

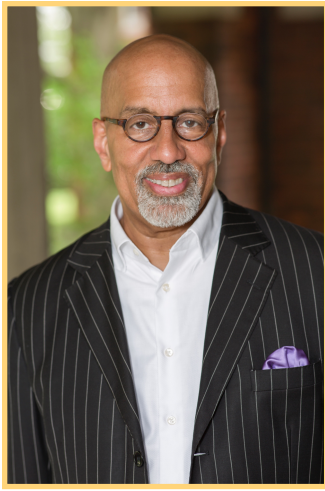
# The Spire

September 2023



Happy 159th Anniversary  
Mt. Zion!





### A Fresh Start, A New Beginning

September marks the beginning of many things in our lives. For students and teachers, it is the first full month of school. For many organizations, it is the beginning of a fiscal year. For many churches, and particularly for Mt. Zion, it is the beginning of regular meetings and activities that were on recess during the summer months when many members traveled or enjoyed the summer weather and outdoor activities.

As we embark on this season of new beginnings, I am excited to announce that on Sunday, September 3, the Board of Deacons will renew their ministry of serving communion to our congregation during our Communion Sunday worship service. Members will come to one of four stations, two in front and one on either side of the church, to receive communion from a Deacon. Deacons will personally serve any member unable to come to one of the four stations. I pray that this renewed communion service will further enhance the depth and spirituality of our worship.

We look forward with great anticipation to our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mike Shinn Memorial Golf Outing, on Friday, September 8, at Tanglewood Golf Course in Chagrin Falls. We anticipate a great turnout for this exciting annual event. This year, our honoree will be the Honorable Bradley D. Sellers, Mayor of Warrensville Heights. Mayor Sellers is no stranger to most sports fans because of his career as a professional basketball player in the NBA and his work as an announcer with the Cleveland Cavaliers. You still have time if you have not yet signed up for the golf outing. Registration is available through the weekly update or by talking to any member of the Golf Outing Committee on Sundays.

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR AND TEACHER

September 10 is our 159<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary! It is the celebration of the day that Mt. Zion was officially established as a church and chartered as a part of the Congregational Church (now United Church of Christ.) We will celebrate the faithfulness and dedication of those 19 faithful pilgrims who stepped out on faith to begin the first Congregational Church formed by and for African Americans in the state of Ohio. We will also honor the legacy of the 24 pastors who led Mt. Zion in the 159 years of our history as a local church.

It has become our tradition at Mt. Zion to hold our Commitment Walk on Anniversary Sunday. This year, the Board of Christian Stewardship will lead us in bringing our 2024 Financial Commitment Cards to the altar. Commitment cards are in the narthex each Sunday and are also in the Weekly Update and *The Spire*. We are so grateful for the faithfulness and dedication of our church family in Christian stewardship, and we look forward to the continued generosity of each and all in the year to come. Let me remind everyone of the message of our 2024 Stewardship theme, "The Blessing of Giving is the Reason for Living."

On Sunday, September 17, our Board of Mission and Outreach will present the Mission and Ministry Fair in person for the first time since the pandemic. Come and join us as we learn about the various missions, ministries, and organizations our church financially supports. We will also have the opportunity to learn about the many boards, committees, and ministries that are a part of God's work at Mt. Zion. Plan to stay after service to support and engage in the Mission and Ministry Fair.

We serve an amazing, loving, and generous God whose faithfulness truly endures to all generations. Let us each strive to give of ourselves and our substance in faithfulness to God.

With Joy and Gratitude,  
Rev. Paul

### In the know at Mt. Zion...

September 2 @ 12 p.m.  
**MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION FOR JOHN P. GREEN**  
Woodland Cemetery

September 7 @ 4 pm  
**BOUNTIFUL HARVEST PRODUCE GIVEAWAY**  
Parking Lot

September 8 @ 9 a.m.  
**8TH ANNUAL MIKE SHINN MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING**  
Tanglewood Golf Course

September 10 @ 11 a.m.  
**159TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY & COMMITMENT WALK**  
Sanctuary

September 17 @ 1 p.m.  
**MISSION & MINISTRY FAIR**  
Rozel Threat Social Hall

September 24 @ 4 p.m.  
**BETWEEN THE COVERS BOOK CLUB**  
via Zoom

September 30 @ 12 p.m.  
**COMMUNITY MEAL**  
Parking Lot

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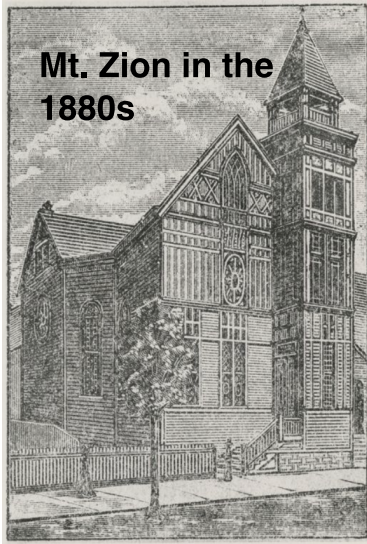
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## Happy 159th Anniversary Mt. Zion



