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Carter's Chapel Baptist, Micro
Stone's Creek Advent Christian, Four Oaks
Kinton's Rest Home, Fuquay Varina
Holland's U.M., Garner
White Plains U.M., Cary

Helen B. Emmons has said, "God's music is in our ears everywhere in His beautiful world".

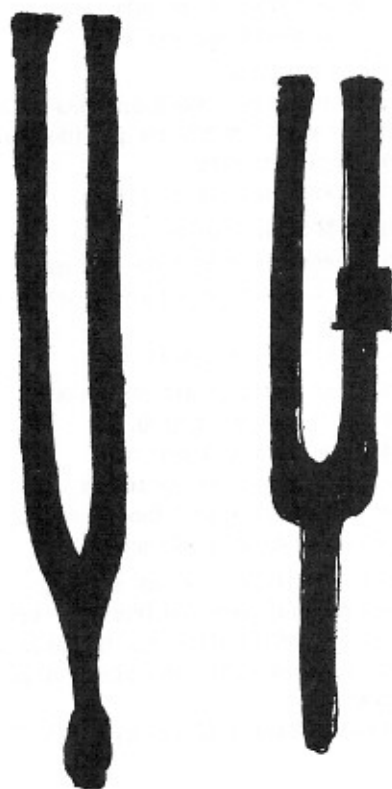


**ONE TRUTH CHORAL GROUP
YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR**

First row, left to right, Susan Penny, Kathie Coats, Yvonne Arch;
Second row, left to right, Peggy Johnson, La Vette Boone, Jo Rich, Rose Coats,
Frances Gulley, Lou Johnson, Cindie Gulley, Ronda Penny;
Third row, left to right: Kalon Jeffries, Terry Boone, Ricky Rich, Steve Sorrell,
Johnny Boone, David Arch, Jimmy Guy, Thomas Jeffries, Eddie Rowland.

Submitted by Lou Johnson and Bettie Jean Sorrell

In the olden days, before organs and pianos were plentiful, the tune for the Mount Zion music was "histed" by the use of a tuning fork. This item of interest was related to us by our grand-parents who were active in the church more than a hundred years ago. This sketch of the tuning fork is an exact replica of those used at that time.



Tuning Forks used in the 1800's.

The first organ for Mount Zion was obtained in the late eighteen hundreds. Miss Cleo Wrenn was the organist in the early nineteen hundreds. She was a blessing to all the Mount Zion people for many years.

He'll Understand and Say Well Done

"Music: yes, music is my hobby.
It is beautiful. I love it very much.
Even though I know I am far from the **best**.
I try very hard to be as good as the **rest**.
But be that as it may, I am sure
He'll understand and say well done.

"Music: I think it is great.
Our choir meets once a week and has a lot of **fun**.
And with our good leaders we get the job **done**.
And some way I am sure
He'll understand and say well done.

"The choir at Mt. Zion is very old.
There have been many to come and **go**.
And the good it has done, only God will ever **know**.
But I am sure
He'll understand and say well done.

"Our pianist and organist are real good.
I love each of them very **much**.
And as you see them do their job
It is easy to see they have the **touch**.
And when it is all over and done, I am sure
He'll understand and say well done.

"So now as I near the end of my journey,
With hands sore and scarred from the work I have **done**,
And by the help of God the final battle is **won**,
I'll take up my cross and run quickly to meet him.
And I **know**
Jesus will understand and say well done."

Robert Argo Stevens
"Choirmaster"

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

“Work for the night is coming,
Work through the morning hours,
Work while the dew is sparkling,
Work mid springing flowers;
Work when the day grows brighter,
Work in the glowing sun,
Work for the night is coming
When man’s work is done.”

Annie L. Coghill

There is truly work to be done and we need ever to keep in mind that our Heavenly Father has commissioned us “to be about His business”.

During the past decade the name of our “Woman’s Society of Christian Service” has been changed to “The United Methodist Women”. We are still trying to grow in “Christian Service” and it is very good to be “United” so that every woman who is a member of the Church and those who join in the future automatically become a member of the Society.

The Mt. Zion Society, as was recorded in Volume I, was first organized in 1913 and has both flourished and waned under several names for sixty-five years. The members have always had a strong hand in furthering the work of our Lord at our small rural Church. We endeavor to follow Jesus’ admonition to us to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, take in the stranger, clothe the naked, and to visit those who are sick and in prison; not only those behind bars, but also those who are in the prisons of sin, loneliness, and sorrow.

Those who have served as Presidents of the Mt. Zion United Methodist Women since 1965 are as follows: Louise Johnson, Barbara Ennis, Helen Britt, Margaret McCullers, Julia Penny, and Rachael Tart who is serving at the present time.

