



# Mount Zion United Methodist Church

# The P<sub>int</sub>er

## Moving Forward in Faith

*“Faith makes us sure of what we hope for and gives us proof of what we cannot see.” Hebrews 11:1*

Friends,

I came across this quote written by writer Renata Adler which says, *“Fear is forward. No one is afraid of yesterday.”*

Like most quotes, however, this quote conveys only partial truth. Let’s take the latter part of the quote which says, *“No one is afraid of yesterday.”* I think the author is making the point that we are not afraid of yesterday because there is no unknown aspect to the past -- what has happened has happened. Yet, we know that those who suffer from PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) have great anxiety and stress about their present and future because of what has happened to them in the past. In this case, yesterday is the source of their fear. Untold numbers of people today are in long-term counseling because they need to deal with anxieties which have as their root cause past events. So we can say that yesterday does arouse fear and anxiety in many folks.

Now let’s take the first part of the quote which says, *“Fear is forward.”* We certainly can experience fear when we begin to think about the future. The fear of the unknown manifests itself in many ways; waiting for the results of a medical exam, worrying about our economic security after retirement, feeling anxious about the birth of child and wondering about the best way to parent, and the list can go on and on. And yet fear is only one component of how one faces the future. For if fear is the only approach, then the present becomes so anxiety-ridden that we become immobilized and unable to plan and work towards future goals. I remember the words of President Franklin Roosevelt to the nation when facing a crippling economic crash called the Great Depression. He said, *“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”* Roosevelt was telling the nation that if fear is the dominant approach to the future then things will only get worst.

Personally I believe *“Faith is forward.”* The writer of the book of Hebrews writes about the importance of faith in the well-known eleventh chapter often referred to as the “Roll Call of the Faithful.” Among those faithful ones listed are the names of Noah, Abraham, Sarah, and Moses. Before the author begins his list, he

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### Our Mission

Touching  
Lives  
for  
Jesus Christ

### Our Core Values

To be a  
Loving  
Christian  
Community.  
Providing  
opportunities  
for worship,  
spiritual  
growth,  
and service.

### Our Vision

Love,  
Grow,  
Serve

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**Worship  
Spiritual Growth**

***Those Called to Serve and Lead Worship***

	Service Times	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Kid's Time	9:00	Pastor Gary	Jena Meredith	Chad Hawthorne	Emily O'Keefe
	11:00	Pastor Gary	Jena Meredith	Andrea Smolen	Emily O'Keefe
Greeters	9:00	Shugo Tanaka & Wayne Mullinix	Crystal Zimmerman & Lorene Brown	Carolyn & Lamonte Baskett	Alice Ellis & Erin & Jack Island
	11:00		Frank Lineberger	Evan Saunderson	
Liturgist	9:00	Lamont Baskett	Ellen McKinzie	Karyn Vice	Shugo Tanaka
Projection	9:00	Bonnie Luepkes	Jill Scott	Adam Johnson	Jill Scott
	11:00	Adam Johnson	Carol Hill	Carol Hill	Chuck Sehman
Sound	9:00	<i>Your Name Here</i>	<i>Why Not You?</i>	<i>Why Not You?</i>	
	11:00	Al Hill	Bill Ray	Bill Ray	
Usher Captains	9:00	Robert Morrison	Robert Morrison	Robert Morrison	Robert Morrison
	11:00	Gary & Patricia Heinz			

opens with these words: ***"It was their faith that made our ancestors pleasing to God."*** It was faith and not fear which enabled them to move into the unknown future.

As we begin another busy fall season here at Mt. Zion Highland, let us move into the future with faith. Let us involve ourselves in learning about God, celebrating worship, participating in missions, and sharing our story and gifts by the power of faith. While fear often makes a molehill into a mountain, Jesus wants us to have faith - for ***"faith can move mountains."***

I like this well-known quote, ***"I don't know what the future holds but I do know who holds the future."*** Now that's a quote I'm willing to hang my faith on today, tomorrow and beyond.