The 159th anniversary of Mt. Zion Congregational Church, United Church of Christ holds historical and cultural significance. Founded in 1864, the church has been a pillar of the African American community and a center for social and spiritual growth. Its long history reflects the resilience and strength of the congregation in the face of racial adversity and challenges. The anniversary celebrates the church's

contributions to the spiritual, social, and cultural fabric of the community, as well as its ongoing commitment to faith, justice, and unity.

The year 1864 was a significant juncture in American history, marked by a tumultuous period of the Civil War and the ongoing struggle for African Americans' rights and freedom. As the nation grappled with the deep-rooted issues of slavery and racial inequality, African Americans played pivotal roles in shaping the course of history, both on and off the battlefield. In spite of the fact that enslaved African Americans were searching to find their way in a country that never embraced them, Mt. Zion Congregational Church became the first Congregational church organized by and for African Americans in the state of Ohio.

“Developed on June 8, 1864 out of a prayer group led by Edward Woodliff, a member of Shiloh Baptist Church,

### Mt. Zion's renovated sanctuary



Woodliff and other brave Shiloh members formed Mt. Zion. They had a hope for an unknown future, but yet, a future nestled in the strength of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The former members of Shiloh decided, after much discussion, that the Congregational order best suited their religious needs. This was largely due to the many abolitionists who were members of the Congregational church at that time. With guidance and encouragement from local Congregational churches, formal organization of Mt. Zion took place at Plymouth Congregational Church on September 11, 1864. Rev. J. H. Muse was appointed the first minister and a building was erected at Erie (E. 9th) St. and Webster Ave. Subsequent moves included occupation of church buildings at Maple (E. 31st) St., E. 55th St. and Central Ave (in a structure formerly occupied by the Temple, 1928), 9014 Cedar Ave (1938), and the YMCA. In 1954, members of Mt. Zion



*Mt. Zion today*

purchased the Grandin Mansion on Magnolia Avenue near University Circle, to erect a new modern brick edifice. Although the property was bombed soon afterward, the congregation resolved to remain and a new sanctuary at 10723 Magnolia Avenue was dedicated on September 30, 1956.”

Over its long history, Mt. Zion Congregational Church has witnessed and been a part of various historical events, cultural shifts, and social changes. It has played a role in advocating for civil rights, supporting community development initiatives, and providing a safe haven for African Americans during challenging times. The church's commitment to faith, justice, and unity, as well as its ability to adapt and evolve over the years, underscores its significance as an institution that has helped shape the narrative of African American history and progress in Cleveland and beyond.

Woodliff and the other forward thinking founders of Mt. Zion Congregational Church would be proud of their legacy.



## AT MT. ZION

### Welcome New Member



*Willie Richardson*

### Congratulations



*Evan Jones, the youngest son of Peter and Lisa Jones, recently graduated from The Ohio State University.*

### GET READY TO CELEBRATE!

The October Birthday Bash, October 13, 2023 at 7 p.m. More information to come.

## *Cars, Coffee, & Conversation*



**Crawford Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum, Cleveland History Center  
10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106**

**October 21 @ 9:30 a.m.**

**Free Admission**

**Featured Guest:**


**REV. PAUL HOBSON SADLER, SR.**



## Commitment Card 2024

### 2024 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

*"The Blessing of Living is the Reason for Giving"*



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**Tithes:** ☐ I/We commit to giving 10% of my/our gross income by tithing.

Current Expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Weekly ☐ Bi-Weekly ☐ Monthly

**Offering:**

☐ Building for the Future Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_


☐ Weekly ☐ Bi-Weekly ☐ Monthly

☐ Missions \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Weekly ☐ Bi-Weekly ☐ Monthly