Three of our dear members have been called home by our Heavenly Father during the past few years. They added much joy to our work and we cherish their memory. These loved ones are Luna Penny Grissom, Christine Waring Walker, and Stella Brady Godwin. One other dear one who helped to organize our first Society in 1913, also, recently died. She was Ruth Taylor Massey. She ever loved our Lord and His work.

“We know, O’ Lord, so little what is best;
Wingless, we move so slowly;
But in Thy calm all knowledge let us rest -
O’ Holy, Holy, Holy!”

John Charles McNeil

Much of our work has been done locally; however, we do a great deal to help further the work of our Lord in other communities as well as in other lands.

We have honored many of our members with “LifeTime Pins”. The greatest percent of the cost of these pins is sent to Foreign Missions, for which we are thankful. Those of us who have been thusly honored through the years are as follows: Christine Walker, Mabel Penny, Odell Penny, Lena Stevens, Helen Britt, Pansy Johnson, Mable Johnson Hicks, Jean Meadows, Elsie McIntyre, Rachael Tart, Mozell Cox, Barbara Ennis, Louise Johnson, Seleta

Morgan, Jane Barber, Blanche Hobby, Margaret McCullers, Lousie Dean, Julia Penny, JoAnne Jeffries, LaVerne Coats, and Meredyth Lane. May we ever strive to live up to the perfection of this honor.

We, as a Society, have placed memorials in the Sanctuary to the Glory of God and in memory of our members who have recently died. They are an altar bud vase honoring Luna Grissom, a vestibule pen set honoring Christene Walker, and a hymn book honoring Stella Godwin.

Two of our deceased members have been honored at our District Conference thusly; a carnation placed in the memorial vase at the 1962 Conference in memory of Sallie Smith Brady and a candle burned at the 1973 Conference in memory of Luna Penny Grissom. Two of our living members have been honored during the Conference candle burning. They are Pansy Blalock Johnson, 1976, and Mabel Grissom Penny, 1977. The money for the placing of the flowers in the memorial vase and candle burning during the Annual Conference goes to missions; so, as we honor our own, we are helping others.

We, as a group, have been sending a quarterly offering to our former Pastor, J.W. (Bill) Garrison, who is a missionary in Brazil, to aid in his work. He is doing a splendid work there and we are thankful to be able to help.

We have been quite busy for the past few years in improving our Church grounds. We raised the money through a "bake sale" to buy the shrubs and plants. Ernest Penny, one of our Methodist Men, did most of the work with the help of our Pastor's wife, JoAnne Jeffries. We hope to continue beautifying our Lord's Garden down through the ages.

A Garden

"He who owns a garden
However small it be
Whose hands have planted in it
Flowers or bush or tree;
He who watches patiently
The growth from nurtured sod
Who thrills at newly opened bloom
Is very near to God."

Katheryn Edelman

We do feel very near to God as we view His creations in the growth and beauty of His garden.

We have continued with the bake sales on several occasions and have raised money to recarpet the Sanctuary. Our Church is much improved for God's Glory. We have, also, raised funds to refinish the pews with the help of many others.

We ever lend a hand when there is much to do in carrying on the work of the Church such as preparing for homecomings, weddings, showers, receptions, all Church meetings, and in times of bereavement. We also arrange flowers for the Sanctuary as well as for the Children's Chapel and Church Vestibule. Many of the flowers for these arrangements, which add so much beauty, are grown by Mary Broughton, Lena Stevens, Pansy Johnson, and Mabel Penny.

"Blossoms from Heaven are sent down to earth's sod,
To keep before mortals the presence of God."

D.M. Cahoon

We often take food to the needy, the sick and bereaved, and send clothing to those who are in need at home and abroad. May we ever strive to labor more fully in the work for our fellow man as God has planned for us.

Several of our capable women have taken, and are now taking, leadership in the high finances of our Church. Those who have been treasurers of our United Methodist Women since 1966 and the one who is treasurer now are: Odell Penny, Billie Matthews, LaVerne Coats and Jane Hurst. Helen Britt was treasurer of the Church for many years and Barbara Ennis has been for the past several years and serves at the present time. Mable Johnson Hicks was Charge Treasurer and Merdyth Lane, Church Treasurer when we were a member of The Garner Charge.

Our Lord has told us to "bring all our tithes and offerings into His storehouse and He will open the windows of Heaven and pour us out a great blessing". (Taken from Malachi 3:10) We are thankful!

"Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined."

Psalms 50:2

We are told by the Poet Keats that "A thing of Beauty is a joy forever; its loveliness increaseth". We Methodist women join hands in keeping our Sanctuary and classrooms clean and beautiful so that the "loveliness" of Mt. Zion may increase.