Grace and Peace,  
Gary



## Discipleship Spiritual Growth



### Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's stewardship committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" There will be one worship service at 10:00 am on Consecration Sunday, October 8. During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship, our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Church Council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Grace and peace,

David G. Norton  
Stewardship Committee Chairperson



### In the wake of Hurricane Harvey - How You Can Help

Financial contributions can be given directly to Mt. Zion, just mark the check or envelope for **Hurricane Harvey**. Also, you can keep the people in Texas in prayer and make up UMCOR Flood Buckets/Relief Kits and Health Kits. For details about specific immediate needs and instructions for Relief Kits and Health Kits, visit

<http://missioncentral.org/how-can-i-help/donate-items/>.

Currently the Baltimore-Washington Conference has three 'mini-hubs' which collect flood buckets and transport them up to the main storage facility called Mission Central in Pennsylvania. One of these mini-hubs is at **Liberty Grove UMC in Burtonsville**.



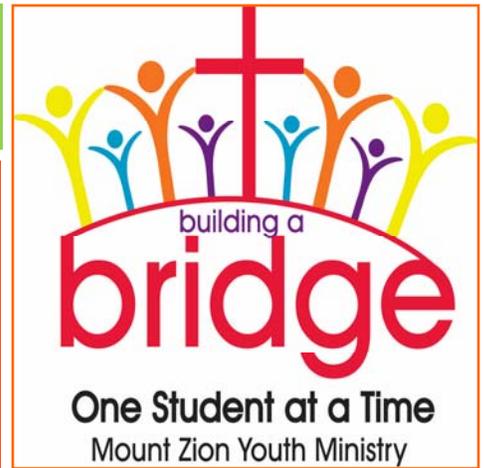
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# Youth Ministry

- Sunday Morning Youth Gathering ~ 10:10 am
- Students 6th - 12th Grade in Youth Center
- Youth Choir Rehearsal ~ Sundays at 5 pm
- Youth Ministry ~ Sundays at 6:15 pm in the Youth Center

### Upcoming Activities

- September 9-10 – Back 2 Sunday School and Youth Ministry Retreat & Kick-off



**Mt. Zion Youth  
keep busy!**



## Children's Ministry



*Back to School!*

**Children's Fall Schedule  
begins September 10th.**  
Sunday, September 10th is  
Backpack Sunday.

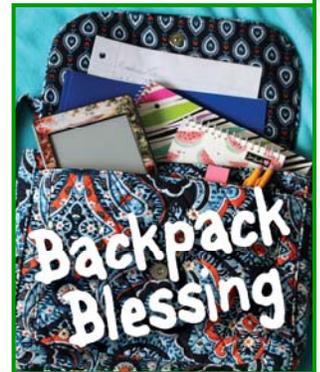
**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!!**

"FALL KICK OFF" for Sunday School  
and Kid's Zone  
will be September 10th!

Please invite a friend and begin the new school year with a great time of fun, learning and faith friends!! Check the bulletin for your child's classroom location if you are unsure.

Sunday School will resume at 10:10 and Kid's Zone will resume during the 9 am and 11 am services.

All children (any age) are invited to bring their backpacks to church on September 10th for a "Blessing of the Backpacks" during Children's Time at both services.



Please mark your calendars now for "**FLICK OR TREAT**" on October 29th from 4-5 pm. We will have a short appropriate movie (non scary) in the Fellowship Hall followed by "**TRUNK OR TREATING**" in the parking lot (Fellowship Hall if raining).

Please RSVP to Jena Meredith if you will pass out candy from your trunk. (We would like 25 trunks)

Always a fun time for all!!





## Opportunities to Serve Missions



### August Report

We served 97 families (429 people). Then 2 truck loads of extra produce were taken to Ames UMC in Baltimore, where neighbors and church families shared the food. Thank you to everyone who served in any capacity to make it all happen.

