

September 8, 2019

# SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF



**Touching Lives for Jesus Christ**

Mount Zion United Methodist Church

Rev. Gary Sheffield-James, Lead Pastor

Carol Wunderlich, Youth & Children's Ministry

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## 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Prelude *Preamble by Vierre* Larissa Sanders

Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit *"This Is The Day"* Chancel Choir

Welcome & Opportunities to Serve Rev. Gary Sheffield-James

\*Greeting & Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* UMH #92

\*Passing the Peace

Children's Time Chad Hawthorne

Blessing of the School Backpacks

Hymn *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"* UMH #349

Sharing of Joys & Concerns Rev. Gary Sheffield-James

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Gary Sheffield-James

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"* UMH #349

God's Tithes and Our Offerings and Gifts

Musical Offering Duet: Mark Dubbs & Chris Fox

\*Doxology UMH #95

\*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Gary Sheffield-James

First Lesson Jeremiah 18:1-11

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 13:10-17

Anthem *"Here I Am Lord"* Chancel Choir

Reflections on the Camp Hope Mission Trip to Western Maryland

\*Closing Hymn "Change My Heart, O God" TFWS#2152

\*Sending Forth Rev. Gary Sheffield-James

Choral Benediction *"Amen"* Chancel Choir

Postlude *Fugue and Harmonization on St Anne by Bach* Larissa Sanders

### Leave to Serve God's People

\*You are invited to stand in heart or posture.

Join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall immediately following Service.

## 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

Enter to Worship

Gathering Music

Welcome & Opportunities to Serve

\*Greeting and Opening Prayer

\*Passing the Peace

\*Songs of Celebration – *Come Now Is The Time To Worship, In Jesus' Name*

Children's Time

Blessing of the School Backpacks

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*Worship Through Our Giving

\*Offering Music – *Fear Is A Liar*

\*Prayer of Dedication

First Lesson – Jeremiah 18:1-11

\*Gospel Lesson – Luke 13:10-17

Reflections on the Camp Hope Mission Trip to Western Maryland

Song of Reflection – *Break Every Chain*

\*Sending Forth

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**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 our Pastor after the service.

**Tag Mt. Zion** on social media @mtzionhighland or #mtzionhighland

### **Sunday 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](http://www.mtzionhighland.com)

### **Sundays at 10:10 am – Christian Education Hour**

#### **\*Children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

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

**\*Students 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Youth Center

**Young Adults Class (Young Adults 18 – 35):** Staff Conference Room

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

**Pioneer Class (Adults) will resume September 22.**

### **Events Schedule: September 8 - 14**

Submit announcements for the following week by noon on Tuesday.

<b>Sunday, September 8</b> 10:00 am BP Screening/Lib 12:00 pm Youth Children Family Picnic/FH, Outdoor Spaces 4:00 pm Pack 702 Bear Den/Classrooms 132/134 5:30 pm Stephen Ministers/CR2 6:15 pm Youth Group/Youth Center 7:00 pm CBT/Sanc	<b>Wednesday, September 11</b> 9:00 am Sandwich Making/FH 9:30 am Seated Exercise/Chapel 10:00 am Prayer Shawl/CR1 11:00 am Retired Clergy/CR2 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop/FH 7:00 pm Stewardship/CR1 7:00 pm CBT/Sanc
<b>Monday, September 9</b> 10:00 am Bible Study/CR2 5:30 pm Stephen Min/CR2 7:00 pm CBT/Sanc 7:00 pm Md Search & Rescue/FH	<b>Thursday, September 12</b> 7:00 pm CBT/Sanc
<b>Tuesday, September 10</b> 7:00 pm CBT/Sanc 7:00 pm Evangelism & Hosp/CR3 7:00 pm Missions/CR1 7:00 pm Trustees/CR2	<b>Friday, September 13</b> 12:00 pm Sage Bridgade/CR1 1:00 pm UMW Educator's Luncheon Setup/FH 6:30 pm CBT Setup/Sanc
	<b>Saturday, September 14</b> 8:30 am CBT/Sanc & all CRs 8:00 am UMW Educator's Lunch/FH, Kitchen 8:00 pm Scout Pack 702 Mtg/Lib

**Shepherding Team 5 on call September 8 - 13.** Contact Frances and Roger Colvin.

**Mt. Zion's Church Conference** will be held at 3:30 pm on Saturday, September 28 at St. Paul's UMC, 7538 Main Street, Sykesville, MD 21784.

**Updated Open Doors Food Pantry Fall Distribution Schedule:** September 21, October 19, November 23, and December 14. Volunteers are appreciated to help out on these dates and for set up the Friday before.

**The Educators' Luncheon** (60-70 ladies) served by the UMW is coming up on Sept. 14 and I am requesting help for Friday, the 13th, from 1 to 3 pm and on Saturday from 8 - 11 am and 11 am to 2 pm. If you will be willing to help, please email Margaret Rose.

**Seated Chair Class is back!** Every Wednesday morning from 9:30-10:00 (with some exceptions). There will be no Seated Chair Class September 18, 2019. Any questions please text or call Bettye Ames.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry group** meets monthly at 10:00 am on Wednesdays. Join us to knit and crochet shawls and blankets for those in hospitals, nursing homes, or at home and may need a bit of comfort. Text or call Bettye Ames.

