

June Disciples in Action

4th – Day of Pentecost (red)

Reader: Cindy Misenheimer
Flowers: June Almond
Communion Prep: Cindy Misenheimer
Communion Assistant: Cindy Misenheimer

11th – Holy Trinity Sunday (white)

Reader: ?
Flowers: June Almond
Communion Prep: ?
Communion Assistant: ?

18th – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Reader: Libby Palmer
Flowers: June Almond
Communion Prep: ?
Communion Assistant: ?

25th – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Reader: Wayne Mills
Flowers: June Almond

Fold Bulletins: Peggy Roseman
Lawn Care: Jim Barringer
ALTAR GUILD: Carrie Barbee, Mary Manus
Cindy Misenheimer, Laura Smith

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June 2017 – Glad Tidings

To submit articles to the newsletter contact Pastor Ruth Ann or Chrissy Chandler or leave them in the mailbox outside the Pastor's office. All submissions must be in by the Friday before the last Sunday of the month.

- SCCM item for JUNE: Canned Vegetables – corn, green beans, peas, carrots, beans

ANNIVERSARIES:

4 – Rich & Kay Cosgrove – 47
19 – Dan & Beth Huber – 35
21 – Micheal & Chrissy Chandler – 20
28 – Andrew & Jenny Misenheimer – 3

BIRTHDAYS:

1 – June Almond
2 – Steve Robertson
3 – Kenneth Huneycutt
11 – Sandy Phillips
17 – Kirby Gordon
18 – Tommy Roseman
19 – Kellie Roseman
20 – Rusty Shoe

Thank You:

- + to everyone who helped with our recent **Give and Take Event**.
- + to **Angie Lefler** for leading **Midweek Prayer** on May 10.
- + to **June Almond and Cynthia Mills** for agreeing to represent Mt. Zion at the NC Synod Assembly June 2-3.

We extend our Christian sympathy...

to **Dan & Beth Huber** and family, following the recent death of Dan's mother Beverly Huber. *Even though they grieve, may they always trust in the sure and certain promise of the Resurrection to eternal life.*

Congratulations...

to **Kay and Rich Cosgrove** who have been recognized by **Lutheran Services Carolinas** as members of the Shepherd Volunteer Society for their work at **Trinity Oaks** in Salisbury.

Do you know someone we should thank, congratulate, or offer our sympathy?

Please tell Chrissy Chandler or Pastor Ruth Ann, because we don't want to overlook anyone!

Council Highlights:

During the regular May meeting, the congregation council:

- + Approved minutes from the April council meeting
- + Received the treasurer's report for April. Noted that our annual insurance bill and copier contract are paid, but expenses have been higher than giving and our general fund balance is low.
- + Received the pastor's report including prayer concerns and upcoming events.
- + Reviewed the proposed calendar for June.
- + Approved a building use request for Civitans.
- + Discussed the upcoming meeting on yoking to be held June 8 at Mt. Gilead/Mt. Pleasant.
- + Discussed planned repair to the chimes. There is apparently a short in the speaker wiring in the bell tower. Replacement wire has been ordered.
- + Received a quote for some options to update the sidewalk sign and tabled a decision at this time.
- + Voted not to renew our video license from CVLI.
- + Discussed ongoing projects.

Financial Update for April 2017:

Annual Budget	\$ 112,300.00
April Regular Giving	7,738.10
April Actual Expenses	<u>(8,446.13)</u>
	\$ (708.03)
YTD Deficit	\$ (6,194.56)

Note: our annual insurance bill and copier contract have both been paid.

Other Updates:

Some of the RSV pew bibles which were recently replaced are available in the front pew of the sanctuary. *Anyone who would like to have one or more of these is encouraged to give them a new home!*

Our next **Backpack Buddies** delivery to North Stanly Middle School will be June 9.

We will receive a special **Second Sunday Offering** on June 11th for the Building Fund.

Please give information for the July Glad Tidings newsletter to Chrissy Chandler or Pastor Ruth Ann by Friday, June 30th.

Kids Celebrate children's bulletins, **Glad Tidings** newsletters and **ELCA Prayer Ventures** for June, and **Christ in Our Home** devotionals for April, May, and June are all available in the narthex.

Look for more information soon about our next Give & Take Event!

Do you shop Amazon.com?

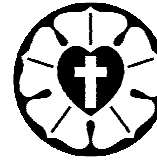
Please use smile.amazon.com instead and support Mt. Zion as you shop!