## Thanksgiving Project for the Food Pantry:

### From our House to Yours!

#### Open Doors Food Pantry 2017 Turkey Dinner Sponsorship Program

This year the Open Doors Food Pantry is trying something a little different – a Holiday Meal Sponsorship Program. For the past several years, we have asked Mt. Zion families to purchase the side items for each meal. However, we have found that to purchase the sides and trimmings for a holiday meal it can cost as much as a full meal with the Turkey from the Maryland Food Bank. Instead of asking you to purchase this list of items to support our client families, we are asking that you sponsor a meal instead for a flat fee of \$30. Each meal box purchased through the Maryland Food Bank includes:



1 Turkey

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Applesauce (1 can)       | Brownie Mix (1 box)     |
| Collard Greens (2 cans)  | Corn (1 can)            |
| Corn Muffin Mix (1 box)  | Cranberry Sauce (1 can) |
| Gravy (1 can)            | Green Beans (2 cans)    |
| Instant Potatoes (1 box) | Mac & Cheese (2 boxes)  |
| Stuffing (1 box)         | Sweet Potatoes (1 can)  |

When you sponsor a meal, we are asking you to write a special message to be given to our Open Doors client at the time they receive the meal (although this is not required). Your message may share a family tradition, funny story, favorite recipe or Thanksgiving Prayer.

Our goal for 2017 is to receive sponsorships for 112 Turkey Dinners. To track the progress of the number of dinners sponsored we will be “Dressing” our **Grateful Gobbler** with feathers. See one of our Food Pantry volunteers before or after worship services, or during Café Time in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday during the month of September to sponsor a meal and to choose your feather! Each dinner sponsored will add one more feather to our turkey. By the end of September, our Grateful Gobbler will be a beautiful representation of Mt. Zion’s gratitude and caring, with a full, multicolored tail of turkey feathers.



## Opportunities to Serve Missions

To sponsor a meal, we ask that you complete the attached form and bring it along with your check for \$30.00 made payable to **Mt. Zion UMC**, and please write **ODFP Holiday Meal Program** in the memo section. You may also return it to the Food Pantry Mailbox in the main hallway. Again, while we would like a personal message to share, it is not required and you may sponsor one meal (or more) without writing a message. If you do decide to include a message, please do not include any of your family's personal information, such as individual's names or your address.

As always, the Open Doors Food Pantry thanks you for your generous support and wishes you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

## From our House to Yours!

Open Doors Food Pantry  
2017 Turkey Dinner

Dear Open Doors Food Pantry Family:

From Our House to Yours – We wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!!!



## Discipleship Spiritual Growth



### BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON UMC CONFERENCE COMMUNICATIONS

**An Essential Conversation on Race:** Join seasoned facilitator Milagros Phillips for a discussion on the history of race and how our current landscape calls us forward as a people of faith. Phillips is the author of 11 Reasons to Become Race Literate and 8 Essentials to a Race Conversation. This event is sponsored by the Justice and Compassion Team of St. Paul's UMC in Kensington. The conversation will be **Saturday, Sept. 16**, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., followed by a book signing. The cost is \$50, which includes lunch. Reduced rates and scholarships are available. Learn more and register.

**BWC Historical Society to meet at Emory Grove:** The United Methodist Historical Society of the Baltimore-Washington Conference will hold its annual business meeting at the historic Emory Grove site on **Saturday, Sept. 16**, from 9:45 a.m. until noon. Lunch will be served at noon for \$15; reservations are required. The day will be filled with historical presentations, music and worship. Special guest musicians are The Damascus Road Trio. The Rev. Emora Brannan, conference historian, will present on "John Emory and the Camp Meeting Spirit." This year marks the 150th Anniversary of Emory Grove, located at 102 Waugh Ave. in Reisterstown. This historic site was established in 1867 "for the purpose of promoting the cause of morality and religion by holding camp meetings under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church." Make your lunch reservations online at [www.lovelyanemuseum.org/contact](http://www.lovelyanemuseum.org/contact).

**Taste and See:** You're invited to a special event, sponsored by the Baltimore-Washington Conference and several ministry partners, in the rotunda of the Katzen Art Center at American University in Washington, D.C., **Saturday, Sept. 23**, at 8:30 a.m. One part inspiration, one part application and one part immersion, Taste & See has been designed to encourage and support you and your friends in taking innovative, yet practical, next steps so that you can start new communities with new people to do good with God. If you have dreams of creating a new ministry or a new space to do ministry, this event is for you. Change-makers encouraged to attend. 0.7 CEUs awarded for clergy participants. Learn more and register.