The following list of these workers for the past several years has been compiled by a group of ladies thusly: Christine Walker, Alice Johnson, Stella Godwin, Luna Grissom, Bet Barber, Mary Taylor, Annie Utley, Cattie Barbour, Blanche Hobby, Pansy Johnson, Mabel G. Penny, Lena Stevens, Foy Powell, Lousie Dean, Margaret McCullers, Irene Stanley, Mary Broughton, Callie Jones, Helen Britt, Barbara Ennis, Delia Creech, Clara Raynor, Bea Carroll, Katie Myatt, Elgie Etheridge, Mozelle Cox, Gladys McDaniel, Ethel Jones, Odell Penny, Mabel L. Penny, Annie Poole, Irene Coats, LaVerne Coats, Catheryn Cox, Pansy Carroll, LaVette Boone, Doris Dry, Ethleen Johnson, Ethel Johnson, JoAnne Myers, Betty Jean Sorrell, Lou Johnson, Jane Hurst, Mary Elizabeth Penny, Josephine Rich, Seleta Morgan, Dixie Barbour, Onnie Lee Barbour, Margarete Jordan, Mary Council, Marcella Crocker, Shelby Myers, Sue Dupree, Rachael Tart, Janice Tart, Mabelle Gulley, Jane Barber, Julia Penny, Billie Matthews, Lorene Grissom, Della Mae Crisp, Shirley Girssom, JoAnne Jeffries, Ruth Walker, Dianne Johnson, Glenda Dean, Amanda Carroll, Barbara Penny, Evelyn Stevens, Hazel Lee, Linda Ingram, Jennie Ennis, and Merdyth Lane. (Many of our men and youth have also helped with the cleaning.)

The women are responsible for the church floral arrangements to show honor to God and add beauty to the Sanctuary.

Who Put It There?

"Who put the sweet perfume into the flowers?
Who put the beauty into every rose?
Who gave the birds, ever singing,
The power their songs to compose?
Who gave grace to the morning glory,
And yellow to the golden rod?
Who put majesty into the mountains?
I'm sure you will say it was God."

Ernest C. Durham

We were honored in November 1977 to have the Raleigh District of the United Methodist Women meet with us at Mt. Zion. Thirty-three churches were represented and much work was reported. Also, many plans were made for future work. It had been almost two decades since the District Churches met with us and it was a joy to have them with us again. We trust that God's plans for us were carried forward and ever will be during our future meetings.

God's word tells us that we are "laborers together with Him -- and in all things to abound in all good works". 1 Corinthians 3:9, II Corinthians 9:8.



Mary Jeanne Blackburn, (Mrs. R.M.)
1922 - 1977

Mrs. Blackburn, who was our Bishop's wife, did much to inspire us with our Women's Work.

THE METHODIST MEN

"Four things a man must learn to do,
If he would make his record true
To think without confusion clearly,
To love his fellowman sincerely,
To act from honest motives purely,
To trust in God and Heaven securely."

Unknown

May the Methodist Men of Mt. Zion ever observe, not only these four requirements, but all those laid down by the teachings of our Lord and Savior.

The Mt. Zion Chapter was first organized in 1957 and flourished for a decade or so accomplishing many good works. It then closed down for a short while and was rechartered as United Methodist Men in 1973 and, since then, has been very busy about our "Father's business" up to the present time. They know that "The fields are white, already, unto harvest". John 4:35

Those who have served as president since the new beginning are: Robert Dupree, Mitchell Langdon, Frank Tart, Casey Matthews, and Danny Batten. Leamon Myers serves at the present time with Jessie Dry, Vice-President; Robert Dupree, Secretary and Treasurer; Tommy Crocker, Project Chairman; Raphus Coats, Publicity Chairman; Jack Honeycutt, Devotional Chairman; and Raeford Tart, Attendance Chairman. Billy Grissom, Marshall Grissom, C.J. Jordan, Charles McCullers, and Roy M. Raynor have also served as officers.

Since the rejuvenation, they have excelled in the Lord's work for Mt. Zion. They have purchased a movie screen for the Annex; an outside disposal unit for the Annex kitchen; raised money for the Sanctuary pew cushions and chancel kneeling pads, to repair the plaster and to repaint the walls and re-finish the woodwork of the interior of the Sanctuary. They also take leadership for the Boy Scouts; help with Methodist Youth Fellowship; the Vacation Bible School and help to raise funds for every need of the Church. We are blest to have as members electricians, brick masons, carpenters, mechanics, businessmen, horticulturists, and farmers. The majority of the members have farming interest and love the rural life.

Out In The Fields With God

"The many cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play,
Among the lowing of the heards,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.

"The foolish fears of what may happen,
I cast them all away,
Among the clover scented grass,
Among the new mown hay,