The donation does not add to the cost of your purchase; it comes from Amazon's profit. *Simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1506927> or smile.amazon.com and select Mt. Zion and .05% of your purchase will be given to Mt. Zion!*

June Events:

Members of Mt. Zion will also provide the evening meal for **Community Inn** on June 4.



Our weekly Bible Study will meet on Tuesday night June 6 at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday afternoon June 7 at 1:00 p.m. after Midweek Prayer. After that, we will take a break in our Ever-Reforming study for the summer.

Midweek Prayer begins each Wednesday at noon. We gather to pray for all those on our prayer list and everyone in the congregation by name. *Even if you can't be here, please join us in prayer at 12:12 p.m., remembering Romans 12:12: Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.*



The **Christian Education Committee** will meet on Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Congregation council will meet on Sunday, June 11. Breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. The meeting follows at 7:30 a.m.

Women of the ELCA will meet Monday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m.



Join Pastors Ruth Ann and Ray for a **One-Day Prayer Retreat** June 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will gather here at Mt. Zion to experience a variety of ways to pray. Members of St. Stephen's/Gold Hill, Mt. Gilead/Mt. Pleasant, and St. Martin/Concord have been invited to join us. Lunch will be provided. *Let Pastor Ruth Ann know if you plan to attend.*

A **Stanly Community Christian Ministry / Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry** will be here at Mt. Zion on June 29 and again on August 31. Another local congregation is sponsoring these events, but more volunteers are always needed! *If you can help, please plan to arrive about 8:00 a.m. We should be finished by noon.*



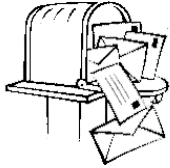
Choir and handbell practice will return in the fall.



New on the Bulletin Board:

- + A recent article from **The Stanly News and Press** about renovations at the **Stanly Community Christian Ministry** Food Pantry, made possible by grants from the Cannon Foundation and Stanly County Community Foundation and a sizeable gift from Friendship UMC.
- + The June edition of **Voices**, which contains the 2016 annual report for **Lutheran Services Carolinas**.
- + The latest **Link**, with information on fall and winter programs for campers of all ages at **Lutheridge** and **Lutherock** in NC, **Lutheranch** in GA, and **Luther Springs** in FL.

FROM THE MAILBOX



Our Christmas gift of \$487.00 to Heifer International purchased biogas stoves, tree seedlings, bees, fish, a pig, a water buffalo, and Joy to the World!

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for celebrating the holiday season with a gift from The Most Important Gift Catalog in the World...

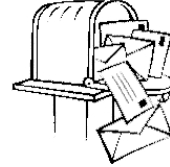
We are hard at work bringing lasting change to some of the poorest places on the planet. But none of our success would be possible without this unbreakable connection between the hardworking families we empower and generous friends like you. Together we are showing the world that when we join forces, there's nothing we can't change for the better.

Sincerely,

Pierre U. Ferrari

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President and CEO
Heifer International

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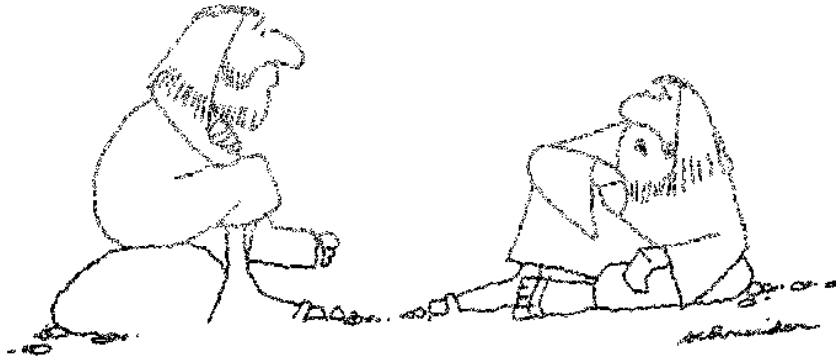


The Pregnancy Resource Center of Stanly County had a very successful Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser for 2017, thanks in large part to your church participation.

Through your congregation's generous donations, we can continue to offer the love, hope, and truth of Jesus Christ by befriending, educating, comforting, and supporting abortion-vulnerable adults and teens before, during, and after pregnancy.

Thank you for participating! Mt Zion Lutheran contributed \$1504.82. 57 local churches and groups participated and \$39,529 has been collected so far!

