

"Get in Good Trouble" The Honorable John Robert Lewis In Memoriam

A Rublication of Mt. Zion Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Rev. Paul Hobson Sadler, Sr., Senior Pastor

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR AND TEACHER



Oaks of Righteousness

In the 61st chapter of the book of Isaiah, the prophet speaks of God's people as "Oaks of Righteousness, the planting of the Lord." His writing was to encourage Jews that Jerusalem, which was in ruins, would one day be restored. He is telling them that on the day of restoration, God's people would be giants of righteousness and dwell in peace.

In July, our nation lost some "Oaks of Righteousness." Congressman John Lewis and Rev. C.T. Vivian, two pioneers of the Civil Rights Movement, departed this life on July 17. Their lives, and their commitment to the cause of justice, have paved the way for us. Our lives are made better by their sacrifice. Mt. Zion experienced the loss of one of our "Oaks of Righteousness," when Mother Ruth Browder passed away on July 30. "Ms. Ruth" was born into a family with generational roots as members of the Mt. Zion family. We will miss her dearly, but the legacy of her quiet yet powerful presence will remain with us.

In this issue of *The Spire*, we are excited to celebrate the 2020 class of Mt. Zion's "Living Legends." In March, the Women's fellowship had to cancel their Phenomenal Women Legends Luncheon, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Since we were unable to acknowledge the commitment and service of these phenomenal women, we are excited to celebrate them now. A virtual luncheon via Zoom is being planned

for September. Until then, please join me in congratulating these six mighty women of God. Our first-ever Zoom Vacation Bible School was a great success!!! Special thanks to VBS directors Grady and Dr. Melissa Burrows; our adult class teachers, Rev. Ray and Cindy Banks; our craft teachers, Leslie Oliver and Deacon Verona Gardner, and to Mt. Zion's Poet Laureate, Linda Green, for sharing their gifts with us each night. Please remember that Youth Church takes place each Sunday at 12:30 p.m. during the Zoom Coffee Hour.

We are grateful to God for the tremendous work of our Bountiful Harvest ministry. Last month, we fed two hundred families. Please join us on Thursday, August 6, and the first Thursdays of September and October, as we provide fresh fruit and produce for our community. On Thursday, August 13, GriefShare will begin its Fall 2020 session via Zoom. GriefShare is a phenomenal bereavement support program. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, please register for GriefShare to get the needed help and support.

We are excited about the Christian Business League's Annual Michael G. Shinn Memorial Golf Outing that will take place on September 12 at the Black Brook Golf Club in Mentor, OH. This year, we honor Mr. Robert P. Madison, AIA, the first registered African American architect in the state of Ohio. We are looking for golfers and volunteers to join in, making this golf outing a great success. To register, click the link found in the Weekly Update.

On Sunday, September 13, our Annual Stewardship Commitment Campaign will begin. In August, you will receive your 2021 Commitment cards in the mail. They will also be available for you to download and print as a part of the Weekly Update. Once again, I want to take this time to thank all of Mt. Zion members for your generous support of God's church. Your extraordinary commitment to God is evidenced by your monetary resources in support of the great works that God is doing at Mt. Zion. On Tuesday, September 15, JOBS will begin its Fall 2020 session. We are looking for students and mentors. Please follow the Weekly Update for registration information.

The Christian Business League will also host their September Faith and Finance Event via

Zoom on September 25. Our speaker will be former NBA star and Warrensville Heights Mayor, Bradley Sellers. Please follow the Weekly Updates for more information. We are so grateful for the "Oaks of Righteousness" who make it possible for Mt. Zion to be found pleasing in God's sight. I pray God's richest blessings upon each of you as we live through the challenges of this present age. We know the words of the Apostle Paul are true and can be trusted. Let us rest in this assurance.

"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us." Romans 8:18

Peace and Love,

In the know at Mt. Zion...

