

# MT ZION UMC

## FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

If someone asks you, “Why do you go to church?” what would you say? Here’s a brief description that may help:

Each Sunday morning the people of Mt. Zion gather in the main part of the church building (called the sanctuary) for the purpose of worshiping God. Worship is focusing on God, keeping God first-place in our lives. The reason Christians call this time a “service” is that we serve God with all our acts of worship.

At the front of our sanctuary is a large stained glass window depicting Jesus as the “Good Shepherd.” This window helps remind us that our great hope rests in the person of Jesus Christ, whom we honor as God’s only begotten Son. We believe Jesus came to earth, as a man, in order to bring about the restoration of all God’s creation—especially human beings, whom God created in God’s image.

Worship at Mt. Zion includes many different activities. The Choir leads us in singing songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. Some songs (or hymns) have been around a long time; others are newer. But all of them help us focus on God. Each service includes a special time for children to come to the front of the church and hear a lesson designed to help them grow in their faith.

We believe that giving is also an act of worship. In the middle of each service we set aside time to receive tithes (one-tenth of a person’s income) and offerings.

Each Sunday morning we hear the proclamation of God’s Word. This is done by reading from the Bible, as well as through our pastor’s preaching. Preaching at Mt. Zion covers many different topics, yet its purpose is always to help God’s people grow in their understanding of God, that they may be strong in faith and good deeds, and thereby accomplish God’s will in their lives.

The service concludes with a time of contemplation and a closing song (hymn). The pastor dismisses us with a special prayer called a benediction. After that, we go practice being Christians.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Craig



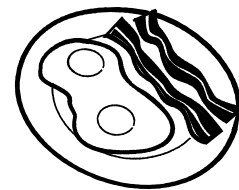
Saturday, February 11

7:00—9:30 a.m.

Enjoy scrambled eggs, country ham, bacon, grits, biscuits, with homemade apples & jellies.

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