

The Spire

October 2025

Happy
Pastors
Appreciation
Month

Breast
Cancer
Awareness
Month





Finish Strong

The third quarter of a football game is crucial and is when games are won and lost. In fact, the victory can be won in the last seconds of the game or even go into overtime. This is why it is always

important to finish strong. Life is sometimes like a sporting event. Sometimes we do our best work and accomplish our most significant triumphs in the last quarter of the journey.

At Mt. Zion, we always do our best to finish the last quarter of the year well. We do so financially, spiritually, and in terms of worship and service to God and God's people. This year, we come not only to the beginning of the third quarter, but on a personal level, I come to the third quarter of my culminating year as your Senior Pastor and Teacher. I come to this time with many emotions. I come to this time with immense gratitude to God for the work and ministry that God has enabled us to do together. I am grateful for each of you, for together God has allowed us to be a part of God's amazing Kingdom-building process. I am grateful to God beyond measure for those living and those who have made their journey home, who have supported my leadership as your Pastor, for those who affirmed my gifts and have accepted and loved me despite my flaws and faults. I can tell you without equivocation that this has been the best twenty-two years of our ministry journey in Christ for me and for Lady Kim. For this, we will forever be grateful.

This month, we will begin celebrating the culmination of our ministry at Mt. Zion with an amazing celebration of worship, fellowship, and music. On Sunday, October 12, at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., we will welcome my friend Desmond Pringle back to Mt. Zion, who will bless us with his enormous musical gifts. The donation for the concert is \$22 for adults and free for children/youth 18 and under. There will be a

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR AND TEACHER

Savage Burger lunch following the 11 a.m. service.

On Thursday, October 16, we will have a special church meeting on Zoom at 7 p.m. to approve necessary changes in our church constitution and equip our church for a new season of ministry and service in the years ahead. **Our October Quarterly Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 30, at 7 p.m. on Zoom.** At this meeting, we will approve our budget for 2026, and handle other important business that will come before the church body.

I want to conclude my message this month by asking in this season, when we uplift our cancer survivors, especially those who Good Morning America, co-host Robin Roberts calls, "Thrivers," not just survivors of breast cancer. In this season, I want to call our congregation to prayer. Pray for our nation in these unprecedented times of challenge. This is not a time to stress, but to press into the throne room with God. It is a time to seek God's face and turn away from the sins that so easily beset us. It is a time to humble ourselves in the presence of the living God and to believe and receive that for which we ask God.

In this season, I am asking you to pray for Mt. Zion and the bright future God has in store for us. Please pray for Rev. Marvin and Lady Barbara Owens and their family, as well as for the leadership and service they will bring to Mt. Zion in the coming days.

Finally, I ask that you pray for me, Lady Kim, and our family as we step into the new pathways of service to which God is calling us. Pray for us to continue to be ever more obedient to God's call and voice in this new season to which God is beckoning us. And we will pray for each of you individually and for Mt. Zion Church that God will continue to be the anchor that steadies this great ship of Zion.

Peace and Love,

Rev. Paul

In the know at Mt. Zion...

October 2

**BOUNTIFUL HARVEST PRODUCE
GIVEAWAY**
Parking Lot

October 12

**REV. PAUL'S BIRTHDAY
@ 4 p.m.
DESMOND PRINGLE CONCERT**
Sanctuary

October 16 @ 7 p.m.

SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING
via Zoom

October 18 @ 2 p.m.

**91ST BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR
CHARLIE MILLER**
Rozell Threat Social Hall

October 19 @ 12:30 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

October 25 @ Noon

COMMUNITY MEAL
Parking Lot

October 28 @ 3 p.m.

OLIVIA J. MARTIN TRIBUTE
Western Reserve Historical Society Library

October 26

NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY

October 30 @ 7 p.m.