Amount

**YOUR GIFTS TO MISSIONS WILL SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_



Stewardship

*"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

**Psalm 112:8**



## GriefShare®

*Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend*

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

*We know it hurts, and we want to help.*

### FALL SESSION

**Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**  
**August 10 - November 9, 2023**  
**via Zoom**

**For more information, please go to**  
**[griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)**

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CHRISTIAN BUSINESS LEAGUE

**8th Annual Mike Shinn Memorial Golf Outing**

**Friday, September 8, 2023**



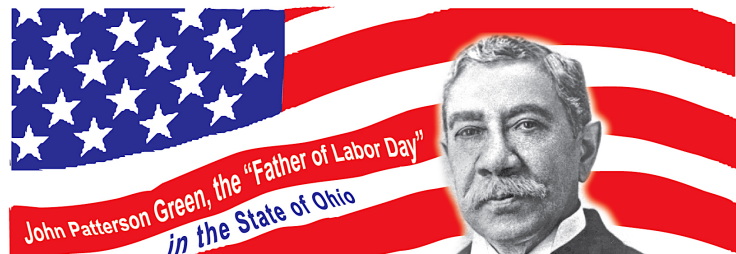
**Honoring**

**Bradley D. Sellers**  
Mayor of Warrensville Heights


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**20th Anniversary**



**John Patterson Green, the "Father of Labor Day"**  
*in the State of Ohio*





**Dedication of the Memorial Garden for John P. Green**  
**Saturday, September 2, 2023 Noon – 1 pm**


**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Judge Charles Patton**  
He will address the legacy of John P. Green as a politician lawyer.

Others will recognize Green's contributions as founding member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and labor unions, noting his role as "Father of Labor Day"

**Woodland Cemetery, between East 66th St and 71st St. Entry through Quincy gate.**  
John P. Green site is at Section 49 to your right after entering from Quincy gate.  
(Near green port-a-potty)

For further information: Contact **Dr. Dorothy Salem**,  
Educational Outreach Coordinator of Woodland Cemetery Foundation,  
dorothysalem@yahoo.com or 216-337-9217

Michelle A. Day, Chairwoman/President  
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**Mt. Zion Congregational Church, UCC**  
**Women's Fellowship**

**BOUNTIFUL HARVEST**  
**DRIVE-THRU**  
**PRODUCE GIVEAWAY**

**Every 1st Thursday of the Month**  
**May - October @ 4 pm**  
**May 4, June 1, July 6**  
**Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5**

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# *Mission and Ministry Fair*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday**

**September 17, 2023**

**1 - 3 p.m.**

**Rozel Threat Social Hall**

**GET CONNECTED!  
GET INVOLVED!**

**"A Church for the Whole Family of God"**

**Hosted by the Board of Mission & Outreach**



# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Day of Sabbath for Rev. Paul				1 7am Prayer Call       Teresa Ryba	2 9am Deacon Board at Mt. Zion       Olivia Knox
3 COMMUNION 7am Worship Prayer Call 11am Worship 12:30 pm Virtual Coffee Hour    Deacon Deneen Wiley	4       Lady Kim Martin Sadler	5 7:00am Care Shep. 1pm Staff Meeting- Zoom 6pm FA via Zoom 6pm Bd Christ. Stwd via Zoom	6 7am Prayer Call 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear.	7 4 pm PRODUCE GIVEAWAY 6:30pm GriefShare via Zoom 7pm Leadershp Tm via Zoom	8 7am Prayer Call 9am MIKE SHINN MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING 6:30pm Sisters in the Spirit via Zoom	9 11:30am Mission & Outreach via Zoom
10 7am Worship Prayer Call 11am Worship 159TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY & COMMITMENT WALK 12:30 pm Virtual Coffee Hour   Deacon Cassandra Green Robert Reynolds	11       Annette Coleman Donaldson Hill	12 7:00am Care Shep. 1pm Staff Meeting- Zoom 6pm FA via Zoom 6pm Bd of Christ. Stewdsph via Zoom   Eric Brown Deacon Ernest Malone Sr. Deacon Darlene Sallie	13 7am Prayer Call 10:30am Bible Stdy via Zoom 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear. 7pm Bible Study via Zoom	14 6:30 p.m. GriefShare via Zm	15 7am Prayer Call       Gloria Burrows	16 12pm Women's Fellshp via Zm 1pm Memorial Sv for Emma Callaway   Faye Alexander
17 7am Worship Prayer Call 11am Worship 12:30 pm Virtual Coffee Hour  1pm MISSION & MINISTRY FAIR Social Hall   LaRonda Foster	18	19 7:00am Care Shep. 1pm Staff Meeting- Zoom 6pm FA via Zoom   Deacon Maurcita Warner	20 7am Prayer Call 10:30am Bible Stdy via Zoom 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear. 7pm Bible Study via Zoom	21 6:30 p.m. GriefShare via Zm	22 7am Prayer Call       Aaryn Green Michelle Rankins	23 5:30pm Bd of Trustees via Zoom
24 7am Worship Prayer Call 11am Worship 12:30 pm Virtual Coffee Hour 12:45pm New Member Class 4pm Between the Covers Book Club via Zoom   Al Madison	25	26 7:00am Care Shep. 1pm Staff Meeting- Zoom 6pm FA via Zoom   Cassandra Ellis	27 7am Prayer Call 10:30am Bible Stdy via Zoom 6:30pm Praise Tm Rehear. 7pm Bible Study via Zoom	28 6:30 p.m. GriefShare via Zm	29 7am Prayer Call	30 12 p.m. Community Meal Drive-Thru/Walkup