



Mount Zion United Methodist Church

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12430 Scaggsville Road (Route 216), Highland, MD 20777-9785

2015 CHRISTMAS at MT. ZION UMC



CHURCH COUNCIL - CLASS OF 2016

Our Mission

Touching Lives for
Jesus Christ.

Our Core Values

Living the Christ
Centered Life.
Being Bible Oriented.
Building an Authentic
Community.
Celebrating Diversity.
Encouraging Spiritual
Growth.
Serving Through Our
Spiritual Gifts and
Passion.

Our Vision

We shall build an
authentic community
modeled after the
Acts 2 Church.
We shall provide
educational opportu-
nities for spiritual
growth and encourage
all members to
participate.
We shall build welcom-
ing opportunities for
those who are not part
of us.
All of us are ministers
by virtue of our
baptism and are called
to use our spiritual
gifts in service to
God. Staff is hired to
equip the membership
for the realization of
this vision.

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Senior Pastor - Pastor Joan C-R	Associate Pastor—Pastor David C-R
Chairperson - Gail Coffin	Lay Leader - Bettye Ames
Lay Members to AC - Bettye Ames & Jordan Dubbs	
Director of Youth—Pastor Tammi Brantley	
Finance Chair - Evan Saunderson	Trustee Chair - <i>to be filled (January)</i>
SPRC Chairperson - Mike Jacobson	Missions Outreach - <i>to be filled</i>
Treasurer & Finance Secretary - Belinda Norton	
UMW Co-Pres. - Joyce Bickerton & Sandy Sehman	
UMW President - Ken Sines	
Nominations - <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Recording Secretary - Lynn Jacobson
Evangelism & Extravagant Hospitality - Elizabeth Blough Fred Towner	
Small Groups - Deb Leiss	Director of Children—Jena Meredith Ed-
ucation & Family—Katie Davis	Youth Representative - Kerry Johnson
Worship Arts - David Norton	Fellowship Chairperson - Jan Plant
Stewardship—Chris Maynard	Memorials - Kathy Cashmark
Shepherding - Betty Cashmark	Scouting Coordinator - Chuck Sehman
Librarian - Robin Emrich	
Cemetery Chairperson - Chuck Sehman	
Candidate for Ordained Ministry - Deborah Burgio	
Lay Servants - Carol Hill & David Norton	Lay Minister - Barbara Jacques
Members-At-Large - Karyn Vice & Frank Lineberger	

Meet Our New Associate Pastor - David Carter-Rimbach

by Mike Jacobson, Chair, Mt. Zion SPRC

On Sunday, December 20th, I had the pleasure of announcing that Reverend David Carter-Rimbach has been selected to serve as our new Associate Pastor. The congregational response has been overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to welcoming Pastor David to the Mt. Zion family when he begins ministry here on February 1st.

Currently, Pastor David is appointed to Zion UMC in Westminster, Maryland. The Baltimore-Washington Conference has a number of small congregations that cannot afford the salary and other costs typically associated with an appointed active elder of the church. To fill the pastoral role at churches like Zion UMC in Westminster, the District Superintendent ("D.S.") looks to people who are not active Elders. Such people might be candidates for ordained ministry, Local Pastors or retired Elders. Although Pastor David is receiving pension benefits from the greater church, he desired to remain actively engaged in ministry and agreed to pastor that congregation. Pastor David has advised his D.S. that he has accepted a position here at Mt. Zion, and their D.S. is in the process of finding a replacement to fill his position at his current church.

At Mt. Zion, we understand how tight finances can put pressure on the entire ministry of the church. While we can afford an appointed active Elder (Pastor Joan currently fills that role as Senior Pastor), the SPRC recognized that we could not afford the salary, health, and pension benefits that are required by the Baltimore-Washington Conference for a second appointed pastor. Knowing this, we sought to fill the staff position directly instead. After the position was described and advertised, Pastor Joan advised the SPRC that her husband had an interest in the position.

