March 24, 2021

 **Luke 21:1-4 (NIV)**

**As He looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. “I tell you the truth,” He said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gits out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”**

Love takes no competence. It does not require heroic endeavors. It can be done by anyone in any condition, so long as they have stopped being wrapped up in themselves. To love our neighbor or to love God, we must make the shift away from ourselves as being the center of the universe. We must take God’s life story for our own. We can find people in every nursing home who make an impact on others through their love. They breathe out love. The contribution made by the widow may have seemed puny; but Jesus impressed on His disciples that God judges our giving by percentage, not gross total. The widow’s two coins weigh the scales more heavily than the piled up gifts of the rich. We are God’s chosen, not to make us strong, but to confound the strong. To be God’s children is powerful and to be God’s obedient children is powerful and glorious.

**Did You Know?**

Our children will present their Easter program on Sunday, March 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Please arrange your schedule so that you can support our children. The Zoom Link is listed below:

Topic: Monthly Fellowship

Time: Mar 28, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81267739367?pwd=V3lDZlhLbGl0UzB2cFlLUVBpUG54Zz09>

Meeting ID: 812 6773 9367

Passcode: 294845

One tap mobile

+1(312)626-6799 or 1(646) 558-8656

**Pulpit Search Committee**

Please continue to **lift up the Pulpit Search Committee in prayer as they make their way through the many resumes and profiles that they have received**.  They expect some significant challenges, in view of the COVID-19 constraints, but with God on their side, they will be successful.

**Calling All Graduating Seniors**

The Education Ministry is asking all Mt. Zion’s Seniors to submit their names and the names of their school to Dr. Audley Smith at (513) 703-9668. The information should be submitted by April 1, 2021 at 5 p.m.

**Senior COVID-19 Vaccination**

The Lincoln Heights Health Department has the vaccine and you can call them to make an appointment. You do not have to go online to make your appointment, just call on the phone. If you are 70 or older, you can go to the front of the line. Listed are phone numbers you can call to make an appointment for the COVID vaccination:

Lincoln Heights Health Center (513) 554-4100

Mt. Healthy Family Practice (513) 728-2125

Kroger 1(866) 211-5320

You can also call Walmart at (513) 825-3804 to schedule an appointment for the vaccine. This Walmart is located at 1143 Smiley Road in Forest Park.

We encourage everyone to talk with their primary care physician and determine if you can receive the vaccine. If your **primary care physician** and **you** decide that you can receive the vaccine, please register for your vaccination. The sooner we are vaccinated, the sooner we can return to worship.

**Volunteers Needed**

Mt. Zion will be hosting the food giveaway this year on Saturday, May 1, 2021. This event is sponsored by the Valley Boosters. Like last year, this will be a drive thru our parking lot. There are three time slots where we will need volunteers:

 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Set Up and Packing Boxes

 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Loading Vehicles

 11:00 a.m. -- Clean Up

We need at least 15 people for each time slot. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Sister Phyllis McKinley by April 7, 2021. You can reach Sister McKinley at the following numbers (513) 851-7146 or (513) 319-7267. Thank you in advance for your spirit of cooperation. We have attached a schedule of the Food Give-a-ways for 2021.

**Forest Park Senior Members**

The Tax Department is in the Senior Center through April 15, 2021. If you need help with your taxes United Way of Greater Cincinnati is available and their services are free. COVID-19 testing is done every Tuesday at Inspirational Baptist Church of Destiny located at 11450 Sebring Drive from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. There is also a food give-a-way every Tuesday at Inspirational Baptist Church from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Thank you**

Thank you so much Mt. Zion for your many phone calls, your get well cards, your voice messages, your words of advice, your memory cards, your tips for living a good life and most of all of all your heart felt prayers. I love you all. May God bless each of you and all your families and loved ones. Sister Billie Kimbrough

Thank you for remembering to support your church financially while we are sheltering in place. God is so good and He has blessed us with being able to receive the stimulus payment. **Please remember to show God your appreciation for blessing you.** As a reminder you have the choice to stop by the church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to drop off your tithes and offerings. You still have the ability to use Givelify and of course your checks are still welcomed and accepted. Place your check (no cash) in a secure envelop and mail to:

 Mt. Zion Baptist Church

 10180 Woodlawn Blvd.

 Woodlawn, OH 45215

If you are having trouble receiving Church Correspondence, please let us know and we will make every effort to ensure that you receive the correspondence. Also, **if you know of any member that is not receiving the correspondence, please have them to notify the church.**

Please continue to pray for those who are sick, shut-in and in nursing homes/care centers. I have

attached a list of our sick and shut-in members as well as those that are in the nursing homes. Please remember that you cannot visit the nursing homes during this time. Please pray that all the residents will remain safe.

Please join us for the following weekly worship services/Bible Studies:

**Wednesday Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.)**

**Teacher:** Deacon Sanford Kirksey

**Study Scripture:** I Corinthians 14

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.)**

**Teacher: Rev. Dr. Albert Bailey**

**Scripture:**

**Dial in Number:** **(470) 480-9361**

**Saturday Morning Bible Study (Saturdays at 10:15 a.m.)**

**Teacher:** Bro. Steve McCullom

**Study Scripture:** John 1

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361 Freeconferencecall.com

**Sunday School (Sunday, March 28, 2021 at 9:15 a.m.)**

**Sunday’s Lesson: Elijah: Prophet of Courage**

**Teacher: Brother John Burress**

**Study Scripture: I Kings 18**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

**Sunday Morning Worship Service (Sunday, March 28, 2021 at 10:45)**

**Morning Message:** **Rev. Patricia Stone**

**Sermon: A New Donkey**

**Sermon Text: Mark 11**

 **Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

**Facebook Live and YouTube is also available for this event: Mt. Zion Baptist Church Woodlawn; YouTube—Type in MtZionWoodlawn (It is case sensitive)**

**Saturday Evening Prayer**

**Receiving Prayer Request Every Saturday Evening at 4:15 p.m.**

**Evening Prayer: Deacons**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

**Monday Morning Prayer**

**Receiving Prayer Request Every Monday Morning at 8:15 a.m.**

**Morning Prayer: Rev. Eddie Martin**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

We encourage you to continue to reach out to each other to minister the Good News. Most importantly, our hope rests in the Lord Almighty, Emmanuel, God-with-Us. In the words of the Psalmist:

**If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the Lord who is my refuge—then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. (Psalm 91:9-10 NIV)**

During this time of isolation, we are not alone! God is with us, and we have each other as members of the Body of Christ.

In His Service,

Rev. Patricia Stone