**A Disability Ministry on a Shoestring Budget Workshop** will be held **Saturday, Sept. 23**, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The training, sponsored by the BWC Commission on Disability Concerns, will be held at Calvary UMC, 131 W. Second St. in Frederick. For more information and to RSVP, contact the Rev. Leo Yates.

**World Communion Sunday is Oct. 1.**

**Stephen Ministry Workshop: Mt. Zion UMC in Highland** will host a Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop **Sunday, Oct. 1**, from 2 to 6 p.m. Registration opens at 1 p.m. This half-day, three-session workshop is designed to help congregations catch a vision for strengthening their caring ministry through equipping lay people as caregivers. During this event, participants will also develop care-giving skills they can use right away. The cost of the workshop is \$15 per person or \$50 for a group of four or more from the same congregation. Learn more online .

**Church Finance Academy:** The Mid-Atlantic United Methodist Foundation is offering a unique opportunity for lay members to attend an Academy for Church Finance, a church-centered educational program on finance and stewardship excellence. The first of the four sessions, which will be held over 18 months, will be held **Oct. 7** at the Baltimore-Washington Conference Mission Center in Fulton. Up to five people from a church are invited to attend. The tuition is \$1,500 per church. To learn more, visit <http://midatlanticfoundation.org/> or contact Frank Robert.





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### MtZ Library News -



Much like a new calendar year, the beginning of a new academic year turns our thoughts and actions towards seeking renewal, recommitment, re-energizing, and expectations of great things! One stop you can make to explore books, music CDs and videos that will assist and inspire you is **your** church library.

I found such a book recently, *God's Joyful Surprise: Finding Yourself Loved* (248.8, 1987), by Sue Monk Kidd, author of the 2002 bestseller *The Secret Life of Bees*. Before she became a novelist, she was the wife of a minister with 2 children, worked as a nurse and wrote for Guideposts. From this support base, she wrote an easy-to-read memoir at age 40 about her spiritual growth following a life-changing health event. The book is a journey, each chapter beginning with scripture, and each digging deeper into what it means to be loved by God. She lifts up how she really found God everywhere, and the role scripture and prayer played. She ends with the chapter, Meeting God in Others. How important is this concept in a world that is becoming increasingly divisive and segmented! Notes at the end not only show the depth of her spiritual journey, but also provide a jumping-off point for you to explore and find your inspiration. Six titles cited can be found on our shelves, some as newer editions—*The Four Loves*, by C.S. Lewis (241.1 LEW), *The Freedom of Simplicity*, by Richard Foster (241.4 FOS), *The Practice of the Presence of God*, by Brother Lawrence (248 LAW), *Celebration of Discipline*, by Richard Foster (248.4 FOS), *You Gotta Keep Dancing*, by Tim Hansel (248.8 HAN), and *New Seeds of Contemplation*, by Thomas Merton (100 MER). Although we don't have exact books cited, we do hold other works by these cited authors: **Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Madeleine L'Engle, Paul Tournier, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Karen Burton Mains, Frederick Buechner, and Bruce Larson**. One book—yet so many paths to travel, and that's just in our library. Scanning the 248 section (Christian Life), or others noted above, may just lead you serendipitously to a work of inspiration so you can renew, recommit, re-energize and expect great things this Fall.

Two fiction series are new to Mt.Z's library. **Wanda E. Brunstetter's** Amish Indiana Cousins series (813 BRU IC) includes *A Cousin's Promise*, *A Cousin's Prayer* and a *Cousin's Challenge*, which follows cousins through life's and love's ups and downs. **Stephanie Grace Whitson**, a new author to Mt.Z library, lives in Nebraska, rides motorcycles, and has been publishing novels for over 20 years. *A Garden in Paris* leads a pair of contemporary novels centering on a mother-daughter relationship (Mary and Liz Davis, respectively) that carries over into *A Hilltop in Tuscany* (813 WHI). The widowed mother re-ignites a relationship with her first love, who lives in Paris. The daughter leads her life by keeping everything in carefully constructed boxes. The mother-daughter relationship is not always smooth. As the *Tuscany* book jacket notes, "Together again, Mary and Liz must resolve the turmoil in their lives." And what great settings to do it in—Paris and Tuscany!