I spoke with our D.S., J. W. Park regarding the prospect of spouses ministering together. Reverend Park was completely supportive of the idea of having a wife and husband team ministering together and advised he was personally aware of several other situations in the conference where spouses serve together. I also spoke to Rev. Melissa Rudolph, the senior pastor of one such wife/husband team. She shared some of the joys and difficulties of ministering with her spouse. One of the difficulties they have encountered is that they sometimes find it hard to separate their work-life from their home-life when both of them are concerned over exactly the same things. During his interview, Pastor David shared this concern and communicated that he and Pastor Joan would be working on strategies to safeguard a balanced relationship. He expressed that the opportunity to work with his wife in ministry was a major factor in his interest in this position. Additionally, having previously been the Senior Pastor at Linden-Linthicum in Clarksville, he is acquainted with Mt. Zion's reputation as a positive force in the community. Of course, a much better commute factored into his interest in the position as well.

Pastor David brings more than 40 years of experience as an ordained United Methodist Pastor and I believe he will truly be a blessing for our church family. Many of us have witnessed his excellent teaching and preaching skills during the recent Revelation bible study, the men's retreat or during Pastor Malcolm's Sabbath leave. I will also note that, during January, he will be attending the Stephen Ministry Leader Training Course in preparation for one of his focuses at Mt. Zion. In these and other ways, Pastor David is prepared to fulfill the expectations of the Associate Pastor position which will focus on teaching, preaching, outreach, and pastoral care.

I believe that as Pastor David joins us, Pastor Joan gains someone who complements her strengths as she leads Mt. Zion forward in ministry "touching lives for Jesus Christ". As we transition into a new year, please pray for our church, Pastors, and support staff that God may be glorified by our ministry together.





Introducing Mount Zion's Newest Members

On Sunday November 22, 2015 we were pleased to have New Members join us here at Mount Zion. Please take the time to get acquainted with our new members:

- The Humphreys Family : Jim and Jamie and children
- The McLaughlin Family: Jim and Kathy
- The Routh Family: Betty Routh and children

Our next New Members classes will begin on Sunday January 24, 2016 from 1-2:30 p.m. To register for our four week New Members Sessions please email: mtzionhighland@gmail.com

New Members Sessions:

Session I: Getting to Know You!

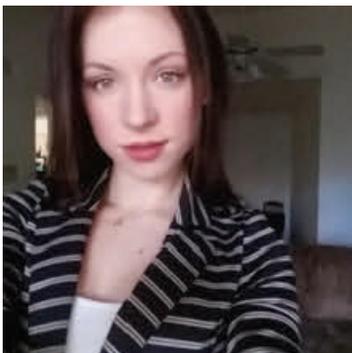
Session II: United Methodist 101

Session III: Baltimore Washington Conference, Central Maryland, and the Local Church

Session IV: Discipleship 101

New Church Secretary (Office Administrator) Katie Hasselberger

by Mike Jacobson, Chair, Mt. Zion SPRC



I am pleased to report that Katie Hasselberger will begin work in the church office on January 6, 2015. Katie recently graduated from UMBC. She moved from Pasadena, MD to Columbia, MD this past October. Katie grew up attending Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Glen Burnie, and also participated in a pilgrimage to Brazil with Holy Rosary of Baltimore in 2013. Most recently, Katie has worked as a preschool teacher at Glen Mar Early Learning Center.

Katie will be in the church office from 9:00 to 3:00 weekdays. If you are in the church during that time, please be sure to stop by the office and welcome her to Mt. Zion. Katie expresses her thanks to all of the Mt. Zion community for the welcome she has received thus far and she looks forward to meeting all who come by the church office.



GIFTS from the HEART for our Community, near & far:

ROUTE 1 DAY CENTER.

Mt. Zion will be serving the meal and desserts at the Route 1 Day Shelter on Monday, January 18. Watch the bulletin for meal items to serve 12 to 15 people. We will need people to provide the meal, dessert and help serve food at the Center between 1:30 and 3:30 PM. If you can help, please contact Rod Barr at rod-barr@verizon.net.



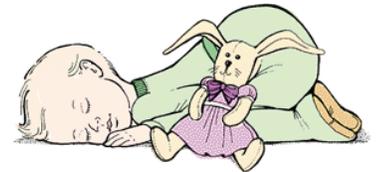
EPIPHANY

WARMTH NEEDED

This is just an early reminder to add to your shopping lists! In January 2016 Mt Zion will have the opportunity to reach out to Maryland children in need. We will be collecting new pajamas (sizes infant thru teens) and storybooks for the Pajama Program: www.pajamaprogram.org.

Your donations will be distributed in Maryland to spread warmth and smiles to children living in shelters, long term foster care and/or group homes. Thank you for reaching out to touch these young lives and to help share His love.

