

To the folks and friends of Mt. Zion,

Henry Drummond, the Scottish evangelist, writer, and lecturer, wrote, “*There is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving.*”

Drummond reminds us that it is in the act of giving that we are able to make a difference in this world. If we are only involved in the acts of having or getting, then this can lead us to being overly possessive about things or being overly driven to acquire them.

Proverbs 3:27 states: “*Do not withhold good from those who need it, when you have the ability to help.*” Giving matters because we are connected to a Giving God. In that connection, we are giving the ability to reach out to others.

We are asking for your presence and participation in this Sunday’s Consecration Service. Our guest preacher, Rev. Rachel Cornwell, will be preaching on the Gospel text, Matthew 19:16-30. After her message, we will have the opportunity to respond to God’s call on us to be good stewards of God’s blessings.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

Sunday Morning Worship October 8, 2017 Consecration Sunday

(Please Note: There will be **only one service** on Sunday. *New Time:* 10 a.m.)

Lesson: Matthew 19:16-30

Guest Preacher: Rev. Rachel Cornwell

All Saints Sunday – November 5, 2017

We will remember all of our Church members who have gone to be with the Lord over the past year (November 6, 2016 – October 29, 2017). If you have a loved one who was a member of Mt. Zion and passed away during this time, please contact the Church office by October 31st so that we may get a picture. On Sunday, November 5th, we will lift up each name during the worship service as we our loved ones in the hope of the Resurrection through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Shepherding Team #4 Is On Call This Week, October 8th to October 14th. Contact Margaret & Jerry Rose.

Celebration luncheon - please join us for lunch after the service this Sunday – Consecration Sunday - at Ten Oaks Ballroom, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029. No cost and everyone is welcome!

SAGE Brigade: Noon, October 6th, Please bring a dish to share and a game to play. Our planned speaker is unable to attend. Prayers are needed. Thank You for understanding. Call Debbie Burgio for questions and RSVP.

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 to RSVP.. Come and enjoy the fellowship and good times. Please see attached brochure.

Thanks to your generosity we have commitments for all materials needed to fill our 10 flood buckets. In addition, we have received cash donations that will allow us to fill additional buckets. Please put your items you have signed

up to donate in or by the marked box in the West Narthex by Sunday, October 15. If you still want to help you can make a cash donation to Mt. Zion clearly indicating "flood buckets" on your check and on your envelope.

Are you caring for your aging parent or for another loved one at home or from a distance? Mt. Zion's Caregivers Support Group can help to support you in sharing needs and concerns with one another, also offering resources that help to ease some of the stress while you're providing either physical, emotional, medical and/or financial support for your loved one. Group meets the 3rd Sunday of every month between services, in the church library Oct. 15, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17. Please contact Judy H. Johnson.

Girl Scout Bronze Project – Troop 2008. To benefit the Howard County General Hospital Pediatric Unit. Donations needed by Nov. 5th: Boys & Girls – New socks and underwear (Ages 3-18 years). Please contact Beth or Victoria Salmans for more information. Please see attached brochure.

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.

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. 26th.

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.