August 2 @ 12:30pm EACH SUNDAY

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR & CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL

via Zoom

August 6 @ 4pm BOUNTIFUL HARVEST Drive Through Produce Giveaway Mt. Zion Parking Lot

> August 13 @ 6:30pm GriefShare Fall Session via Zoom

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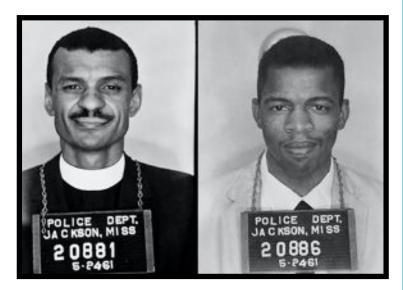
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Is creative writing one of your talents?
If yes, email samples of your writing to
Lady Kim.
We welcome skilled writers to cover
Mt. Zion events.

The Passing of Two Icons







The dawn of each new day brings happiness and sadness. America lost two icons on July 17, Congressman John Robert Lewis and Rev. Dr. C. T. Vivian. These two men had the courage of David as they fought Goliath in the form of racism, segregation and bigotry. Some people are probably asking, "What is the big deal about these two men?" Clearly, they didn't know what they stood for or they were too young or unborn when the struggles for which they fought was on the nightly news.

Here are a few things about Congressman John Robert Lewis:

√ During the civil rights struggle, Lewis was arrested approximately 40 times?

√ Lewis was the youngest speaker at the March on Washington in 1963? He was 23 years old.

√ Lewis suffered a fractured skull as a result of being beaten while leading the March from Selma to Montgomery in 1965? It was that march that enabled the Voting Rights Act to be addressed and put into law?

Here are a few items about Rev. Dr. C. T. Vivian:

√ Vivian co-founded the Nashville Leadership Conference to organize the sit-ins in Nashville and took part in the Freedom Rides

√ Vivian was a close friend and lieutenant of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the civil rights movement.

√ In 1947, Vivian participated in his first non-violent action to end segregation at lunch counters in Peoria.

√ Vivian was beaten bloody by Sheriff Jim Clark while trying to register black voters in Selma, Alabama. This action led to the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965 which became known as "Bloody Sunday."

"Before the Voting Rights Act, an estimated 23 percent of African Americans were registered to vote. This act banned literary tests, poll taxes and other methods to disenfranchise African Americans from exercising their constitutional rights. In 2013, the Supreme Court struck down a key provision of the Voting Rights Act, ruling 5-4 in Shelby v. Holder that it was unconstitutional to require states with a history of voter discrimination to seek federal approval before changing their election laws. In the wake of the Court's decision, a number of states passed new restrictions on voting, including limiting early voting and requiring voters to show photo ID. Supporters argue such measures are designed to prevent voter fraud, while critics say they—like poll taxes and literacy tests before them—disproportionately affect poor, elderly, Black and Latino voters."

Now it is our turn to have the courage of Esther and David to face an election that will undoubtedly change the course of every person living in America.

Get your ballot early! If you can, take it to the Board of Elections. If you must mail it, mail it early. Be aware that this administration has cut funds from the Postal Service and there will be delays in ballots getting to the Board of Elections — yet another means to disenfrancise the vote of people of color.

Together, You Can Redeem the Soul of Our Nation By John Lewis

Mr. Lewis, the civil rights leader who died on July 17, wrote this essay shortly before his death, to be published upon the day of his funeral,

July 30, 2020

From the New York Times



While my time here has now come to an end, I want you to know that in the last days and hours of my life you inspired me. You filled me with hope about the next chapter of the great American story when you used your power to make a difference in our society. Millions of people motivated simply by human compassion laid down the burdens of division. Around the country and the world you set aside race, class, age, language and nationality to demand respect for human dignity.

That is why I had to visit Black Lives Matter Plaza in Washington, though I was admitted to the hospital the following day. I just had to see and feel it for myself that, after many years of silent witness, the truth is still marching on.

Emmett Till was my George Floyd. He was my Rayshard Brooks, Sandra Bland and Breonna Taylor. He was 14 when he was killed, and I was only 15 years old at the time. I will never ever forget the moment when it became so clear that he could easily have been me. In those days, fear constrained us like an imaginary prison, and troubling thoughts of potential brutality committed for no understandable reason were the bars.