Karen Williams
301-854-3934



WINTER SHELTER (WINTERHAVEN) WILL BE AT MT. ZION IN JANUARY

Signups for Winter Shelter will continue on January 3 and 10. We are still a long way from covering our needs. The greatest needs include overnights (we need 6 per night including at least two ladies as we will be housing both men and ladies this year) and an Assistant Coordinator to help with guest intake and scheduling for each night. Please stop at the sign-up table in the West Narthex before and after the 9 AM and 11 AM services. Mt. Zion cannot do this without a lot of help - YOUR help. If you have any questions please contact Rod Barr at rod-barr@verizon.net.

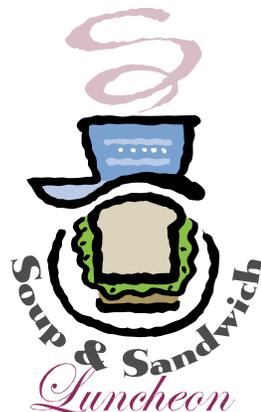


SAGE Brigade Event:

Friday, January 8th at Noon in the social hall!!!!

Come for soup and games. Please bring your own sandwich. Bring a game to share too! That is Elvis's birthday so expect a few Elvis tunes.

The Christmas lunch was so much fun, please don't miss out on this event! Let Debbie Burgio know if you are coming. 410-531-2271 or Debbie.burgio@verizon.net. Bring ideas for future events!



THE NEW DECORATIONS IN THE SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS:

The decorating committee consists of: Sue Ball; Joyce Bickerton; Betty Cashmark; Edie & Jerry Donohue; Lisa Dubbs; Rick & Judy Johnson; Sara Jones; Lori Stewart; Crystal Zimmerman

I would like to thank the committee for their dedication and hard work in decorating each year and a very special thanks to Lori for her graphic art work on the banners and to Lisa for the endless hours in making the banners and the North Star. We are very lucky to have such talent on our committee.



Mount Zion Youth Ministry 2015/2016

Here's what we accomplished in 2015

Winter Haven Feeding of our homeless community members, Rock Conference Ocean City MD, Ski and Snowboarding Trip to Liberty Mountain, MD, Paintball Fredrick, MD, 30 Hour Famine held on-site at Mt. Zion, 6 Students were confirmed, Honoring our Graduates Sunday, 25 persons attended Camp Hope Missions in Frostburg, MD, Back to School Sunday School Kick-off Block Party, Community Yard Sale Fundraiser, Chick Fil A Spirit Night, Orange Tour Leader Training, 8 hours/week spent in the community attending after school activities, plays, football games, field hockey games and so much more.



Youth Ministry at a Glance 2016

Sunday Schedule:

- 10:05 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Middle School Matters Youth Group
- 10:05 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Senior High Rocks Sunday School
- 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. -7:45 p.m. UMYF

Monthly Activities:

Real Talk Sessions

Game Night

Movie Night

Special Missions Projects

Youth Group Out on the town!

Other events for 2016:

Feb. 5-7: Rock Conference Ocean City, MD

Feb. 15: Ski/Snow Tubing

Apr. 29-30: 30 Hour Famine Lock in Youth Center

Jun. 12: End of School Year Block Party/Celebration of 2016 Graduates

Jun. 26-July 2: Camp Hope Missions Frostburg, MD

Sept. 11: Back to School Block Party

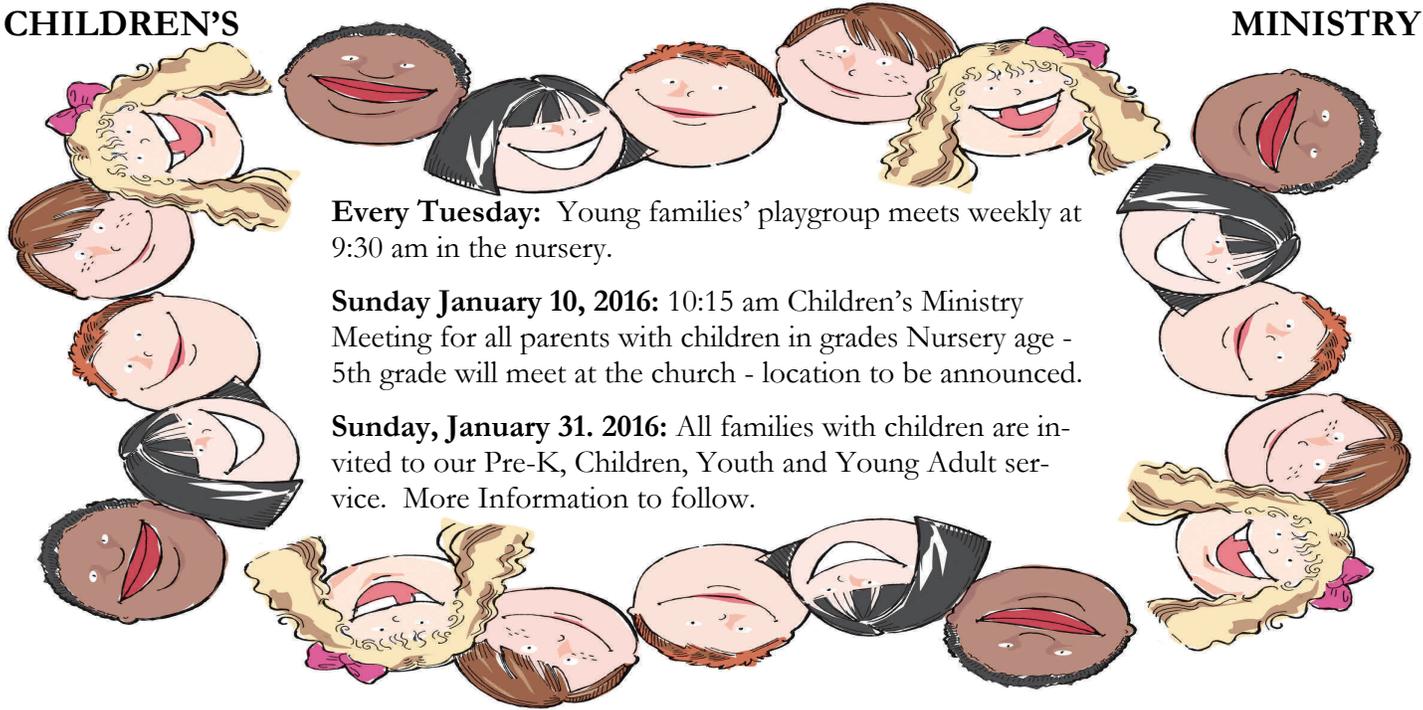
Sept. 16-17: Confirmation Class 2016/2017 Kick-off Retreat

Dec. 3: Breakfast with Santa/Secret Santa Shop

Dec. 11: Play and Live Nativity

CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY



Every Tuesday: Young families' playgroup meets weekly at 9:30 am in the nursery.

Sunday January 10, 2016: 10:15 am Children's Ministry Meeting for all parents with children in grades Nursery age - 5th grade will meet at the church - location to be announced.

Sunday, January 31, 2016: All families with children are invited to our Pre-K, Children, Youth and Young Adult service. More Information to follow.





Mount Zion Christian PRESCHOOL

Ages 2-5 301-854-2387

Play • Grow • Learn • Love

Upcoming Preschool Events

***OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, January 5, 2016
from 6:30pm to 7:30pm***

Offering classes for children 2-5 years old, including Pre-K.
Registration for 2016-2017 school year starting soon.
Please call 301-854-2387 for more information.

*There are still a few openings for the 2015-2016 school year.
Please call for current availability.



Mt. Zion Christian Preschool NEWS

It has been a busy season for us at Mt. Zion Christian Preschool. The children have been busy making special presents for their moms and dads. We also had a wonderful Christmas Program. The children performed songs that they have been learning this Fall. The program was spectacular.

We are sad that Miss Chris Borleis will be leaving Mt. Zion Christian Preschool, but we are excited that their family will be preparing for a new baby. She has been the aide in the 3 day 4's class for three (3) years. She will be missed by the staff and the children.

This year Mt. Zion Christian Preschool has hired three (3) new staff members. Cindy O'Keefe has been hired to be the 4 day 4's teacher. She was previously the aide in the Pre-K class, for 4 years. She is doing a great job as the classroom teacher and really enjoys it.

Rebekah O'Keefe has been hired as the aide in the Pre-K class. She has been substituting for us for two (2) years. She is doing a great job and loves working with the children.