Any questions, just email me at [library@mtzionhighland.com](mailto:library@mtzionhighland.com)



*Happy reading—Robin Emrich, Librarian*



## Discipleship Spiritual Growth

Mt. Zion  
UMMen

### *Men's Retreat (sponsored by UMM)*

PECOMETH Riverside Retreat Center – Centreville, MD (on the Chester River)  
10 November – 12 November 2016



*Come and enjoy the fellowship and the spiritual excitement of a men's retreat on the Chester River for \$210 per person (check payable to UMM, give to Ken Sines). The center is approximately 1 ½ hours from Mt. Zion UMC, Highland, MD. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are attending, and bring a friend.*

### **BWC / Mt. Zion UMM Upcoming Events**

15 September 2017 – Bicycling the BWI Loop (be on your bike by 6:30 pm and ride the 13 miles), open to everyone

16 September 2017 – Central District UMM prayer Breakfast, Sharp UMC, Olney, Md (8-10am)

13 October 2017 – UMW/UMM Coffee House

22 October 2017 – Fire Ring MT Zion UMM Meeting in Ken's Backyard with hot dogs (7-9pm)

10-12 November 2017 – Mt. Zion UMM Mens Retreat,  
Pecometh Riverview Retreat Center, Centreville

Potato Drop sponsored by Central District UMM scheduled early November 2017, watch for details

Have any projects for UMMen@Work

Interested in an evening of bowling, let me know (ksines57@gmail.com)

Mt. Zion at Oriole's Game



Mt. Zion recently attended a baseball game at Camden Yards (Friday, 18 August) versus the Angels. Things were flying out of the ball park...baseballs, and fireworks during and after the game. The teams combined for ten homeruns including the game winning, walk-off grand slam by Manny Machado. A win by the O's (9-7) and for all that joined us in Section 340 after a brief rain delay





Dear Friends in Christ's Example:

We pray you are well, feeling God's love and showing it to others. We are happy to be able to share below an amazing story about one of our Covenant Churches. You will also see pictures of our itineration to Utah, Idaho and Oregon and recent accompaniment of missionaries Alma and Richard Navarro.



Even further below you will find an update on three of our six children.

Thank you so much for being in Covenant with us! We will be in this missionary assignment (as Mission Advocates for the Western Jurisdiction) until January 31st, 2018, and still don't know what God and Global Ministries has in store for us. We love working and speaking about issues related to immigration and our dream would be to work in some aspect of this.

Grace and Peace,  
Nan and Miguel

A full copy of their newsletter is available on the bulletin board in the West Narthex.

### Month-long Itineration

Joanie Calhoun, Itineration Coordinator for Rocky Mountain and Roz Collins, Itineration Coordinator for Oregon-Idaho Conference, did amazing work setting up our church visits as well as home-stays. We can't thank them enough.

Missionary Itineration is due, in great part, to people like Joanie and Roz in every conference. We have now gotten to know and benefitted from the hard work of mission leaders like them in all eight conferences of the Western Jurisdiction.

We could only include a few photos of our month-long itineration in Utah, Idaho and Oregon. It was filled with generous mission-centered folks. Our hosts were fantastic!



Daniel



Seku



Nora & Leno



Ena with Miguel

These are pictures of three of our children. Here is **Daniel**, caring for goats. He also knows a lot about cheese and bread making. He believes healthy food is essential for healthy people and a healthy planet. Daniel's wife, **Justine**, came across Seku, looking lost at the train station in Marseille. He had risked his life at age fifteen, to migrate from Mali through Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, across the Mediterranean Sea and through Italy to get to France hoping to find a friend in Paris for whom he had no contact information. He was fleeing the situation in Mali.