Though I was surrounded by two loving parents, plenty of brothers, sisters and cousins, their love could not protect me from the unholy oppression waiting just outside that family circle. Unchecked, unrestrained violence and government-sanctioned terror had the power to turn a simple stroll to the store for some Skittles or an innocent morning jog down a lonesome country road into a nightmare. If we are to survive as one unified nation, we must discover what so readily takes root in our hearts that could rob Mother Emanuel Church in South Carolina of her brightest and best, shoot unwitting concertgoers in Las Vegas and choke to death the hopes and dreams of a gifted violinist like Elijah McClain.

Like so many young people today, I was searching for a way out, or some might say a way in, and then I heard the voice of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on an old radio. He was talking about the philosophy and discipline of nonviolence. He said we are all complicit when we tolerate injustice. He said it is not enough to say it will get better by and by. He said each of us has a moral obligation to stand up, speak up and speak out. When you see something that is not right, you must say something. You must do something. Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part to help build what we called the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself.

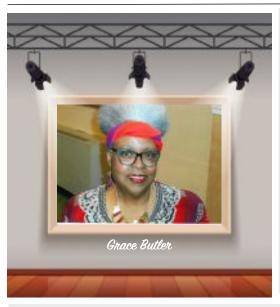
Ordinary people with extraordinary vision can redeem the soul of America by getting in what I call good trouble, necessary trouble. Voting and participating in the democratic process are key. The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society. You must use it because it is not guaranteed. You can lose it.

You must also study and learn the lessons of history because humanity has been involved in this soul-wrenching, existential struggle for a very long time. People on every continent have stood in your shoes, through decades and centuries before you. The truth does not change, and that is why the answers worked out long ago can help you find solutions to the challenges of our time. Continue to build union between movements stretching across the globe because we must put away our willingness to profit from the exploitation of others.

Though I may not be here with you, I urge you to answer the highest calling of your heart and stand up for what you truly believe. In my life I have done all I can to demonstrate that the way of peace, the way of love and nonviolence is the more excellent way. Now it is your turn to let freedom ring.

When historians pick up their pens to write the story of the 21st century, let them say that it was your generation who laid down the heavy burdens of hate at last and that peace finally triumphed over violence, aggression and war. So I say to you, walk with the wind, brothers and sisters, and let the spirit of peace and the power of everlasting love be your guide.

Mt. Zion's 2020 Living Legends



Grace Butler has epitomized unparalleled strength, remarkable courage, extraordinary sacrifice and overwhelming faith. She has one son, three beautiful grandchildren and a new great-grandchild. Grace is the matriarch of her family and strongly believes in keeping her family strong and in tact. For nearly 35 years, she has worked at University Hospital as an Accounts Payable Specialist and was celebrated for her service with an awards dinner at her 25th anniversary. Being a woman who strives to live a life of service that is pleasing to God, Grace immediately began her mission to be of service at Mt. Zion. She joined the Voices of Praise to give glory to God with her strong and resonate tenor voice. She wanted to give back to the community so she joined the Women's Fellowship and works diligently with the monthly Community Meals and Bountiful Harvest Produce Giveaway. Grace volunteered to be the Women's Fellowship's representative to the Mission and Outreach Committee. Happily, Grace accepted the role and responsibilities of being the president of the October Birthday Team. Additionally, she serves on the Constitution Committee. Her favorite scripture is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Mollieta Helvey Dorsey is the daughter of the late Edgar and Lillian Helvey. She was born into Mt. Zion and has been a lifelong member. Mollieta was baptized by the Reverend Joseph Evans when Mt. Zion was located at the Cedar YMCA. She holds fond memories of Mt. Zion's current location as shared with her by her father. Mollieta is a product of the Cleveland Public Schools. She graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and from Cleveland State University with a Master of Science degree in Education. She retired from the Cleveland Municipal Schools after 37 years of dedicated service. There she taught all 12 grades and served as a scheduler and an administrator. Retirement allowed her to serve her church as an ordained Deacon a former chairperson of the Board. She is currently the Kitchen Coordinator and chairperson of the Hospitality Committee. Deacon Mollieta is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and has been a member of six choirs at Mt. Zion, most recently, the Voices of Praise. She has been a member of many organizations in the church including Sisters in the Spirit. Most importantly, she is the mother of one son, Joseph, mother-in-law to Pamela and grandmother of "her joy," Joseph, Jr.