Alyssa Snoots has been hired as the aide for the 3 day 4's class. She will take over for Chris Borleis, who is leaving to prepare for her baby. Alyssa has been substituting for Mt. Zion Christian Preschool for several years. All four (4) of her children are Mt. Zion Christian Preschool alumni.

We are excited to have these wonderful women working for us.

January will be busy for us. It will kick off with Open House on January 5, 2016, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please stop by to see the classrooms and meet the staff. On January 12, 2016, we will have the 2's registration in the morning with the Community Registration that evening. Please call the Preschool at 301-854-2387, for more information.



Mt Zion's 12th Annual



**Sunday at Noon
January 31st**

Come to Mt. Zion's 12th Annual Chili Cook-Off and warm up your heart and soul with the best chili in town! Then stick around to find out who wins the top 3 prize baskets. The 1st place winner will represent Mt. Zion in the Bridges to Housing Stability Chili Cook-Off Competition fundraiser in March (on 3/6/2016).

All proceeds will benefit the Bridges to Housing Stability's programs for homeless and at-risk families in Howard County.

Mt. Zion Chili Cook-Off Entry Form

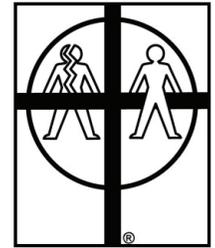
Return this entry form and the \$10 entry fee to the Fellowship Committee mailbox.

Name(s): _____

Phone# _____

Email: _____

Bring a crock pot full of chili (already heated and ready to serve including optional condiments) to the Fellowship Hall by 11:30AM on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016. The judging will be by "People's Choice Award" with the top 3 prize winners selected based on the number of votes (tickets) received. The top prize winner(s) will be asked to represent Mt. Zion by competing against other churches at the Bridges to Housing Stability Chili Cook-Off fundraiser on March 6th, 2016. For additional information, contact Jan Plant at 301-497-6394 or janplant@verizon.net.



Stephen Ministry

The Art and Work of Listening

One of the most important skills for Stephen Ministers and for everyone who seeks to care for another is listening. "Listening is an active process that requires much personal involvement and commitment. Listening takes work. It call upon the caregiver to be fully present in the caring situation. To a casual onlooker, the listener may not appear to be active, as a person jogging or swimming is active, but the listener's mind and heart are very active indeed.

Jesus continually demonstrated the relationship between caring and listening. Before Jesus healed the daughter of a Canaanite woman, he let her give her testimony of faith. (Matthew 15:21-28) Before Jesus healed the blind man (Mark 10:46-52), Jesus asked what he wanted and carefully listened to the man's reply. Jesus could have spoken without first taking the time to let them

speak. Instead, he showed care and concern by first listening, and then ministering to their needs." (Stephen Ministry Training Manual, Volume 1, page 40)

The Stephen Ministers are trained to listen. If you or a loved one need a confidential, trained, Christian caregiver, please contact Pastor Joan. We are here to listen and to care.

Looking for that Special Gift for Your Spouse? How About a Winter Weekend Get Away?

Register now for:

"Making Magnificent Marriages"

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend

February 19-21, 2016 at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City, MD!

Whether you have been married a few months or 50 years, this special weekend will be the cure for those Wintertime Blues!

Love doesn't happen by magic: This special weekend provides an opportunity for you and your spouse to learn the skills that enhance communication, improve conflict resolution, and build intimacy!

Registration is just \$325 per couple!

(includes hotel accommodations for Friday & Saturday nights, 2 meals on Saturday, & Sunday brunch)

Brochure/Registration Forms available in West Narthex.

