

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
1220 W Main St.
Mt. Zion, IL 62549
(217) 864-4813



April 2016



From the Pastor's Heart

I have some good news about your future. Yesterday is behind you. What's done is done, and it's important for you to take what you have learned from the past and just move on. Today is a brand new opportunity, a blank canvas, an unwritten page...just waiting to see. All that needs to happen right now is for you to do all the amazing things you are capable of. You can't change a thing about the past, but you can change absolutely everything about the future.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Ted A.

Sermon Topics

- April 10th Sermon – Confirmation
- April 17th Sermon – “The Shepherd and the Circle” - Psalm 23
Synopsis: Psalm 23 invites us to focus on a Changeless God amid the many Changes of Life.
- April 24th Earth Day – “What are you leaving Behind” Psalm 8
Synopsis: What ecological footprint are you leaving behind?
- May 1st Music Sunday

3/31/2016

Calendar - Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

mtzunitedmethodist.com

<http://www.mtzunitedmethodist.com/calendar/>

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Food Cart Sunday Blended Service 9:00 am Chat & Snack 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Confirmation Class (L) 7:00 pm	4 Lunch Bunch 11:00 am Sew Happy Stitchers (MPR) 6:00 pm Worship Team Mtg (BR) 6:30 pm	5 Confirmation Class @ Salvation Army Food Pantry Mtg (JP) 6:30 pm Boy Scout Committee Mtg (Mark) 7:00 pm	6 Women With a View Bible Study (CR) 8:30 am Handbell Practice (CHR) 5:45 pm AWANA 6:30 pm Choir Practice (S) 6:30 pm Youth (CR) 7:45 pm	7 Bear Den 1 (MK) 6:00 pm Tiger Den 3 (M) 6:00 pm Webelos Den 3 (L) 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (MPR) 7:00 pm	8	9 Sew Happy Stitchers (MPR) 9:00 am
10 Communion Confirmation Sunday Blended Service 9:00 am Chat & Snack 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am YAGI (CR) 10:30 am 2nd Sunday (MPR, K) 5:30 pm	11 Lunch Bunch 11:00 am Elder Abuse Seminar (MPR) 7:00 pm	12 Ice Cream Social Mtg (M) 6:30 pm Pre-School Board Mtg (M) 6:30 pm Venturing Crew (BR) 7:00 pm	13 Women With a View Bible Study (CR) 8:30 am Handbell Practice (CHR) 5:45 pm AWANA 6:30 pm Choir Practice (S) 6:30 pm Youth (CR) 7:45 pm	14 Bear Den 1 (MK) 6:00 pm Tiger Den (CR) 6:00 pm Webelos Den 3 (L) 6:00 pm Wolf Den 1 (M) 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (MPR) 7:00 pm	15	16 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am Food Pantry Open 9:00 am Personal Shower (MPR, K) 1:00 pm
17 Blended Service 9:00 am Chat & Snack 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am	18 Lunch Bunch 11:00 am Sew Happy Stitchers (MPR) 6:00 pm	19	20 Women With a View Bible Study (CR) 8:30 am Handbell Practice (CHR) 5:45 pm AWANA 6:30 pm Choir Practice (S) 6:30 pm Youth (CR) 7:45 pm	21 Bear Den 1 (MK) 6:00 pm Tiger Den 3 (M) 6:00 pm Webelos Den 3 (L) 6:00 pm Book Club 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (MPR) 7:00 pm	22	23
24 Bible Bowl @ EBC-BImington Earth Day Blended Service 9:00 am Chat & Snack 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am YAGI (CR) 10:30 am	25 Lunch Bunch 11:00 am ADMIN Mtg 7:00 pm	26 American Red Cross Blood Drive 2:30 pm Venturing Crew (BR) 7:00 pm	27 Women With a View Bible Study (CR) 8:30 am Handbell Practice (CHR) 5:45 pm AWANA 6:30 pm Choir Practice (S) 6:30 pm Youth (CR) 7:45 pm	28 Bear Den 1 (MK) 6:00 pm Webelos Den 3 (L) 6:00 pm Wolf Den 1 (M) 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (MPR) 7:00 pm	29	30

Confirmation

On April 10th four young people who have been attending membership class and have accepted Christ will be Confirmed. They will lead in worship and two of them will be baptized. Four of our adults have served as mentors and Stephen Beller has co-taught the class with Pastor Ted A.. The confirmands will also serve communion that day. Name of Confirmands and Mentors will be shared in May's newsletter.

Music Sunday



You will not want to miss church on May 1st. You will also want to bring guests. Our whole worship experience will be around music. There will be choir selections, vocal and instrumental solos, bell choir and other surprises. See you with guests on May 1st!

Do You Like To Knit Or Crochet?
Want To Use Up Your Leftover Yarn?
Is Spending Time With Others In Fellowship, Your Thing?
Would You Like To Be Part Of A New Ministry?