Mt. Zion's **Sandwiches for the Homeless** outreach returns at 10 am on Wed., Sept. 11. Since we started this mission more than 26 years ago, Mt. Zion has delivered almost 350,000 sandwiches to Martha's Table. Please come by Fellowship Hall to help on any second **Wednesday** of the month. Set up at 9:15 am, sandwich making at 10 am. Contact Rod Barr.

**SAGE Brigade.** On Friday, Sept. 13, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, Barb Jacques will present Dignity Memorial's "*Your Life, Your Legacy*" seminar. This interactive and informative program addresses the importance of making final arrangements in advance and outlines the steps in the process. While most of us plan for major life events such as weddings, vacations, and retirement, few of us have thought through how we would like our lives to be remembered and celebrated. Losing a loved one is one of life's most stressful events. Prearranging is one of the greatest gifts you can give your family and ensures your final wishes are honored. Come and learn how easy preplanning can be!

**Stephen Ministry Retreat at Bon Secours, Oct. 6, 12:30- 5:30 pm.** Calling all Stephen Ministers! In lieu of our regular Continuing Education for October, we will have an offsite retreat at Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center, Marriottsville, MD. The program topic is *Self-Care*, led by Barb Jacques. There is no cost to our Stephen Ministry Team, but an RSVP is required by Sept. 18. Lunch and snacks provided. Contact Belinda Norton to register. Those participating in this year's Stephen Ministry Training are also welcome.

**The Pioneer Class will resume on Sept. 22** at 10:10 am in Conference Room 1 as we begin an in-depth study of the Old Testament book of Exodus. Bring your Bible or use one of ours. No Bible study experience is necessary!

**The Rick Johnson Missions Fund** supports Volunteer In Mission (VIM) trips, such as Camp Hope which involves Mt. Zion youth. Contributions can be made to Mt. Zion UMC clearly identifying that the contribution is for the Rick Johnson Missions Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Rod Barr, Wayne Mullinix, or to apply for a grant, contact Belinda Norton.

**The Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominating Committee)** meets monthly to explore how we can match people’s skills to engage in ministry and serve Christ’s Church. Please reach out to us so 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.

**Welcome "Back to Church!"**

Our Mount Zion school-year ministries with children & youth resumes today! KidZone Worship will be held during both the 9:00 & 11:00 am services following the Time with the Children.

- Sunday School for all ages resumes at 10:10 am.
- Trinity Youth Choir begins rehearsals tonight at 5:00 pm.
- Youth Group for students in grades 6 - 12 kicks off tonight with a Pizza & Ice Cream Party from 6:15 - 7:30 PM at the Youth Center!

For adults we have several ministry leadership opportunities for both children & youth ministries. If you believe God is calling you to serve and you would like to learn more, please contact Carol Wunderlich at 240-446-1136 or at [youthandchildren@mtzionhighland.com](mailto:youthandchildren@mtzionhighland.com). No experience is necessary; we can pair you with a mentoring leader to get you started sharing Christ's love with kids!

**Through Our Presence & Gifts**

<b>Week Ending Sunday, August 25, 2019</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
Attendance	9:00 am: 70 11:00 am: 57 Total: 127	Adults: 0 Youth: 0 Children: 0
<b>Financial Summary</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Weekly Receipts	9,775	7,512
YTD Operating Receipts	396,887	461,821
YTD Operating Disbursements	378,551	451,244

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

## We Serve God and 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 Pfannenstien, Jack Maloney, Tish Miller, Phillip & Eli Amos, Christy Wnuk-Fink, George Bickerton, Connie Kolpack, Nancy Lindquist, Ruby Beaver, Hank Wainwright, Chuck and Laurie Norwood, Sue Powers, Charlene Fitzpatrick, George Stephens.*

**Our Homebound Members:** *Frieda Youngblood, Eva Bryant.*

**Members' Family & Friends:** *Stephen Hobbs, Cindi Hobbs, Suzanne, Ginger Woods, Vi Jessee, James Carroll Mc Cranie, Jr, Stephen Jarrison, Chet Keslawiak, Gene Gyqax, Cynthia Carr, Bea Ball, Brian Bixler, The Campbell Family, Robert Wallance, Stephen Harrison, Sam Kurland, Helen Edwards, Robin Adkins, Jim & Karen Williams, Gary Nadeau, Brian Hayes, Carlisle Sraver, Ed, Eric Carlson, Beau Ross, Dick Shober, John Shober, Bob Bacon, Brenda Evers, Ted Evers, Larry Johnson, Mark Myers, Bruce Van Blargan, Emanuela Guffanti, Jackie Lineberger, Wes Jin, Ivan Diaz, Marian Isley & Lisa Slusser, Bonita Divver, Nathan Mackle, Taylor, Joseph, Will, Suzanne, Rosemary, Kathleen, Joe, Gladys Paulock, Pauline Reel, Bob Wagner, Carol Thomas, Quellee & Raclynn Gonzalez, Roxann Ganbin, Beth Smith, Shannon Sharp, Linda, Brenda Gause, Cindy Bundy, Dona Leskoski, Carol Wunderlich, Stephen Harrison, the Bryan Family, Jacob, Kirk Fitzpatrick, Kamden Harriott.*

**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, Andre, Lt. Mitch C.*