For more information email: MarriageEnrichment@comcast.net or

call 301-801-2344

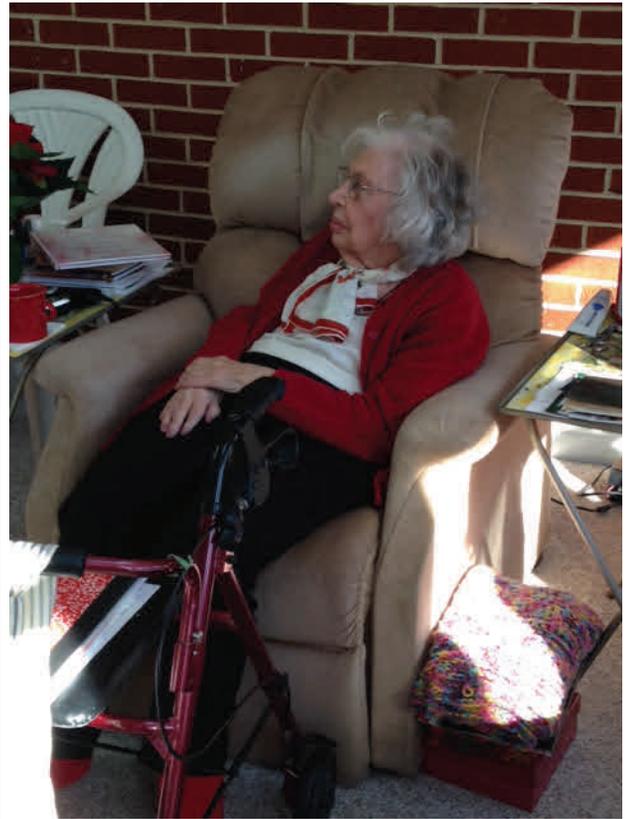
This Marriage Enrichment Retreat is sponsored by Linden Linthicum UMC, Mt. Zion UMC, Marantha Adventist Fellowship, and Triadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Music Ministry

Trinity Choir went caroling on December 6th; they paid a special visit to a few of our congregation's "shut-in" members. Festively-clad in their Santa and Elf hats, the choir sang Christmas carols to Polly Hawkes and Anna Smith at their homes before heading over to Lorien Nursing & Rehab Center in Elkridge, to see George Bickerton. It was a particularly meaningful visit to George, as he, with wife, Joyce, directed the Trinity Choir at Mt. Zion for 25 years from 1983-2008. George, who was wearing a "vintage" bright purple Trinity Choir t-shirt, was joined by several other residents at Lorien who were visibly happy to see and hear our youth choir sing their beautiful Christmas music. Many of them were smiling and singing along as well.

Special thanks to Lynne McWithey, Director of the Trinity Choir, and her assistant, Josh Rettenmayer, for arranging this outing and spreading the joy of the holiday season to our house-bound church family members.





Registration Table



Angel Tree Gifts

The Open Doors Food Pantry has been very busy the last two months. In November we asked you to fill 80 bags for Thanksgiving Dinners, which you did gladly - and we provided the turkey, chicken or canned ham, and butter. We had 105 families show up, which was 436 people that received food. That was a record breaker, and our shelves in our pantry were just about wiped out. Next we were gearing up for our December pantry, which is always the busiest and the most fun. We had 80 children on our Angel Tree, and all 80 kids received gifts, thanks to you, our wonderful and generous congregation. We had 100 families come through, which was 432 people that received food. None of this would be possible without the help of you and the surrounding community. Here are some of the groups that have gone above and beyond to help the food pantry these last two months:

The **Rotary Club of Columbia** donated enough money to fill 8 Thanksgiving dinner bags. Plus, they send volunteers each month to help set up on Friday, or help with carts on Saturday.

Harris Teeter in Fulton has been donating frozen food items the last 4+ months on the day of distribution. They have also given us brown paper bags and discounts on eggs when we buy them there for the clients.

Food Lion in Fulton gave us a \$500 gift card to buy any food we needed for the food pantry. Laurie and Carol went shopping in December and spent \$300 on canned meals, such as Chef Boy-R-Dee and Spaghetti-o's, cereal, and instant mashed potatoes. We are keeping the remaining funds for the January shopping if we need to fill in any gaps.

Dunkin Donuts in Clarksville donates their left overs the evening before our distribution day.

Panera donates day old bread every week for us to provide each month.

Weis in Laurel donated various items for the past two months, and the items were picked up on the day of distribution by a volunteer.

2 Girl Scout Troops brought in Girl Scout cookies and volunteered to set up Santa's area for the December distribution day. They also helped bring in the presents bought for the Angel Tree, and made Christmas cards for each of the families.

A young man from Temple Isaiah has chosen our food pantry as his volunteer project. He came to volunteer in December, will be back in January to help, and will be collecting food at Temple Isaiah for the food pantry.

The Mt. Zion Boy Scout Troop has been in the past, and will be doing so this year, donating the food from their annual food drive to our pantry. They also provide volunteers to help out on the day of the pantry.

