

To the folks and friends of Mt. Zion,

Five hundred years ago, on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five thesis on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, protesting the abuses of the Church, one such abuse – the selling of indulgences. This act set in motion a movement called the Protestant Reformation.

On Sunday, October 29th, the worship service will celebrate this important event that has shaped the Church. The theme for the service is “Reformation Reflections”.

The Worship & Arts Team is asking members of the congregation to provide a Bible that will be placed on the Communion table during the service. The Bible could be a treasured family Bible or maybe a unique translation of the Bible. Placing the Bibles on the table will remind us that the Protestant Reformation emphasized the right that every person should have access to reading the Bible and learning about God’s story of salvation. Please bring your Bible to the office so that we can make a list of what type of Bible you have and its particular translation.

Let us join together to commemorate this important historical event.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

Sunday Morning Worship October 22, 2017

Lessons: Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Sermon “Things the Travel Brochure Didn’t Mention”

All Saints Sunday – November 5, 2017

We will remember church members and loved ones 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 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 remember 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 #6 Is On Call This Week, October 22nd to October 29th. Contact Crystal Zimmerman.

Church Conference Saturday 9:00 – 11:00am October 28, 2017. Members are encouraged to attend. Location: Oakdale UMC - 3425 Emory Church Road, Olney, MD 20832.

The Monday morning Bible study is starting a new LifeGuide study series: New Testament Characters. Please feel free to join us at 10:00 am in the conference room.

Folks needed to help assemble Flood Buckets for hurricane victims on Sunday, October 22 between Church Services in Fellowship Hall! Rod Barr will be directing this project! Thanks to all who donated items, and funds!

Open Doors Food Pantry needs your help! When: Friday October 20, 2017 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM to help set up dry goods and/or Saturday October 21, 2017 from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM to unload lots of fresh produce, serve others and help 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: opendoorsfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Saturday October 28, the United Methodist Women are meeting at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast at Bob Evans on Rte. 100. We are asking any women from Mt. Zion to join us for a morning of fun, fellowship and brainstorming for 2018.

Your help is needed to pass out candy on 10/29 at 4:30 in our parking lot for children who are Trunk or Treating! We want at least 25 cars! Please email Jena Meredith or sign the yellow sheet if you can help!!

SAGE Brigade: Friday, November 10th at Noon. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Main dish will be provided. Guest speaker is Judy Pittman from the Village in Howard. She will be sharing about great opportunities available through The Village. The Village concept is going nationwide. Come and learn more! RSVP to Debbie Burgio.

Operation Christmas Child Kickoff – Will you fill a box this year and make a child happy, as well as introduce them to Christ? Boxes, information sheets and BOY/GIRL labels are in the East and West Narthexes. Filled boxes need to be brought to Mt. Zion on Nov. 12th and Nov. 19th. For each box filled this year, Mt. Zion's Missions Committee has agreed to provide \$6.00 from the Missions Legacy Fund to provide A Greatest Journey Bible lesson to enable teachers in local churches to instruct the children on how to be faithful followers of Christ.

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.

Emmanuel UMC is organizing a VIM trip to the Houston, TX area to help with hurricane recovery efforts and is inviting members of Mt. Zion to join them on this trip. They are currently planning to go during the second half of January, 2018 but have not yet set specific date for the trip. If you are interested in joining the trip or in getting additional information please contact Rod Barr.

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. Please contact Judy H. Johnson.

Seated Chair Class in the Chapel on Wednesday mornings 9:30-10:00. Join us as we build strength, increase flexibility and balance in 30 minutes. No class on Nov. 15, Nov. 22*, Dec. 20, Dec. 27*, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar.21, Apr. 18, May 16, June 20. *Class vote. Contact: Bettye Ames or Front Office.

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.

UMW Events 2017:

November 11, 9:00am – 2:00pm Mt. Zion Women's Retreat in the Fellowship Hall.

November 19, 10:00am -12.15pm Thanksgiving Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall.