

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

March 10, 2019

JACOB



Prince of God

Touching Lives for Jesus Christ

Mount Zion United Methodist Church

Rev. Gary Sheffield-James, Lead Pastor

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Prelude – <i>Choral Prelude on “O God Be Merciful to Me”</i>	Deb Papavizas
Lighting of the Candles	
Welcome & Opportunities to Serve	Pastor Gary
Call to Worship	Pastor Gary
*Opening Hymn – <i>Morning Has Broken</i>	UMH#145
Scripture: Genesis 25: 19-26	Pastor Gary

Jacob, Prince of God – Music by Gloria Emmerich,

Narration, loosely from Genesis 25-33 Trinity Choir

Narrator: Christian Nieto	<i>Seed of Abraham</i>
Narrator: Victoria Salmans	<i>A Sale to Stew Over</i> – Jacob & Esau
Narrator: Josh Davis	<i>The Blessing Will Be Mine</i> – Rebekah & Jacob
Narrator: Elizabeth Smolen	<i>Blessing Will Be Mine / Father’s Blessing</i> – Jacob & Chorus
Narrator: Caroline Smolen	<i>The Blessing Should Be Mine!</i> – Esau
Narrator: Eliza Thompson	<i>There is a Price to be Paid</i> – Rebekah
Narrator: Cailin O’Keefe	<i>Dream of Hope</i> - Angels
	<i>There is a Light</i> – Jacob & Angel Chorus
Narrator: Phoebe Island	<i>Remember My Love</i> – Rachel
Narrators: Brooke Gettier, Nellie Squirlock	<i>God is Our Witness</i> - Jacob & Laban
Narrator: Phoebe Island	<i>God of My Fathers</i> – Jacob
Narrators: Julia Baskett, Kyle Gettier	<i>God Has Restored/ Seed of Abraham</i> – Jacob & Esau, Chorus

Sharing of Joys and Concerns	
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Gary
The Lord’s Prayer	

God’s Tithes and our Offerings	
*Doxology	UMN #95
Prayer of Dedication	Pastor Gary

*Closing Hymn – <i>We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder</i>	UMC#418
Sending Forth	Pastor Gary

Postlude – <i>Solemn March by Mozart</i>	Deb Papavizas
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Leave to Serve God’s People

*You are invited to stand in heart or posture

Jacob, Prince of God - Cast

Isaac – Scott Johnson

Rebekah – Phoebe Island

Jacob – Jack Island

Esau – Ted McWithey

Esau's Wives – Brooke Island, Julia Baskett

Isaac's Servant – Victoria Salmans

Uncle Ishmael – Kyle Gettier

Esau's Third Wife – Nellie Squirlock

Standing Angels: Brooke Gettier, Victoria Salmans, Nellie Squirlock, Liz Smolen

Dancing Angels: Julia Baskett, Phoebe Island, Caroline Smolen,

Eliza Thompson

(They choreographed their own dance)

Shepherds – Josh Davis, Kyle Gettier

Rachel – Eliza Thompson

Uncle Laban – Christian Nieto

Leah – Elizabeth Smolen

Maidservants : Cailin O'Keefe, Caroline Smolen

Sheep - Kyle Gettier & Josh Davis

Wrestling Angel - Josh Davis

My sincere thanks and gratitude goes out to the parents for supporting our youth music program at Mt. Zion. Thank you also to each one of these teenagers, who makes choir a priority on Sunday evenings, even though they are involved in many other activities. I'm grateful for their beautiful voices, and their willing attitudes as they never complain about anything I ask them to do. Thank you to Scott Johnson for working with Trinity this year, for his ability to help us with mics during rehearsals, and for his role as Isaac in today's program! Thank you to Deb Papavisas for accompanying us on the piano, for her creative edits and for spending Sunday evenings with us. And, finally, thank you to Scott & Cindy O'Keefe and Francis Colvin for helping with props and costumes. This is a team effort and I'm so thankful to work with these talented, dedicated, and spirit-filled friends.

Lynn McWithey

Welcome to Mt. Zion UMC! We are glad God has brought you to worship with us today. We look forward to getting to know you! If you are looking for a church home, please speak to one of the Pastors after the service.

Tag Mt. Zion on social media with [@mtzionhighland](#) or [#mtzionhighland](#)

Sunday School each Sunday, Kid's Zone during the services on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays, and the Nursery open for children 5 and under all morning!