Ann Gibson has been a faithful member of Mt. Zion for 37 years. She has given of her time and talents by lifting her voice in song when she became a member of Mt. Zion's first gospel choir, The Inspirational Choir and also as a member of the Chancel Choir. Today, she continues to praise the Lord in song as a member of the Voices of Praise. A relentless worker, Ann extends Mt. Zion's "extravagant welcome" with her smile and greeting as a member of the Usher Board. As a member of the former TMTM Junior, Ann planned numerous successful fundraisers for Mt. Zion. Today, she continues to raise funds for Mt. Zion and no one at Mt. Zion ever tells Ann, "No thank you," when she places a ticket in their hand! Over the years, Ann became an ordained Deacon and is known as Deacon Ann. She was elected and served as Church Treasurer and as a member of the Board of Trustees. A born leader, Deacon Ann chairs the annual Women's Day program for the Women's Fellowship and is the chief architect for the 2020 Living Legends program. Those who attend the Wednesday Morning Bible Study know Deacon Ann as "the Martha Stewart of party planning." She hosts their Spring Picnic and the Christmas Party. These events are planned with excellent themes and are full of games, gifts and great fun! Ann, also a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta, Incorporated, loves giving of her time as a volunteer and will do so whenever she is needed.

Mt. Zion's 2020 Living Legends



On September 10, 1952, at the Lloyd Nolan Hospital in Fairfield, Alabama, Cassandra Jones was born to two proud parents, William and Fannie Jones. Cass attended Jefferson County public schools in Fairfield and graduated from high school in 1970. In 1974, Cass relocated to Cleveland. With a desire to be in the health field, she continued her education at the Manpower Vocational School, where she graduated with a certificate as a Nursing Assistant and a certificate in Psychiatry. To further fulfill her goal in the health field, Cass enrolled in a program at the Cleveland Clinic to become a Dialysis Technician. Upon completing the program, she worked at Mt. Sinai Hospital in the Kidney Dialysis Center. On April 14, 1979, Cass was joined in marriage to Jesse T. Green. To this union, two sons were born, William and Javares. After raising her sons, Cass returned to the workplace and became a certified Home Health Aide with the Visiting Nurses Association, from where she retired in 2013. In 2000, Cass made Mt. Zion her church home. She joined the Voices of Praise, currently chairs the Nominating Committee, is a Bible study member, and co-captain of the September Birthday Team. Cass is also a member of her Community Relations Board. Earlier this year, Cass achieved another goal where her love and care of others will be used – she became a Deacon! Deacon Cass feels so blessed to be a part of a loving church family. For this, she gives God all of the glory and praise!

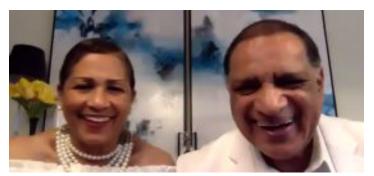
On Valentine's Day in 1945, Harriet Cartwright was born. Harriet was affectionately called, "Gold Child" by her father because she was his first born. She grew up on a farm in rural Arkansas where she was the eldest of four girls. A very precocious child, Harriet began school at the age of five and completed middle school early because she was "double promoted." After completing high school at the top of her class, Harriet attended M&N College at Pine bluff, an HBCU, now called the University of Arkansas, where she received a bachelor's degree in biology. She obtained a Master of Education degree from Cleveland State University and is certified as a high school counselor. Harriet was married to Maxwell Richardson for 47 years. They were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Kelli and Sheri. She began her work career as a laboratory technician at Case Western Reserve University Medical School. She later became a science teacher in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District so that she could spend more time with her young daughters. After 20 years of teaching, she became a high school counselor. As a member of Mt. Zion since 1968, she has served on the Board of Trustees, Board of Mission and Outreach, Coordinator of the Mission and Ministry Fair, Women's Fellowship and Junior League. She has also served as co-captain of the February Birthday Team. She has been an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated for 36 years and has served as the choreographer for her chapter's annual cotillion for thirty-five years.