Gethsemane Baptist Church youth group did a food drive, and had a contest between the different grades. They were able to donate 5 clear tubs of food and one clear tub of items for the North Pole Express Shop. They also donated a big bag of teddy bears and other items for the shop. On the day of distribution, they brought in more items for the shop. The teenagers come to volunteer on Friday for set-up, and also on Saturday to help where they're needed. The 11th grade won the contest, so they now have bragging rights for a year!

A congregant that works at Johns Hopkins APL raised monies for Giant food gift cards, and they really came through. With the help of our congregation, APL, and an anonymous donor from APL that matched all donations, she raised enough money to buy 105 Giant food gift cards, each for \$25. Every family that came through received a gift card, and when we gave it to them they were surprised, and happy too. A lot of joyful tears were shed that day for these gift cards.

The Parenting Class took on the North Pole Express Shop again this year, and they did a fabulous job! There were lots of gifts for the kids to choose from for their parents, and siblings. The wrapping paper was flying, the tape was being pulled, and the ribbons were being tied to make the prettiest presents anyone had seen. The kids coming out of the North Pole Express Shop had such joy on their faces because they were able to pick out something just for their parents. Towards the end of the day, there was a grandmother, her daughter, and her 3 month old son going through the food pantry picking out food items they needed. The Parenting Class volunteers wanted to give the baby a gift, but all the baby gifts had been taken. The only thing left was a small receiving blanket. When they took it out to give them, they noticed the mother had taken off her coat and wrapped the baby in it because they didn't have a blanket for the child.



North Pole Express Shop



Quite a few **volunteers** have been coming to help from outside sources these last 2 months. We've seen them come from **UMBC, Wells Fargo, BGE, Columbia Rotary Club, Gethsemane Baptist Church, Latter Day Saints of Clarksville, and Community Action Council of Howard County.**

With this being our 3rd Christmas for our food pantry, we never dreamed how our call to serve would reach so many people - not only clients, but also those from the community who come and volunteer. The givingness of the community and our Church has been overwhelming at times, which is how we KNOW that God has His hands in this food pantry. Thank you to everyone that has helped, bought food, dropped loose change in the offering, or prayed for this food pantry. Christmas is the time of year to give thanks, and we give thanks for each and every one of you.

Happy New Year! Carol Hill & Laurie Norwood



Santa with Helpers



Volunteers

UMM Men's Retreat

The word of God and fellowship of man was experienced by everyone attending the retreat on the Chester River when the Pecometh Riverview Retreat Center, Centreville, MD, opened their doors to us. The hospitality, accommodations, and meals were wonderful.



The theme of the weekend was John 15:4-9, "In Him and with Him, you bear fruit", led by Pastor David Carter-Rimbach. Throughout the sessions a sense of discipleship and love for one another was encouraged and enforced. In the realm of life, each of us is simply one grain of sand yet each of us can influence so many if we believe and remain with the Lord.

Notice the cross hanging on the podium, ask anyone that joined us at the retreat to show you how one can be torn from a piece of paper.

Our time was filled with experiencing the Word, games, kayaking, carols around a campfire, and, of course, eating, an expected Methodist tradition. The weather allowed for various activities out of doors, including star gazing and tranquility on Friday evening, kayaking and a campfire on Saturday with communion. Sunday worship was led by David Norton.



The only thing lacking might have been you. **Therefore, Mt. Zion has reserved limited spaces (24 each) for the weekend of the 30th of September through the 2nd of October, 2016.**



Breakfast with Santa 2015





SANTA'S WORKSHOP



Those Called to Serve and Lead Worship

	Service Times	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Kid's Time	9:00	Pastor Joan	Barb Jacques	Kristin Robertson	Elizabeth Blough	Youth Sunday
Counters		Andrea Smolen, Rob Messerly	Roz Norman, Sally Williams	Roz Norman, Evan Saunderson	Larry Murdoch, Will Scott, Sam Hergert	<i>Your Name Here</i>
Greeters	9:00	Louise Sehman & Wayne Mullinix	Chrystal Zimmerman & Lorene Brown	Carolyn & Lamont Basket	Alice Ellis, Hil-da & Lew Rodgers	<i>Your Name Here</i>
	11:00	Mark Coffin	Mark Coffin	Evan Saunderson	Mark Coffin	<i>Your Name Here</i>
Liturgist	9:00	Steve Dennis	Jordan Dubbs	Elizabeth Dennis	Carol Hill	Jon Lindberg
Projection	9:00	Bonnie Luepkes	Chuck Sehman	Jill Scott	Adam Johnson	Chuck Sehman
	11:00	Chuck Sehman	Anna Yurick	Chuck Sehman	Jill Scott	Anna Yurick
Sound	9:00	<i>Your Name Here</i>	Sam Dennis	<i>Your Name Here</i>	Scott Johnson	<i>Your Name Here</i>
	11:00	Bill Ray	Al Hill	Bill Ray	Al Hill	<i>Your Name Here</i>
Usher Captains	9:00	Will Scott	Will Scott	Will Scott	Will Scott	Will Scott
	11:00	Gary & Patricia Heinz	Gary & Patricia Heinz	Gary & Patricia Heinz	Gary & Patricia Heinz	Gary & Patricia Heinz

