February 23, 2022

**Ruth 4:13-17** So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Then he went to her, and the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth." Then Naomi took the child, laid him in her lap and cared for him.The women living there said, "Naomi has a son." And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Richard L. Morgan in **Grandchildren Renew Our Lives** says that there is something special about grandchildren. When Naomi held little Obed in her arms, she not only felt joy over the assured future of her family name; she must have experienced the renewal of life that comes with the birth of a child. The ancient psalmist prayed in **Psalm 128:6** May you live to see your children's children. Grandchildren are a wonder. Their antics amuse us; their presence evokes deep and mysterious feelings; and they provide a spark of joy in our lives. We look forward to the day when we will hear the laughter of children again in this place of worship.

**Did You Know?**

We praise God that our church is totally handicap accessible! We have places to park motor scooters, walkers and canes. If you wish to stay in your scooter, we can accommodate that as well. Spread the word that Mt. Zion is totally accessible to everyone.

**COVID At Home Test**

You can order four (4) at home Covid Test by clicking on the link listed below. These tests are **free**:

 <http://www.usps.com/covidtest>

**Church Calendars**

The 2022 Church calendar is now ready to be picked up at the Church. We will mail them to those persons who normally receive their correspondence via U.S. Postal Service.

**Black History month**

As you know February is Black History Month. Our overall theme this year is: **Shining A Light on Black Health and Wellness Through Education**. We will have a brief (**5-7 minutes**) Black History presentation each Sunday in February culminating with our Monthly Zoom Fellowship presented by the Education Ministry.

 February 27, 2022 Men’s Ministry Presentation

**Monthly Zoom Fellowship**

The Education Ministry will present our Monthly Zoom Fellowship on Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. This will be our special Black History culminating program. The link is below:

Topic: Monthly Fellowship

Time: Feb 27, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83167930273?pwd=aWlNUkdCM1VhTVNxTEdoM3RraDduZz09>

Meeting ID: 831 6793 0273

Passcode: 704762

One tap mobile +1(646) 558-8656 or +1(301) 715-8592

**Voting At Mt. Zion**

We will have an important vote coming up on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Some have raised the question of what qualifies one to be able to vote. I have listed the information from the latest Bi-laws below:

**Section 4. Voting Rights of Members** - Every active member of the church is entitled to vote on all matters pertaining to the affairs of the church, provided the member is present and meets the following criteria.

**An “active member,” for voting purposes only, shall be defined as one who meets all of the following criteria:**

A. Must meet requirements for general membership defined in Article 1 of the Church By-laws

B. Must be at least sixteen (16) years of age

C. Must have made at least six (6) contributions of tithes or offerings during the previous twelve (12) months prior to a Church conference/meeting, that are on record via the church envelope system or on-line giving application used by the Church. The last contribution must occur at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting to allow for automated reporting of eligibility.

D. Should attend church regularly

**Prayer Request**

Please keep our Church lifted in prayer as we enter the final stage of our search for a new Pastor. Pray that God’s will be done and that God will send us a Pastor after His heart.

**Congratulations**

Please join me in congratulating Sister Gina Ruffin Moore. The Hamilton County Commissioners in recognition of Black History month, declared February 14, 2022 as **Gina Ruffin Moore Day!** This recognition was based on her long-time community involvement and commitment including authoring a book on the history of African Americans in Cincinnati, Board member, Board of Education, Princeton City Schools, former council member for the Village of Woodlawn and many other organizations.

**Thank You**

Thank you for remembering to support your church financially. As a reminder you have a 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 check with the nursing home prior to your visit to ensure that they are allowing visitors. 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 Thessalonians Chapters 1 & 2**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.)**

**Teacher: Rev. Patricia Stone**

**Scripture: I Timothy Chapter 1 & 2**

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

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

**Teacher:** **Bro. Steve McCullom**

**Study Scripture: John 3**

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

**Sunday School (Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 9:15 a.m.)**

**Sunday’s Lesson: Serving A Just God**

**Teacher: Brother Earnie Womack**

**Study Scripture: Job 42**

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

**Sunday Morning Worship Service (Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 10:45)**

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

**Sermon: Is Your Light Shining?**

**Sermon Text: Exodus 34**

**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: Sister Deanna Kimbrough**

**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 the pandemic, 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