



From The Desk Of...

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Pastor Emeritus

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On Anniversary Sunday, our own Joyce Mirfin shared some personal words about the heritage of our congregation at Mount Zion. She reminded us that through the years there have been “ups and downs” but added “with faith and prayer Mt. Zion endured.” The recent Covid pandemic hit our congregation (like many others) very hard. At the same time, we have “endured” because we worked & prayed & worshipped together.

It reminds me of that song “bind us together, bind us together Lord with cords that cannot be broken.”

Some say “change” is never easy, but I would remind you if God’s people worship, and pray and work together all “good things” are possible.

Tomorrow, Sunday, July 2nd we begin a new stage in the life of our congregation.

We will meet a new “preacher” Pastor Shawn Vollmerhausen. We will begin a new spiritual relationship with the “North Carroll Cooperative Parish.” There are exciting things ahead for our congregation.

I am asking each one of you who is able to get to the church building to worship with one another. It is appropriate that on the first Sunday of July we “break bread” together in the

sacrament of Holy Communion. Sharing a common table brings us together. You will receive a special worship booklet for worship services through the month of July called the Grow Guide.

All of you will receive a special "email" on Sunday morning from our own Mark Hemler giving you some important information about our church. In that email mail you will also find what we are calling the "Mount Zion Weekly." You will receive a hard copy as you enter the church building (it will also be on the internet) giving you information about our church in the days ahead. Each Sunday morning our "Mount Zion Weekly" will share things that you should know about our ministry and mission in the name of Jesus the Christ. Kathy Rixham Giroux will continue to keep our web page up to date.

Let me remind you that the greatest gift you can give to Judy & to me is to remain faithful to Mount Zion.

The new edition of the popular "Upper Room" daily devotional guide for July/August will be available in both the regular & small print edition. It is free thanks to a gift from La Donna Schemm in memory of her husband. Please take one and use it for your daily devotions every day.

Barbara Hayes reminds us that on the second Sunday of July following morning worship we will have our traditional "Second Sunday" of fellowship and refreshments. Plan to stay.

When we sing the hymn "God will take care of you" we are reminded that the way God "takes care of us" is through one another.

Let me share a personal word! On Friday afternoon I had the opportunity to meet Pastor Shawn (Vollmerhausen) and talk about the church and his ministry. I was very impressed. He is very personable - who loves the Lord - is committed to the local church and looks forward to serving Mount Zion.

I sincerely hope you will take the opportunity to worship this coming Sunday to "break bread" with the congregation and to meet him. I feel we are fortunate to have him with us as our appointed pastor.

Dag Hammarskjold, former Secretary General of the United Nations in his book "Markings" wrote: "For all that has been thanks - for all that shall be Yes!"

Led by the Spirit of the living God and our Lord Jesus tomorrow will be a "yes!"

Sunday service starts at 9:55am
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Grace and peace

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