QUARTERLY MEETING
via Zoom

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10th Annual
Mike Shinn
Memorial Golf
Outing at
Highland Golf
Course**

MT. ZION CELEBRATES 161ST ANNIVERSARY WITH ART REVEAL



On Sunday, September 14, Mt. Zion celebrated 161 years of ministry and service to the greater Cleveland community. Mt. Zion is the third oldest historically African American Christian congregation in the City of Cleveland and the first United Church of Christ congregation started for and by African Americans in the state of Ohio. It has had a rich history, including being in six different locations across the east side of Cleveland and being served by twenty-four pastors.

Mt. Zion's rich history of service includes helping to settle formerly enslaved persons in the City of Cleveland, providing childcare for working mothers, supporting economic development for small businesses, and doing job training and workforce development.

This year, as we gathered for our 161st Anniversary

celebration, we were blessed to hold our Annual Commitment Walk led by the Board of Christian Stewardship. Thank you to the many members who came forward with their commitment cards and shared a scripture reading with fellow worshippers.

The highlight of our anniversary celebration was the unveiling of a new glass art installation in the narthex, designed and orchestrated by glass artist Andrea Johnson, daughter of Mt. Zion member, Gwen Johnson. It includes four large panels depicting "Welcome and Inclusion," hallmarks of Mt. Zion's ministry. This beautiful glass work of art will be a blessing for Mt. Zion members and visitors for many years to come," said Rev. Paul following the unveiling.

AT MT. ZION

Board of Mission & Outreach Hosts Mission and Ministry Fair

The Board of Mission & Outreach held its annual Mission and Ministry Fair on September 21. Under the leadership of Lauretha Brown Malone, the board had been planning the event for the past seven months. Mt. Zion members were invited to the Rozell Threat Social Hall to meet and talk with the leaders of each ministry and organization.

In addition to the many ministries at Mt. Zion, members generously give donations through the Mission Fund to assist outside organizations. The 2025 recipients were The Teen Kingz, an intergenerational program for toddlers, teens, and adults; the United Protestant Campus Ministry (UPCAM), which is located on Case University's campus and assists Case students; the Living Water Association of the United Church of Christ, our denominational association; Nehemiah Spencer and the Reflections Dance Theatre, and the Sickie Cell Anemia Foundation.

During the worship service, members and visitors were able to

see videos produced by the organizations, which shared information about their work to serve others. While engaging with representatives of Mt. Zion's ministries, members and visitors had the opportunity to learn about each ministry and sign up to work with and/or join it.

Like last year, members and visitors received a lovely gift bag that included the Mt. Zion brochure, a program listing each ministry and organization, a gift pad with a pen, candy, and other useful items. All who attended were asked to visit the tables to receive a sticker. Those with three or more stickers were invited to enjoy a delicious meal consisting of chicken wings, fruit, cheese, crackers, and a beverage.

If you were unable to attend the Ministry Fair but are interested in joining the choir, the Welcome Committee, any of Mt. Zion's four Bible studies, or another organization, please email mtzioncleveland@gmail.com for more information.



Members in the Spotlight

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Sydney Gilmore, daughter of Tiffany Willis-Gilmore, who was crowned Miss Freshman at Paul Quinn College.



Grady Burrows' company, Mosaic Tech Movement, received the Best in Tech Award from the Greater Cleveland Partnership.



Tierra James, Ph.D., daughter of Terence "Terry" James, received the Outstanding New Professional Award from her alma mater, Kent State University.



Members of Men in the Word, enjoying fellowship following Bible study, outside of the UnBar. They held a successful Hot Dog Roast fundraiser on September 28.