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute and notify the church office at mtzionhighland@verizon.net.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:

Acolyte: Steve Dennis (thedenni@verizon.net)

8:30 Children's Time: Jena Meredith
(jenameredith@hotmail.com)

Counters: Evan Saunderson
(esaunderson@corridormtg.com)

9:00 Greeters: Larry & Koral Murdoch
(jlmurdo@verizon.net)
or Louise Sehman
(cdppsehman@verizon.net)

Liturgist: David Norton

Nursery: Kathy H. (mtzion_nursery@yahoo.com)

Projection: Sam Hergert (samary13730@comcast.net)

Sound: Rob Messerly (rob.messerly@verizon.net)

9:00 Ushers: Steve Reyda (sjreyda@verizon.net)
or Will Scott (willjill@verizon.net)

11:00 Ushers: Eric O'Keefe
(ericwokeefe@yahoo.com)

Pointer Editor: Sue Ball (sbball72@verizon.net)



2	Dixie Quinn	9	Alicia Norton	12	Nicholas Papavizas	22	Hanna Bassett
3	Joel Zinkievich		Don Kraft		Sienna Williams	23	Steve Stevens
	Don Kauffman		Tara	13	Bob Oltjen		Matthew David
4	Blake Worrel		Thompson		Rachel George		Hilda Rodgers
	Caroline		Wilda Synan		Scott Glenn	24	Scott Wyler
	McWithey	10	Brian Bassett	14	Anna Goheen		Rachel O'Keefe
5	Claire Mays		Corinne Kelly		Bryan Meredith		Scott Huber
6	Sam Dennis	11	James Riffle		Gordon Ellis	26	Geoff Landau
	Wilma Wiest		Bettie Kibbe		Kara Williams		Louise Raney
8	Bill Adams		Elizabeth	15	Mark Keeley		Michael Brown
	Ron Dietrich		Towner		Pamela		George Perry
					Ehrenfried		Finnie Dalgewicz
					Penny Schmit	27	Jill Scott
				16	Mark Collatz		Beth Salmans
					Bob Killen	28	Ken Sines
					Larry Waligora		Kerry Johnson
				18	Steve Reber		Keto Gyekis
					Mary Maiorana		Lloyd Morris
					Matthew White	29	Will McKinzie
							Corey Sale
				19	Lauren Easley		Louanne Collison
					Patrick		Mark Dubbs
					Saunderson		Sarah Blough
					Scott Wilburn		Steve White
				20	Andrew Jacques	30	Kacey Burke
					Jenny Burtzloff		Amy Ciliberti
					Trey Ames		Michelle Battaglia
				21	Panos Papavizas		Virginia Hedges
					Maggie O'Keefe	31	Dick Caruso
					Parker Burke		Edie Donohue
					Ryan Burke		Kelsey Dobyns



SCRIP Update:

Through December 15, the 2015 sales for SCRIP were \$33,235 with \$1,609.80 going to missions. This is a return of 4.84%. In 2016 we would like to boost those sales in order to send more “free” money toward the great mission projects of Mt. Zion.

In order to do that we need YOU!

Consider switching just one area of your shopping over to SCRIP gift cards at a time. In January make it your grocery shopping. February, why not gas? In March, try restaurants!!! An easy transition that will mean so much to the people who are helped everyday by the missions of Mt. Zion. A second way you can help is to spend your time on Sunday morning between services on the first and third Sunday of each month. This program cannot continue without you. Call or email Debbie Burgio at 410-531-2271 or Debbie.burgio@verizon.net. If Missions are important to you, please consider this as a way to help.





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