help this widow because she keeps on bothering me.		
If I don't help her, she will wear me out." (6) The Lord said: Think about what the		
crooked judge said.		

Offertory	<i>"I Love to Tell the Story"</i>	Susan Trivette (page 2)
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- *Choral Congregational Response

"Doxology"

809
- *Offering Prayer {for offerings given in person, Online and by mail}

Thank You God for the way You insist on blessing our lives. Guide our church as we use these offerings to bless the lives of others.

Amen.
- *Hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

609
- *Benediction
- *Benediction Response

"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

(vs. 3) 470
- *Postlude

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past "

Susan Trivette
- *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, 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!"



Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Wild Bill Corriher family. Wild Bill Corriher, passed away Thursday, October 9 surrounded by his family. The Celebration of Life Service will be at 3 p.m. today in the Mt Zion UCC sanctuary with burial immediately following the service. Wild Bill's family is so grateful for the outpouring of cards, visits, calls, texts, emails, and more from those who loved them and loved him. May we continue to remember them in prayer and then gather with them to offer them strength in community and sympathy from their family in Christ.

Congratulations to Sarah and Andrew Meadows on the baptism of their daughter, Mary Catherine Lynnette Meadows. The flowers on the altar are placed in her honor and to the glory of God.

During the Sunday, October 12 Congregational meeting, the motion was made to approve the spending of \$12,000-\$17,000 as part of a plumbing project totaling between \$52,000 and \$57,000. A grant of \$40,000 has been received. After the motion was seconded, the motion carried.

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.**

Men's Fellowship
The Mt. Zion Men's Fellowship will meet for breakfast, beginning at 8:00am, Saturday, October 25. Our project will be spreading fire ant Killer in Greenlawn Cemetery. If you have fire ant killer that you would graciously like to donate, please contact Clark Corriher.

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.

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



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