MIND STRENGTH
COUNSELING AND
CONSULTING, LLC

Mind Strength has a passion for empowering individuals and families through evidence-based, and compassionate care. I specialize in trauma, crisis intervention, caregiver burnout, adjustment to acute and chronic illness, anxiety, depression, goal setting and spiritual navigation. I am committed to creating a safe, supportive space for clients to navigate life's challenges, build resilience, and foster personal growth. In my practice I use an integrative approach, drawing from modalities such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Motivational Interviewing (MI), Symptom Targeted Therapy and Strength-Based Therapy, tailored to meet the unique needs of each client. In addition to clinical work, I am committed to the mentorship of new social workers. I believe in the importance of holistic, culturally responsive care and dedicated to promoting social justice and equity in all areas of practice.

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Deacon Renee Taylor, has started her private practice, Mind Strength Counseling and Consulting, LLC.



Joyce Shinn stands with Dr. Raphael Allen, who was awarded the Mike Shinn Award for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging in Philanthropy during the Ohio Philanthropy Forward 2025 Conference



Pat Harris and her band performed at Bop Stop on September 21.



First Lady Kim gave the Alice Dunbar Nelson Professional Keynote at the 2025 Great Lakes African American Writers Conference



Neighbors in Need

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
- Galatians 6:2

Neighbors in Need is a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. On October 5, 2025 the Board of Mission and Outreach will be asking the members of Mt. Zion to make contributions to support this special offering. One third of the offering is given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supports UCC justice ministries.

We are thankful for the generosity you have shown in the past and look forward to your support this year.



Mt. Zion's Sick & Shut-In

Deacon Betty Barnett
13415 Shaker Blvd., Suite 9G4,
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Mrs. Wanda Burch
1493 E. 106th Street, Cleveland, OH 44106

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Mrs. Zenobia Earls
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402 Golf View Lane, Highland Heights, OH
44143

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950 Vineshire #1, Cleveland, OH 44118

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Mt. Zion Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CHURCH CONSTITUTION

****NEW DATE****

**Thursday,
October 16, 2025
7 p.m. via Zoom**

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Bible Study at Mt. Zion

Make a commitment to strengthen your understanding of God's Holy Word.

Join us for Bible study. Make time today!

Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 834 6416 7124

Passcode: 402093

Dial-In: 301-715-8592, or 929-205-6099



Sisters in the Spirit

First Friday of the month via Zoom

(except on Fridays preceding holidays)

Meeting ID: 830 6516 0510, Passcode: 691769

Dial-In: 301-715-8592, or 929-205-6099



Men in the Word

Third Saturday of the month

UnBar Cafe, 12635 Larchmere Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44120

Rev. Stephen Mullen, Sr., Convener

216.598.0157



2026 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

"The Blessing of Living is The Reason for Giving"



Name _____ Envelope # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Home # _____ Cell #: _____ Email _____

Tithes: ☐ I/We commit to giving 10% of my/our gross income by tithing.

Current Expenses: \$ _____ ☐ Weekly ☐ Bi-Weekly ☐ Monthly

Offering:

☐ Building for the Future Fund \$ _____

☐ Weekly ☐ Bi-Weekly ☐ Monthly

☐ Missions \$ _____ ☐ Weekly ☐ Bi-Weekly ☐ Monthly

YOUR GIFTS TO MISSIONS WILL SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38



*Happy Pastor
Appreciation
Month*

OCTOBER
**BREAST
CANCER**
AWARENESS MONTH

A large, vibrant green leaf is positioned vertically on the left side of a light beige background. The leaf has a prominent central vein and several smaller veins branching off it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus image of a white flower.

GriefShare®

*Help and encouragement after the
death of a spouse, child, family member,
or friend*

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

FALL SESSION 2025
August 7 – November 6
Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
via Zoom

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A large, vibrant basket of fresh produce is positioned in the center of a dark brown wooden background. The basket is filled with a variety of fruits and vegetables, including apples, oranges, grapes, carrots, corn, and leafy greens. The produce is arranged in a circular pattern, with the text overlaid in the center.

Mt. Zion Congregational Church, UCC
Women's Fellowship
BOUNTIFUL HARVEST
DRIVE-THRU
PRODUCE GIVEAWAY
Every 1st Thursday of the Month
May - October @ 4 pm
May 1, June 5, July 3,
Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2

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African Memorial Remembrance Celebration Sunday, November 2, 2025, 1 p.m.