*If you would like to join others across the ELCA in daily prayer for specific concerns, including missionaries and other ministries of the church, pick up a copy of the June **Prayer Ventures** in the narthex.*



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"I don't know what to think—the weather bureau says snow, my big toe ways partly cloudy, and the Lord says forty days of rain."

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FROM THE MAILBOX



Thank you so much for recognizing my Aunt Willene's 101st birthday. She really appreciated the cards she got from members of the congregation.

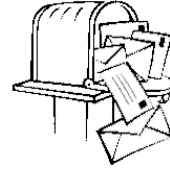
My sisters gave her a birthday party yesterday at the assisted living center. It's hard to believe she's 101, as she can probably 'out-walk' me. In honor of her 101st birthday, after cake and ice cream was served, they all viewed the Disney movie, **101 Dalmatians**...

I really look forward to receiving your electronic bulletin every week. Churches like Mt. Zion are the glue that helps hold small communities together.

Thank you for your caring and kind thoughts and prayers.

Tony Wagoner (Received via e-mail May 7)

FROM THE MAILBOX



Thank you for your donation of \$727.44 for the 2016 Stanly Community Christian Ministry **Caring and Sharing** program! The change that you donate in our little yellow cups truly changes lives. All money donated through this program is designated for direct client assistance in the areas of rent, utilities, medicine, and food.

In 2016 SCCM was able to help many neighbors in need:

- 675 households received assistance paying a utility bill
- 65 families received help with a rent or mortgage payment
- 79 people were provided with prescription medicine assistance
- 62,241 noon time meals were served at our Community Tables
- 4,324 households received groceries through our Food Pantry and TEFAP programs. Some families come every month and rely on these programs to meet their overall budgets.

At SCCM, we work daily to meet the basic needs of our neighbors in Stanly County. Your prayers and encouragement for the staff and volunteers that maintain these programs are treasured.

We serve a God of multiplication. We simply do not know the impact these gifts have on the families that receive them. We pray that the families that receive the services of SCCM are able to pass on a kind word or deed to someone else who may be facing a similar crisis. Caring and Sharing are truly the fundamental beliefs of our ministry.

SCCM is grateful for your participation and continued support of our ministry. Please accept our invitation to come by any of our locations during operating hours and take a tour... Thank you for continuing to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.

Sincerely,
Heather Kilde
Heather Kilde
Executive Director

FROM THE MAILBOX



On behalf of Stanly Community Christian Ministry, I am writing to express our gratitude for your March contribution of \$98.15.

Thanks to you we are able to provide 200 meals each day through our Community Tables in Albemarle and Norwood. We also provide about 1200 pounds of grocery assistance from our fantastic assortment of clothing at the Clothing Closet on Main Street. Your donation will help us maintain these programs and reach more neighbors in need every day.

Sincerely,
Heather Kilde
Heather Kilde
Executive Director

*Thank you for your
faithful support.*



*Mark your calendars now
and plan to attend our
Reformation 500
celebration at VBS 2017
July 30 – August 2!*

We received this message from Tim Honeycutt, chair of the council at St. Stephen's, following their vote on April 30 in favor of our trial yoking period for the summer:

St. Stephen's appreciates the vision of Mt. Zion and the congregation's willingness to work together to define the future of Lutheran ministry in Stanly and Cabarrus counties.

We understand it will not be easy and will not be without challenges as we work together under the leadership of our councils and Pastor Sipe. Prayer, Patience, Compassion, Strength and Understanding will be key as we actuate Change. As the puzzle comes together we value this outstanding opportunity to grow His ministry together.

We remain excited about what the future holds for our congregations and the NC Synod with respect to yoking initiatives.

A sincere Thank You from your brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Stephen's Gold Hill!

New Office Hours

Pastor Ruth Ann has some public office hours on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays in various locations in our community. She is normally in the church office Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ***Please stop by during those hours – or look for her out on Tuesdays or Thursdays - with any concerns or just to chat.***

You can also reach Pastor Ruth Ann on her cell phone: 704/322-0660 or by e-mail: pastor@mtzionrichfield.org or. *If you would like a visit, or know someone who should be visited, please let her know.*

God's Work. Our Hands. Update

If there is a theme in this month's newsletter, it is gratitude! We have recently received several letters of thanks for our financial assistance to local and global ministries like **Stanly Community Christian Ministries, Pregnancy Resource Center, and Heifer International.** We also received heartfelt thanks for our long-distance care for two of our members via an e-mail message. All of those are included in this newsletter and that gratitude continues on this page.