Kim was born and raised in Harlem, NY. She holds a BA degree in Print Journalism from Howard University's School of Communications and a MA degree in Psychology with a specialization in Diversity Management from Cleveland State University. She is also a certified life coach. In 1991, Kim joined the national staff of the United Church of Christ (UCC) as editor of United Church Press, becoming the first African American to serve as an Acquisitions Editor in a mainline denominational publishing house. Kim later became the Editorial Director of The Pilgrim Press and responsible for acquiring and developing religious books for the 5000 plus congregations and 1.6 million members of the UCC. In retirement, Kim founded Sadler Communications & Consulting Group, LLC, (dba), The Publishing Boutique. Kim is a published author and playwright. As a two-time breast cancer survivor, her play, "I'm Ready," was one of eleven stories in the critically acclaimed play, From Breast Cancer to Broadway, performed during the 2010 Cleveland FusionFest at The Cleveland Play House and as part of the fall schedule at Karamu House. In 2011, her play was performed at New York's Cherry Lane Theatre and directed by two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and playwright, Lynn Nottage. Kim is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, a life member of the National Council of Negro Women, and a founding member of Survivors Helping Other Women Survive (SHOWS), a non-profit organization that teaches cancer survivorship through edutainment. As First Lady of Mt. Zion, Kim supports her husband to fulfill his Seven-Fold Vision at Mt. Zion. A mother to two successful entrepreneurs, Robin (Bijou Star) and Paul Jr. She is also lovingly known as "Nana" to the best two grandsons in the world, Paul Hobson Sadler, III and Eric DeShawn Smith, Jr.

Rev. Hilton O. Smith Receives CBL Trailblazer Award



Rev. & Mrs. Hilton O. Smith



Dr. Julian Earls & Rev. Smith

The Christian Business League held its first virtual Unfurl Trailblazer Tribute. This year's Michael G. Shinn Business Trailblazer Award was given to Rev. Hilton O. Smith. Rev. Smith is the retired senior vice president for National Community Affairs for Turner Construction Company. He led Turner's efforts in awarding over \$22 billion in contracts to minority and female-owned businesses. This year, five students received scholarships from the CBL. Two Mt. Zion members received scholarships, Ian Burrows and Andreyon Malone.

Attendees had the option to enjoy a catered meal and a signature beverage. Breakout rooms allowed attendees to discuss business start-ups and ways to support minority businesses. The Tailored Epiphany, a men's clothing store owned by Joseph Evans, a young African American affected by the closure of his business due to COVID-19, was featured.

The virtual Unfurl event was the vision of CBL Marketing Director, Audra Jones of Krystal Klear Communications and orchestrated for Zoom by Mt. Zion member and tech expert, Ly'Nette Cordaro. The Unfurl celebration was the result of the hard work and dedication of the CBL Steering Committee Members Dr. Julian Earls, Ms. Irene Crowell, Ms. Patsy Harris, Mr. Larry Saunders, and CBL co-chairs, Mrs. Joyce Shinn and Rev. Paul Hobson Sadler, Sr.

Next on the CBL schedule is its Faith and Finance event (formerly Faith & Finance Breakfast) featuring former NBA Star and Warrensville Heights Mayor, Bradley Sellers. It will be held via Zoom on September 25.