**Come to eat, share, and celebrate
the memory of departed loved ones**

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WADE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING PROJECT

Please donate to the
Board of Deacon's Hunger Fund
to purchase Dave's Market Gift Cards

GIFT CARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO
WADE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILIES

Thank you for your support!

UMS JA *Karamu*

Thanksgiving Day

Ritual of the Black Family

Thursday, November 27, 2025 10 a.m.



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OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Day of Sabbath for Rev. Paul		1 7am Prayer Call 10:30am Morn Bible Stdy 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear. 7:30pm Evening Bible Stdy	2 4pm BOUNTIFUL HARVEST 6:30pm GriefShare via Zm 7pm Leadership Team via Zm	3 7am Prayer Call 6:30pm Sisters in the Spirit via Zm Mary Bustamante	4 9am Board of Deacons via Zm
5 COMMUNION 7am Prayer Call 11am Worship Yahala Smith	6 Lisa Lennette Pointer Deacon Jocelyn Taylor	7 7:30am Care Shep. 6pm FA via Zoom	8 7am Prayer Call 10:30am Morn Bible Stdy 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear. 7:30pm Evening Bible Stdy	9 6:30pm GriefShare via Zm Narihsha Smith	10 7am Prayer Call	11 11:30am Bd of Mission & Outreach via Zoom
12 7am Prayer Call 11am Worship 4PM DESMOND PRINGLE CONCERT REV. PAUL	13 Indigenous Peoples Day	14 7:30am Care Shep. 6pm FA via Zoom 6pm Bd of Christian Stwdsp via Zoom	15 7am Prayer Call 10:30am Morn Bible Stdy 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear. 7:30pm Evening Bible Stdy	16 6:30pm GriefShare via Zm 7 P.M. SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING	17 7am Prayer Call Deacon Robin Sadler	18 9am Men in the Word - UNBar Cafe 12pm Women's Filwsp 1pm Innercity Cruisers Car Club 2pm CHARLIE MILLER BIRTHDAY PARTY Charlie Miller 91 Years Old
19 7am Prayer Call 11am Worship 12:30 p.m. NEW MEMBERS CLASS Ian Burrows	20	21 7:30am Care Shep. 6pm FA via Zoom	22 7am Prayer Call 10:30am Morn Bible Stdy 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear. 7:30pm Evening Bible Stdy	23 6:30pm GriefShare via Zm Deacon George Ellis	24 7am Prayer Call	25 12pm COMMUNITY MEAL 5:30pm Trustee Bd via Zm Matilda Henderson
26 NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY 7am Prayer Call 11am Worship 4pm Between the Covers Book Club	27 Grace Butler Faye Henderson Shirley Kilpatrick	28 7:30am Care Shep. 3pm TRIBUTE TO OLIVIA J. MARTIN Western Reserve Historical Society Library 6pm FA via Zoom LaSonda Green	29 7am Prayer Call 10:30am Morn Bible Stdy 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear. 7:30pm Evening Bible Stdy	30 6:30pm GriefShare via Zm 7 P.M. QUARTERLY CHURCH MEETING	31 7am Prayer Call	

Deacon Board Benevolence Fundraiser



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\$10

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

KARIBU - STUDENT MEALS ARE FREE

BEEF - TURKEY - CHICKEN - SOFT & HARD SHELL

Nacho Chips, Salad, Cheese, Lettuce, Sour Cream, Queso

AND MUCH MORE!!

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A Celebration of Ministry

Rev. Paul

Lady Kim



Desmond Pringle
4 p.m.
10/12/25



Dave Gulley and the
Cleveland Chorale
4 p.m.
11/16/25



Hubbs Groove
4 p.m.
12/14/25

\$22 per concert

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