I also hear words of thanks expressed almost daily by many in our congregation and community who are on our prayer list or receive cards of sympathy or encouragement from our adult Sunday school class during difficult times.

What we do – the ways we express our faith and share God's love – matters to nearby neighbors and to people around the world! Thank you for your generosity and caring for others, which is expressed in so many different ways. Here are just a few of those many ways:

- + Thanks to everyone who prays regularly for the individuals, families, and ministries on our prayer list. Those prayers change both those who pray and those who are being prayed for.
- + Thanks to those who have contributed generously with financial and in-kind gifts to the ministries we support.
- + Thanks to those who knit and crochet items to warm and comfort others: prayer shawls, baby caps, fidget muffs, and other items.
- + Thanks to everyone who volunteers their time and energy to serve others individually and throughout our community in a wide range of settings.
- + Thanks to those folks who help by delivering the items we collect to Pregnancy Resource Center, Ronald McDonald House, and other ministries.
- + Thanks of course, to everyone who supports our congregation financially, through your prayers, and with your time and talents. You make it possible for us to continue to do **God's Work** with **Our Hands** in this place!

Gratefully,

Pastor Ruth Ann



This month, a question FROM the Pastor:

Would you attend a weekly Bible Study this summer with members of St. Stephen's on the Old Testament lessons we will read in worship?

Please tell Pastor Ruth Ann if you are interested!

Please share your questions with Pastor Ruth Ann so they can be answered here.

Recycling Reminder

Please continue to collect your aluminum cans from home and bring them to the church to support projects here. Remove and save the pull tabs and recycle the cans in the dark green can marked with the recycling label on top. The tabs support Ronald McDonald House and funds from the cans will go to the Mt. Zion Transient Fund.


Don't forget that other recyclable items (paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, glass jars, cans, etc.) used here at church should be rinsed and then placed in the brown bin for recycling, NOT placed in a trash can. ***Please read the information on the side of the can or posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen to be sure what items can be recycled.***

All trash should be bagged and placed in one of the two bright green, unmarked trash cans. PLEASE do not place any trash in the bins for recyclables!!

Manage Your Giving Online!

Secure online giving is available! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. You will no longer need to write out checks a year or prepare envelopes. And, when you are not able to attend worship, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

Visit www.mtzionrichfield.org and click on  to set up a one-time or recurring donation to our General Fund, Building Fund, Fifth Sunday Offering, or the Fisher Wilhelm Fund)

OR

simply scan this QR code with your smart phone to set up an online payment.



NOTE: Please use your bank routing number and checking account number to create an ACH transaction and avoid additional charges to the church which result from credit or debit card transactions.

To contribute to other funds, please use a special offering envelope, marked with the purpose of the donation, such as the Memorial Fund or other special appeal.

When the offering plate is passed, you may place an online giving card in the plate to participate in this act of worship. These cards are available in the pew racks.

From the Pastor:

*I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.*

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We do love to tell the stories, especially the familiar ones. But not all of the important stories from the bible are familiar to each of us. If asked, many of us might struggle to even place some familiar names from scripture, like Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and Noah in the correct chronological order. *

This summer and fall, beginning with the creation account from Genesis on Holy Trinity Sunday, we will be reading a series of semi-continuous Old Testament passages during worship. We will not read the entire Old Testament, but we will read many of the old, familiar stories from Genesis and Exodus in order.

We will hear about Noah and the great flood, Abraham the patriarch of our faith, and hear God speak to Moses from the burning bush, saying "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." (Exodus 3:6)

This is an opportunity for both children and adults to learn about these stories for the very first time or to revisit familiar passages. I hope that by the end of the season after Pentecost we will all agree with Katherine Hankey:

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old, story that I have loved so long.*

Hearing the story together,

+ *Pastor Ruth Ann*

* Could you do it? These key Old Testament characters appear in Genesis and Exodus in this order: Noah, Abraham, Joseph, and Moses.

Mt Zion Lutheran Church

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes: <i>Backpack Buddies distribution at NSMS is scheduled for June 9</i>				1	2	3
				Pastor Pre-Assembly	Ruth Ann in Greensboro Event & NC Synod	for Assembly
4 Day of Pentecost 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion 6:30 pm Community Inn Meal	5 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	6 Outside Office Hours 7:00 pm Bible Study	7 10:00 am Pastor's Office Hours 12:00 noon Midweek Prayer 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Christian Ed Committee	8	9 10:00 am Pastor's Office Hours	10 Meeting Room Reserved (am)
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