



December 31, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas

Liturgical Color is White

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According to section 1e of the "Local Church Discernment Process" document supplied by the Conference, we are required to host one last church-wide meeting as part of the Discernment Process prior to our vote on January 21st.

"Before the end of the discernment period, at least one church-wide meeting shall be held to present all financial costs and other requirements of the Agreement to Separate, provide copies of the proposed Agreement to Separate, and discuss ramifications of separation. Church members shall be given an opportunity to express their opinion regarding the possibility of separation."

This meeting has been scheduled for **Sunday, January 7th at 3 PM** in the sanctuary. We hope you will make plans to attend this important gathering.

IT ALWAYS
SEEMS
TOO EARLY,
UNTIL IT'S
TOO LATE

**ADVANCE CARE
PLANNING**
Start the
Conversation . . .

Live Well/Finish Well: Advance Care Planning

Adults of all ages, married or single, caregivers, young adults with aging parents:
All are invited . . .

Saturday, January 13, 2024, 9:00 am - 12 noon
Zion United Methodist Church
5708 Highway 187 North
Anderson, SC 29625
www.zionumc.net
864-287-9098

Have you or family members questioned how to ensure health care & financial plans are in place before serious illness or health care crisis?

[Think about what matters most to you](#)

This 3 part gathering will help you to discuss and explore:

- A. *Ways to communicate your Life Choices with family, health care professionals, and pastors.*
- B. *Ways to be create Documents: Advance Care Planning and so much more.*
- C. *Ways to plan Service of Remembrance: Reflections of your faith and values.*

Presenters and Discussion Facilitators

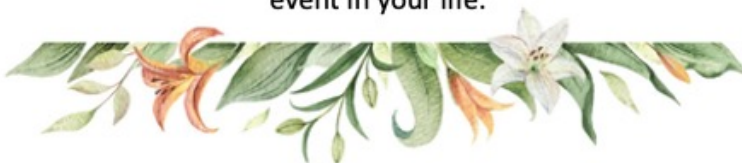
Chaplain Tamara Flinchum, AnMed Department of Spiritual Care
Pastor Beverly CroweTipton, Zion United Methodist Church

Seeking peace of mind? Register NOW at www.zionumc.net



The 2024 Church Flower Calendar is posted at the side entrance of the Sanctuary.

Please sign up to place flowers in the Sanctuary in Honor or Memory of someone you love or a special event in your life.



Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

* Opening Song

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, Forever.
Amen."

Choral Anthem

Tithes & Offering

*The Doxology

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above the heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

"Joy to the World"
Verse 1, 2 and 4

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*The Passing of The Peace

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:25-35

Sermon

"What are you waiting for?"

Bruce Smith

*Closing Song

*The Benediction

**Indicates where those who are able, please stand*