**Seku** lived with them for three months: They helped him with French, taught him how to cook and joked with him a lot to keep his spirits up. Meanwhile they worked with non-governmental organizations to get him refugee status. Seku is now in a home with other boys who are refugees. He is near their apartment and they see him frequently.

**Nora and Lino** live in Nicaragua. They rescue animals, help them get healthy, neutered and tame and find them homes. Of course, there is a never-ending line of animals. They love all of them.

**Ena** is brave and came to the US to work in March. She has a degree in Teaching English as a Second Language; she has four years of teaching experience – and she loves it. But so far, the best job she has gotten is in sales at Macy's. She is frustrated but is always persistent!

# HAWAIIAN LUAU & ENTERTAINMENT

Buffet Menu: Opae Jumbo Shrimp sautéed in Coconut Cream, Roasted Kalua Pua'a (Hawaiian style roast pork), Polynesian Teriyaki Glazed Pineapple Chicken, Passion Fruit & Guava Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Luau-style Steamed Coconut Rice, Pan fried Noodles with Asian Vegetables, Luau-style Macaroni & Potato Salads, Kula greens Salad with Mandarin Oranges and Crispy Noodle Topping, Coconut Pudding Cake, Maui Brown Sugar Pineapple Upside Down Cake, and Macadamia Nut Fudge Brownies.

## Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Sunday, Sept 17, 5 pm - 8 pm

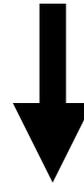
Enjoy the finest in authentic Hawaiian cuisine and the beautiful songs and dances of Polynesia including exciting fire & drum dances of Tahiti and haunting hulas of Hawaii.

ADULTS **\$20** CHILDREN (AGES 4 - 12) **\$10**  
TODDLERS (3 & UNDER) **FREE**



Make your  
reservation  
NOW.

A one evening  
Island Vacation!



### Hawaiian Luau Reservation

The buffet dinner will be catered by the Hawaiian Entertainment Company of Baltimore and must be **paid in full** prior to the event on Sunday, September 17. As a result, advance reservations are required with full payment due by **Sunday, September 10.**

To confirm your reservation, please complete this form and remit the total amount by check(s) payable to **Mt Zion United Methodist Church.** Leave this in the Fellowship Mailbox outside the church office or mail this form and payment to:

Jan Plant  
9235 Homestretch Ct.  
Laurel, MD 20723

For more information, please contact Jan at 301-497-6394 or email [janplant@verizon.net](mailto:janplant@verizon.net)

All guests listed on the same request will be seated at the same table.

Names of Guests	Adult \$20	Child Age 4-12 \$10	Toddler/Infant Age 3 & Under (Free)
<b>Total Amount Remitted</b>	\$	\$	

Primary Contact's Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather permitting, the Polynesian Show will be held outside. In the event of rain, the show will take place in the Fellowship Hall, except for the Fire Dancer's performance.



# SEPTEMBER

On behalf of David, Janis, Carlee, Ryan, Kathy and myself, we wish to say a heart-felt thanks for the outpouring of love, concern and caring expressed in so many ways, cards, the personal hug, donations,

the tool box – and most especially all the prayers lifted up for us during this difficult and devastating time. We are so grateful.



## 2018 Giving Envelopes

If you currently do not have a set of predated & pre-numbered envelopes and wish to order a boxed set of Giving Envelopes for 2018, or if you have received envelopes in the past and do not wish them to be ordered for you next year, please contact Belinda Norton, Treasurer in the church office Monday-Friday at 301-854-2324 or 410-531-5173 x14. All requests for changes need to be submitted by September 30, 2017 as the order for 2018 Envelopes will be placed the first week of October.



