

To the folks and friends of Mt. Zion,

I am looking forward to celebrating **World Communion Sunday**. I invite you to come this Sunday as we recognize our connection to people of faith all around the world.

Please keep in your prayers all those whose lives have been severely altered by two major hurricanes and also an earthquake. As your pastor, I would like to thank everyone who contributed financially through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to help with relief efforts in those regions that still are struggling to get back on their feet. As of date, \$5,400 dollars has been collected at Mt. Zion.

Mt. Zion is a generous church. This church has a proven track record of being able to rise to the occasion during times of difficulty and need. Now that we are in the midst of our stewardship campaign, please come this Sunday as we celebrate God's generosity toward us and committing ourselves to offering our blessings in response.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

**Sunday Morning Worship Service** **October 1, 2017** **World Communion Sunday**

*Lesson:* Luke 7:36 – 8:2

*Sermon:* "The Smell of Generosity"

Here are some **events and opportunities** for you to get connected in the church:

**Shepherding Team #3 Is On Call This Week**, October 1st to October 7th. Contact Betty Cashmark.

**Consecration Sunday**: It's Coming! Mark your calendars! Consecration Sunday! One service, Sunday October 8 at 10:00am, followed by lunch at the Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarksville.

**Seated Chair Exercise class** is a great way to get your 30 minutes of fitness on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10am in the chapel EXCEPT September through June there is no class on the third Wednesday of the month. Questions? Contact Bettye Ames..

**SAGE Brigade**: October 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Guest Speaker Professional Personal Trainer Abby Dixson will be speaking to us about Nutrition after 50. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Debbie Burgio.

**In response to hurricanes Harvey and Irma, UMCOR** is in great need of flood buckets. Missions plans to assemble at least 10 flood buckets from materials donated by members. Signup sheets for contributions of specific items required in the buckets will be in the West Narthex. Please sign up to help fill our buckets.

**Secret Santa Shop Gifts can be dropped off in the West Narthex.** We are accepting new and items that can be re-gifted. We are in need of 100 Items. The most popular items needed are toys for siblings, pet gifts, dad gifts, mom gifts, and gifts for teachers. We will collect all items until Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.

**The UMW/UMM are hosting a Coffee House on October 13 from 7:30 – 9:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** There will be coffee and tea served by our own Barista, Ken Sines. We will also have cold drinks and desserts. There will be an open mike for anyone wishing to entertain. Any type of entertainment is accepted. Last minute brave souls are fine, but if you know you'd like to participate, please either email or call Joyce Bickerton so we can have some idea how many people we will have entertaining us. Come and enjoy the fellowship and good times.

**5K Domestic Violence and Prayer Walk Saturday, October 14th** - As part of Domestic Violence Awareness month, several of area churches are participating in a Prayer walk to support the Hopi-Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse. Walk will consist of sharing statistics and information regarding domestic violence and times of prayer through out the walk. Walkers are asked to contribute \$20 per person. Donations from non-walkers also accepted. For more information please see the attached flyer or contact Belinda Norton.

**The Open Doors Food Pantry needs your help with putting feathers on our Grateful Gobbler!** The feathers represent a Thanksgiving meal for a food pantry client, and they cost \$30 each. Please help dress our Grateful Gobbler! We'll be in the West Narthex or the Fellowship Hall after/between services. Any questions, ask Carol Hill or Laurie Norwood at [opendoorsfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:opendoorsfoodpantry@gmail.com)  
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**Mt. Zion UMM Upcoming Events 2017:**

November 10-12 Mt. Zion UMM Men's Retreat, Pecometh Riverview Retreat Center, Centerville Md.

**Help transport Food Pantry leftovers to Ames UMC in west Baltimore.** Every third Saturday, the Food Pantry has leftover produce which is taken to Ames UMC. We need people to join the pool of drivers as we set up a regular rotation throughout the year. Loading starts at 11:15 AM, and you should be back by about 1:30 PM. You will have plenty of help loading and unloading. Contact Fred Towner..