Christian Education Programs

We invite you to join us for any of our Christian Education Programs.
For more information, please visit us at www.mtzionhighland.com

Sundays - 10:10am - Christian Education Hour

***Children Pre-K through 5th Grade:**

Lower Preschool Level, 3 & 4 year olds in the Nursery (room 205)

***Students 6th through 12th Grade:** Youth Center

***Pioneer Class (Adults):** Conference Room 1

***Drop-In Bible Study:** Conference Room 3

***Young Adults Class (Young Adults 18 through 35):** Staff Conf. Room

***Parenting in Faith:** Conference Room 2

Monday - 10:00 am - Weekly Bible Study - Conference Room 2

Events Schedule: March 10th ~ March 17th

Sunday, March 10th

All Day Winter Shelter - Last Day

10:00am Service/Sanc

10.00 – 11:00am Pioneer Class/CR1

10:00 – 11:00am BP Screening/Lib

5:30 – 7:00pm Stephen Min Super/CR2

6:00 – 7:00pm BS 702 Pack/FH

Monday, March 11th

10:00 – 11:30am Bible Study Group/CR2

5:30 – 7:30pm – Stephen Min/CR2

6:00 – 9:00pm – Rebuilding Toget/CR1

7:00 – 8:00pm – Fellowship Mtg/CR2

7:00 – 9:00pm – MD S&R/FH

Tuesday, March 12th

7:00 – 8:30pm Evangelism&Hosp/CR3

7:00 – 8:00pm Missions/CR1

7:00 – 8:00pm Trustees/CR2

Wednesday, March 13th

9:30 – 11:00am Seat Exercise/Chapel

10:00 – 11:00am Prayer Shaw/CR1

11:00am – 2:00pm Retired Clergy/CR2

11:00am Lenten Bible Study/CR1

6:00pm Lenten Bible Study/FH

6:30 – 9:00pm BS Troop 702/FH

6:45 – 7:45pm Chancel Bells/Sanc

7:45 – 8:45pm Chancel Choir/Sanc

Thursday March 14th

4:00 – 9:30pm House Captains/FH

7:00 – 8:00pm Praise Band/Sanc

Friday, March 15th

1:00 – 3:00pm Food Pantry Setup/FH

6:30 – 9:30pm CBT setup/Sanc

Saturday, March 16th

7:00am – 1:00pm Food Pantry/FH

8:30am – 1:30pm CBT/Sanc & all CR's

9:00 – 11:00am Food Pantry Distr/FH

2:00pm Papaviza/Sanc

4:00 – 11:00pm GS Pajama Jam/FH

Sunday, March 17th

9:00 & 11:00am Services/Sanc

10:00 – 11:00am Pioneer Class/CR1

12:00 – 4:00pm GS Teddy Bear Tea/FH

12:00 – 2:30pm Stephen Min Super/CR2

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT
ORDERS FOR EASTER FLOWERS**

Upcoming News at Mount Zion

***Shepherding Team #6 Is On Call This Week, March 10th through March 16th.** Contact Crystal Zimmerman.

Open Door Food Pantry Needs your help! Friday, March 15th from 12:30-2:00pm to help unload fresh produce and set up dry goods and/or Saturday March 16th from 8:00am – 12:30pm to serve others and clean up. Any time you have to help is a blessing. Don't forget to drop your loose change in the offering basket! Questions: email Carol Hill or Laurie Norwood: opendoorsgoodpantry@gmail.com

Lenten Suppers & Bible Study: Join us during the Wednesdays of Lent for a Journey through Holy Week, Study guide will be Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*. Dr. Levine, an eminent New Testament scholar at Vanderbilt Divinity School, brings a unique understanding to Jesus as she is also an Orthodox Jew. Supper (nominal cost) at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by our study at 6:45 pm. Two other studies you can attend: 1- Monday morning Bible Study and Wednesdays 11am - 12:15 pm. **Pastors Gary and Ken are leading the Wednesday studies only. March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10.** Call the church office at 301-854-2324 or use the yellow insert sheet in the Sunday bulletins to order your book (\$16.99) and RSVP for supper.

On Sunday, March 24th from 12:15 to 1:15, the Caregivers Group and SAGE Brigade welcomes Mt Zion community (feel free to bring a friend) to a presentation by Kathy Wehr from Howard County's Office on Aging and Independence, providing info and resources in our community and about their agency that can support you or your loved one. Snacks and beverages will be provided. To RSVP and if any questions, please email Judy Johnson, judyjnscott@hotmail.com.

Mission Update: The program, **Sandwiches for the Homeless**, normally made on the 2nd Sunday, has been suspended. At this time Martha's Table is not accepting deliveries on Sundays. Watch for future notices. Thank you to all of our MTZ sandwich makers.

***The Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominating Committee)** will meet each month to explore how we can match people's skills to be engaged in ministry and serve Christ's Church. Please reach out to us so that you might be engaged in Christ's ministry here at Mt. Zion, in our community and around the world. - Rev. Gary Sheffield-James, Chair of Lay Leadership

We Serve God & God's People

Through Our Prayers: As a shepherd cares for the sheep, so also will Christ watch over His followers. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers.

