



HARTZELL MT. ZION NEWS

Hartzell Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Message from the Pastor

As we enter the month of March, I am excited about all that God is doing in the life of our church. The foundation is being laid for us to begin ministry outside of the church walls. Who are we when we see each in the community? How do we engage others for not only a moment, but a lifetime? How will we live into the changes that come along with doing something different within our current structure? The questions we could ask are endless, but the need and desire to take the first step are so important. In this month, the steps are being taken.

The Black Church Matters Cohort Team has completed the first half of the process and now we have moved into the implementation phase of our SMART Goal. I am sharing the most current plan so that you can pray about ways you see yourself helping us move out into the community. We are working hard and we are close to being ready to equip everyone to get out into the community.

I am excited to see the excitement and joy that comes along as we live into this process. I am excited to see who we become. Keep praying. Keep hoping.

Inspire and Love,

Rev. Tiffanie Postell

Please see the SMART Goal below:

Specific - Increase our presence in our community by creating a specific calendar of school and community events.

Measurable - Confirm 5 members to make up "HMZ Go Team"; Develop a #hashtag for members to use when posting on Facebook; Attend at least 3 youth and community events in a month.

Attainable - Development of the "HMZ Go Team" provides administrative support and logistics for the church; HMZ swag for the members to include T-shirts, water bottles, sweat rags, and fans for visibility; Encourage the daily use of the Breakthrough Prayer and pray it everywhere.

Relevant - Keep us connected to the community and help us to understand what their needs are; Encourage us to #SEEALLTHEPEOPLE; Encourage us to put into action the things gained from the #SEEALLTHEPEOPLE sermon series preached; Utilize the church history of being family oriented as a catalyst to push us past those comfortable boundaries that we unconsciously live within.

Time - The goal is to launch by April 1, 2023; Intentionally engage community for 6 months attending 18 total events.

Meditation for March

"Pray that the LORD your God will tell us where we should go and what we should do."

Jeremiah 42:3 NIV

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Welcome March!



Meet the Bishop!

Bishop Delores J. “Dee” Williamston, a Kansas Army National Guard veteran, serves as bishop of the Louisiana Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. She was assigned to the Louisiana Conference at the South Central Jurisdictional meeting in Houston on November 3, 2022. The Louisiana Annual Conference is composed of 486 congregations and 118,725 members and includes the entire state of Louisiana.

Bishop Williamston was ordained as an elder in 2010 and previously served in the Great Plains Conference as the superintendent for the Hays, Hutchinson and Salina Districts. She also served as Director of Clergy Excellence and Assistant to the Bishop.

Prior to beginning her service with the Great Plains Conference, Williamston served churches in Independence, Salina, Mentor, and Topeka in Kansas. She earned her master’s of divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, with a specialty in Black Church ministries and evangelism. She is pursuing a doctorate of ministry from Philips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Bishop Williamston’s background includes a 22-year military career in the Kansas Army National Guard, where she served as a technician and eventually became chief supervisor of the account and finance operations at the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office in Topeka. Her rank upon retirement from the National Guard was sergeant first class.

Bishop Williamston, a breast cancer survivor, has one son, seven grandchildren, and one pet Shih Tzu.

Welcome Bishop Williamston! From: <https://www.la-umc.org/about-our-bishop>

Pictures from the Installation of Bishop Delores J. Williamston



Pictures from New Orleans Advocate/
nola.com

Sick/Shut-in

Please Pray/Call/Visit

Anthony Alfred

Allen Bell

Lorraine Bickham

Warren Brookter

Willie Brown

Viola Collins

Lewis Dukes

David Guarino

Alma Harrison

Phillip Harrison

Pualani Harrison

Tyrone Harrison

Desmond Hart

Cedric Hartley

Pauline Javery

Isabell Jenkins

Eugene Lee

Marion Lee

Joe Malone

William Ordone

Arvis Porter

Marvin Porter

Mary Rollins

Hilda Washington

Crystal Williams

*Contact the Church Office to get
on/off the list.*



March 2023 Announcements

Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary, and Welcome!

Best wishes to all celebrating birthday's and anniversaries for the month of **March!** Please remember to pray/call/visit our grieving families. Welcome to any new members. God Bless you all!

Zoom-Zoom Prayer Meeting, Tuesday & Noon-Day Bible Study

Join Zoom **Prayer Meeting:** <https://zoom.us/j/95901948936> | Meeting ID: 959 0194 8936 . Tuesday Evening **Bible Study** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98149120533> | Meeting ID: 981 4912 0533. The Call-In Number for all is: +1 346 248 7799 and type in the Meeting ID to join.

Lenten Bible Study

"Struggle To The Cross" Lenten Bible Study will begin Tuesday, March 21, 2023. It will be a 4 week Study. The book may be purchased through Amazon for \$15.20 plus tax, or check with the church office.

- Week #1: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 Read Days 1-10
- Week #2: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 Read Days 11-20
- Week #3: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 Read Days 21-30
- Week #4: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Read Days 31-40

Church Calendar

If you'd like to see what the church is planning for the year, go to the church website at www.hartzellmtzionumc.org. Click the more tab and select Calendar.

- HMZ Easter Egg Hunt, **Sunday April 2, 2023 at 1 pm.**
- Maundy Thursday, **April 6, 2023 at First United Methodist Church Slidell at 7 pm.**
- Good Friday, **April 7, 2023 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church Slidell at 7 pm.**

CPR Training

CPR training is scheduled for **Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 8:00 am.** Contact office for more information.

United Women Of Faith

The United Women of Faith will meet **Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 10:00 am.**

Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet Thursday, **March 23, 2023.**

United Methodist Foundation....

Were you aware of **Planned Giving** through the United Methodist Foundation? See <http://umfgiving.org/> for more information or call them at 1-(800) 256-9317 to setup your gift today for Hartzell Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

Newsletter Ideas

Got an idea for the next newsletter? Contact the church office.

Final Thoughts | Word Search

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