Vacation Bible School 2020 "I've Got This! With Jesus" via Zoom



Mt. Zion held its first virtual Vacation Bible School (VBS). The curriculum, "I've Got This! With Jesus, Christ, gives us the victory to accomplish what we need to do in him. The Holy Spirit leads and guides us to follow Christ." Grady and Melissa Burrows, were the directors of the VBS. Rev. Ray Banks and Cindy Banks led the Adult Bible Study class and the Burrows led the class for teens. Leslie Oliver and Deacon Verona Gardner taught innovative ways to make masks out of socks, bandanas and paper towels. Our Poet Laurete, Linda Green, shared her amazing poetry each night.





Church Council Held Its First Zoom Meeting



November Presidential Election Vote-by-Mail

Please check your email for Mt. Zion's WEEKLY UPDATE that is sent on Fridays.

You can click on the links to get all the information.

Request or print your Vote-by-Mail ballot application at www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us.



Who can vote by mail?

All Ohio voters whose registration information is up to date can vote by mail.

Why should I vote by mail?

- Vote in the comfort of your own home!
- Avoid the lines at the polls on Election Day.
- Take your time researching candidates and issues.
- Absentee ballots are the first votes counted on Election Night!

How do I vote by mail?

- 1 Complete a vote by mail application for the upcoming election.
- 2 Once you have completed your application by providing all of the required information, **print and sign** if
- Mail the application back to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections: 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.
- 4 Wait to receive your ballot in the mail.
- If you have questions about your Vote-by-Mail ballot request, you should call the Board of Elections at 216-443-VOTE (8683) or you can track the status of your ballot request on our website at www.443vote.us.
- 6 Return your voted ballot.

When is the deadline to vote by mail?

- Your application must be received by the Board of Elections by 12:00 p.m. on the Saturday before Election Day, October 31, 2020
- Your ballot must be received by the Board of Elections:
 - By 7:30 p.m. on Election Day if delivered in person by the elector or a close family member; or
 - Postmarked by the post office by the day before Election Day and received by the Board of Elections no later than 10 days after the election if sent by *U.S. Mail.*

For more information about voting by mail, go to: www.sos.state.oh.us. To print a blank/generic Vote-by-Mail ballot application, go to:

A voter with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may vote remotely using the remote ballot marking system. For more information about the remote ballot markingsystem, go to: boe.cuyahogacounty.us.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS!

ANY ERRORS WILL CAUSE YOUR BALLOT TO BE DISQUALIFIED!

SIGN, FILL IN, COMPLETE, AND DATE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION!





BOUNTIFUL HARVEST DRIVE THROUGH PRODUCE GIVEAWAY

Mt. Zion Parking Lot @4pm

August 6
September 3
October 1

Job Opportunities Breakthrough Services (JOBS)

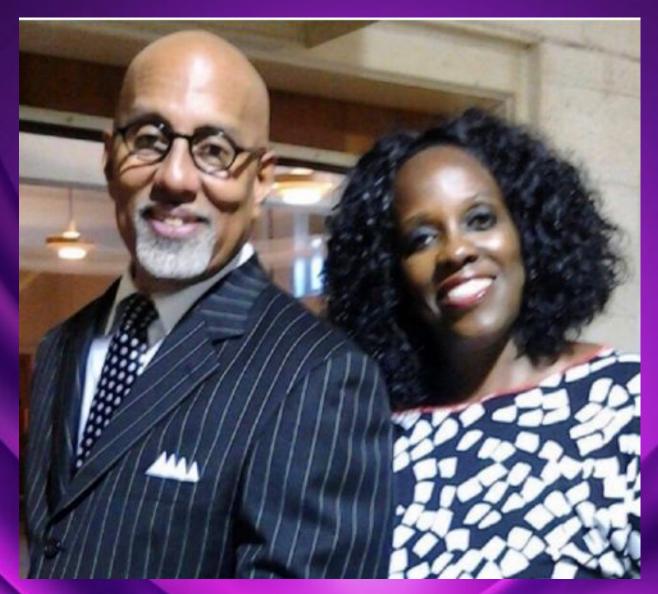
Transforming Lives & Energizing Minds







AUGUST						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	MONDAYS Day of Sabbath for Rev. Paul Please honor this.					
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We are praying for you! Love, Rev. Paul Et Lady Kim