Mt Zion Highland, Holidays in United States

Sep 2017 (Eastern Time)

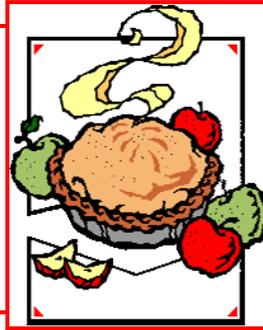
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>21</p> <p>2</p> <p>12:30pm - Stephen's</p>	<p>22</p> <p>4</p> <p>Labor Day</p> <p>2:30pm - Pflg group'N</p> <p>10am - Bible</p> <p>7pm - Mt Zion</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5</p> <p>Bull'dn</p> <p>7pm - Finance/CSA</p> <p>7pm - Worship and</p> <p>7:30pm - Mt Zion</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6</p> <p>5am - CDU/Preachod</p> <p>5am - Preachod</p> <p>2:30pm - School Chair</p> <p>12pm - Dowlinc-</p> <p>6pm - BS Troop</p> <p>6:45pm - Chanced</p> <p>7pm - Adult</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7</p> <p>6pm - Preachod</p> <p>7pm - Praise</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8</p> <p>Touth Bdrchal Off Site</p> <p>11:30am - Sngc</p> <p>6:30pm - CBT/Sanc</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9</p> <p>2:30am - CBT/Sanc</p> <p>2pm - Sanc/Pepelias</p> <p>7:30am - CBT/PH</p> <p>8:30am - CBT/Sanc</p> <p>2pm - Sanc/Pepelias</p> <p>6pm - CBT/Sanc</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10</p> <p>Touth Bdrchal Off Site</p> <p>10am - BP</p> <p>10am - Sanderich</p> <p>4pm - Pck 702W off</p> <p>6pm - Touth</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11</p> <p>2:30pm - Pflg group'N</p> <p>10am - Bible</p> <p>8:30pm - Stephen</p> <p>7pm - Redwship</p> <p>7pm - Mt Zion</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12</p> <p>Bible Study Group</p> <p>Bull'dn</p> <p>8am - Mt Zion food</p> <p>10:20am - Preachod</p> <p>7pm - BngdismHo</p> <p>7pm - Missions</p> <p>7pm - Trustees/CSA</p>	<p>31</p> <p>13</p> <p>2:30pm - School Chair</p> <p>10am - First</p> <p>10am - Pflgcr</p> <p>10:30am - Bdrchal</p> <p>12pm - Dowlinc-</p> <p>6pm - BS Troop</p> <p>6pm - Bdwilding</p> <p>6:45pm - Chanced</p>	<p>1</p> <p>14</p> <p>7pm - Praise</p> <p>8pm - Cub Scout</p> <p>8pm - Pck 702</p>	<p>2</p> <p>15</p> <p>1pm - Food Pmtbf</p> <p>6:30pm - CBT</p>	<p>3</p> <p>16</p> <p>8:30am - CBT/Sanc</p> <p>5am - Food Pmtbf</p> <p>1pm - BS Pck 702</p> <p>2pm - Sanc/Pepelias</p>
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## UMWomen Events:

- October 13 - UMW/UMM Coffee House in Fellowship Hall
- November 3&4 - Holiday Bazaar
- November 19 - Thanksgiving Bake Sale
- December 2 - Breakfast with Santa
- December 8 - Gift Exchange Party with Hopkins

### Coffee House - October 3

The UMW/UMM will be having a Coffee House on Friday, October 13, from 7:30-9:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be coffee, tea, cold drinks and finger desserts. There will also be an open mike so anyone interested will be able to entertain. Please watch the bulletin and for fliers for more detailed information.



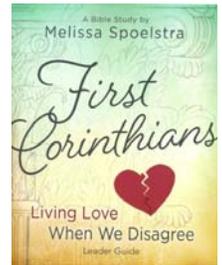
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## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



We will continue the study on Wednesday mornings from 11 to 12. The schedule will be as follows:

Sept. 13th: Lesson 4  
Sept. 20th: Lesson 5  
Sept. 27th: Lesson 6

Blessings, Debbie Burgio



SAGE Brigade Fall 2017

## Speaker Calendar

September 22, 2017, 12:00\* Karen Hull, HoCo Department Aging and Independence, Mental Health and Aging

October 6, 2017, 12:00\* Abby Dixon, Nutrition and the Older Adult

November 10, 2017, 12:00\*, Judy Pittman, The Village in Howard

December 8, 2017, 12:00 Christmas Luncheon

\*Lunch at 12, Speaker at 12:30