Our Members: Carol Lindberg, Connie Gull, Bonnie Luepkes, Marcia Marshall, John Pfannenstein, Jack Maloney, Frieda Youngblood, Tish Miller, Phillip & Eli Amos, Edison & Mary Ellen Amos, Judy Johnson, Christy Wnuk-Fink, George Bickerton, Bill Cashmark, the Collatz Family, Connie Kolpack, Nancy Lindquist.

Members' Family & Friends: families affected by tornado in the southern states, Stephen Jarrison, Chet Keslawiak, Gene Gyqax, Cynthia Carr, Karen L. Alexander, Bea Ball, Brian Bixler, The Campbell Family, Robert Wallance, Stephen Harrison, Chet Kulawiak, Sam Kurland, Helen Edwards, Robin Adkins, Ed & Karen Williams, Gary Nadeau, Rob Eidson, Brian Hayes, Carlisle Sraver, Ed, Ruby Beaver, Eric Carlson, Beau Ross, Dick Shober, John Shober, Karen Mapp, Jerry Krum, Bob Bacon, Brenda Evers, Karen Corkran, Larry Johnson, Mark Myers, Bruce Van Blargan, Emanuela Guffanti, Jackie Lineberger, Wes Jin, Hank Wainwright, Ivan Diaz, Marian Isley & Lisa Slusser, Bonita Divver, Nathan Mackle, Taylor, Will, Suzanne, Rosemary, Kathleen, Joe, Gladys Paulock, Pauline Reel, Bob Wagner, Carol Thomas, Quellee & Raclynn Gonzalez.

Our Homebound Members: Sharon Reed, Carroll Molesworth, Frieda Youngblood, Eva Bryant.

Members Serving in Our Armed Forces: Colin Klopp, Andrew Schmit, Victoria Wyler.

Non-Members Serving in our Armed Forces: Rondall Waltz-Wills, Chris Mittuch, Dan Mittuch, Derrek Koch, Brad Cohn, Jason Walker, Andrew Lammers, Luke Tung, Mariah Mead.

Announcements Continued...

***The Care Giver's Group meets the 3rd Sunday of every month between services, in the church library.** Contact Judy H. Johnson at 410-309-5850 or judyjnscoth@hotmail.com.

***The Prayer Shawl Ministry group meets the 2nd Wed. of each month at 10:00am in CR1.** Join us to create shawls, blankets, new baby 'blankies' etc. for those who might needs one: Those in hospitals, nursing homes, mending at home or new borns.

***The Cherub Choir** is for all preschool aged children. We will be learning Sunday school songs. Meets are 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays every month from 9:45 - 10:00am in the Chapel. Contact Amy Ciliberti at wvuy2k@aol.com.

***Chair Exercise class** meets Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10. In the event of Howard County Schools closing, or having a 2 hour delayed opening due to weather, chair class **will be cancelled**. If schools are closed, the church opens at 11. If there is a 2 hour delayed opening, the church opens at 10. Please note we will **Not** have Chair Class on March 20, March 27, and April 3. Questions? Call or text Bettye Ames at 410-227-9257.



Mount Zion Is a Stephen Ministry Congregation
Please see the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for
More information



Through Our Presence & Gifts

Week Ending Sunday March 3, 2019	Worship	Sunday School
Attendance	10:00 am 258	
Weekly Receipts	13,073	8,284
Financial Summary as of March 3	2019	2018
1YTD Operating Receipts	106,388	125,202
YTD Operating Disbursements	96,677	110,920
Operating Surplus (-Deficit)	6712	14,282

*Detailed monthly financial reports are available in the Treasurer's hallway mailbox

Wordle "Did you know the many uses for Mt Zion's facility?" This information is provided by the finance committee to help educate and inform the congregation about how their financial gifts are used at Mt Zion.



Upcoming Events

at Mount Zion United Methodist Church

March 13 - 5 Week Lenten Book Study

“Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginners Guide to Holy Week” by Amy-Jill Levine

Wednesdays 11:00am or 6:00pm

Sessions are March 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10

April 6 - Spring Craft Fair 9-3pm

April 14 - Palm Sunday

April 18 - Holy Thursday 7pm (in the Fellowship Hall)

April 19 - Good Friday 12 noon (in the Chapel)

April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt & Extravaganza 2pm

Easter Sunday, April 21

7:00am Sunrise Service

9:00am Traditional & 11:00am Contemporary

Pancake Breakfast Easter Sunday

7:30am to 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Weekly Services: 9:00am & 11:00am Worship Services

• **10:10am Sunday School**

Monthly: 2nd Sunday - Sandwiches for the Homeless

• **3rd Saturday - Food Pantry**

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