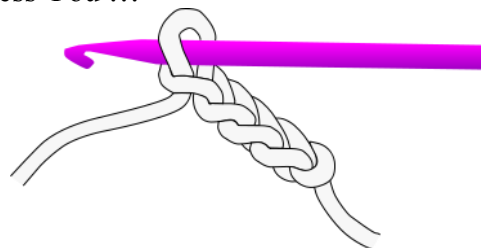
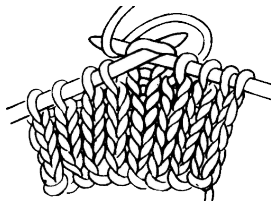
If your answer is yes, yes, yes and yes then you may want to join the "Prayer Squares" group. If you have a friend that knits or crochets, invite them along.

You may remember the prayer shawls given to those needing comfort? Then you know what this is about. Instead of a shawl, we knit or crochet a five inch square with perhaps a cross, heart or other symbol in it that can be carried in a pocket or purse. Prayers go into the creating of each piece. When done they will be blessed by Pastor Ted A. and kept at the church for when needed. He can take them to the hospital or when visiting a shut in, etc. You yourself may know of someone to personally take one to. We may even come up with new ideas of where they could be sent.

Want to know more, call me (Christine Forbes at 620-3579) or find me at church. When we get a few who are interested we will set a date to meet, discuss more about our plans and listen to everyone's suggestions. Go online and search prayer squares or go to Pinterest to get ideas.

Each square can have a card attached to it that says something like this:

Lay this softly upon your palm,
Feel God's Grace, His Love, His calm.
Lift your cares and joys in prayer;
Drawing peace from this little square.
May the Lord Bless You ...



GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
TUESDAY APRIL 26, 2016
2:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

PLEASE NOTE ACCORDING TO RED CROSS WORKING GUIDELINES, THE CREW ARE NOT ALLOWED TO START DRAWING BLOOD BEFORE 2:30 PM, NOR CAN THEY START TO DRAW PAST 6:30 PM. HOPEFULLY THIS WILL HELP WHEN SCHEDULING YOUR APPOINTMENTS

AS MENTIONED BEFORE, DUE TO THE DESPARATE NEED FOR BLOOD, OUR CHURCH WAS ASKED TO HAVE AN EXTRA DRIVE THIS YEAR WHICH WE AGREED TO - SEE ABOVE.DATE/TIME

GOOD NEWS!

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DONATED FEBRUARY 23RD, WHICH WAS 9 WEEKS AGO AS A REGULAR DONOR (NOT DOUBLES)

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO DONATE AGAIN AT THIS DRIVE IF YOU DESIRE AND FEEL LIKE SHARING AGAIN!

ALSO THOSE WHO WERE DEFERRED IN FEBRUARY, YOU MAY TRY AGAIN CORRECTING IF POSSIBLE ANY PROBLEM YOU WERE TOLD KEPT YOU FROM DONATING. OUR GOAL IS 30 BUT WE'LL TAKE MORE!

THE COMPUTER SIGN-UP IS AVAILABLE NOW. GO TO redcrossblood.org - register as donor on time you prefer. (WB is regular, RBC is if you donate 'doubles')

I WILL HAVE THE SIGN-UP SHEET AT CHURCH THE SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, HOWEVER IF YOU PREFER TO GET ON THE SCHEDULE NOW YOU MAY SCHEDULE YOURSELF OR CALL ME WITH YOUR NAME, PHONE #, TIME DESIRED, AND I WILL ENTER ON COMPUTER FOR YOU

THE OTHER NEED ALSO IMPORTANT PLEASE REMEMBER WE DO NEED HELP WITH DONATED COOKIES, SANDWICHES, JUICES AS WELL AS THOSE TO WORK DURING THE DRIVE

THE AMOUNT OF FOOD TO DONATE IS NOT A LARGE AMOUNT, THE WORKING HOURS ARE IN SHIFTS OF JUST 2 HOURS PLEASE - PLEASE ALSO CONSIDER HELPING IN THIS MANNER - ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DONATE BLOOD

THANKS AND THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR MANY WAYS OF ASSISTING WITH THIS GREAT NEED AND MISSION

sandyfriesner
Mt Zion UMC coordinator



Our church MTZ UMC helps serve noon meal at Good Samaritan Inn the second Thursday of every month, we serve from 11:30 to 1:00.

If you would like to be on the calling list, please contact Helen Brown at 217-864-2698. Leave a message and phone # and I will get back to you, or catch me at church. We need to be there at least by 11:15 that day.

Big thanks to those who have been helping. They seem to really enjoy doing so. Good fellowship too.

Blessings!

Helen Brown

**Statistics
March 2016**

Date	Attendance	Offering
March 6th	85	\$4,645
March 13 th	109	\$2,064
March 20 th	75	\$4,195
March 27 th	145	\$3,315

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Anniversaries



04/09	YOUNG, Tom & Karen
04/13	PRATHER, Alex & Barb
04/17	GETZ, Corey & Whitney
04/26	SMOTHERS, Jeffery & Julie
04/27	CHILDRESS, Eric

April Birthdays



04/03	HARDING, Patricia
04/05	BENNETT, Michael
04/11	YOUNG, Karen
04/20	WOOD, Catrina
04/21	HOLLINGSWORTH, John
04/29	GLOVACKI, Judy

******* Newsletter Address: To submit articles for the newsletter, please submit them by the 25th of each month! Email them to: mtzionumc_newsletter@yahoo.com**