



Touching Lives for Jesus Christ

November 2017 Edition

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



NOVEMBER

Mount Zion United Methodist Church

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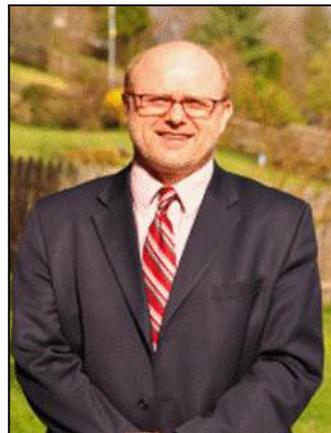
Friends:

A couple of college students, intending to be funny, sent Rudyard Kipling some money requesting to purchase two most expensive words in the English language. Kipling wrote back with these words: “Thank You.”



“Thank You” is a phrase worth millions and seldom expressed. In this season of Thanksgiving, I encourage you to write someone to thank them for their contributions in your life. Maybe that person is a former teacher, a neighbor across the street, a relative, a family member or spouse. Whomever he or she may be, I am sure they would be moved deeply by your words of appreciation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Mt. Zion for your contributions and efforts which enable our church to continue its mission. Your faithful stewardship is greatly appreciated. I thank the church for the congregational gift that I received during Pastor’s Appreciation Sunday. Laurie and I will use your gift to go out for a nice dinner while on our vacation in November.



As we come to the observance of Thanksgiving Day, may we keep in mind all that we have and enjoy because of God’s gracious bounty.

I would like to wish each of you a meaningful Thanksgiving. Again, I thank each of you for being so caring and loving to me and my family.

Grace and Peace,

Gary

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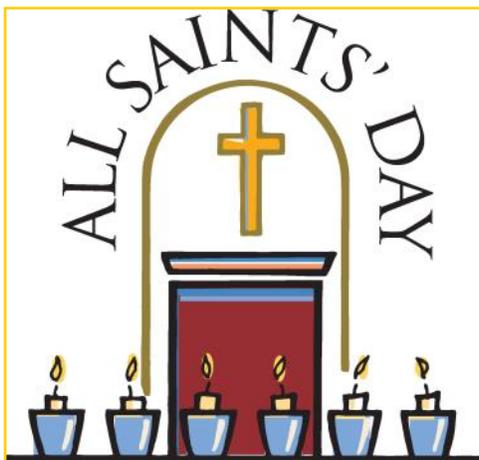
Rebecca O’Keefe
Nursery Supervisor



**Worship
Spiritual Growth**

Those Called to Serve and Lead Worship

	Service Times	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
Kid's Time	9:00	Pastor Gary	Jena Meredith	Andrea Smolen	Emily O'Keefe Matthew Island
	11:00	Pastor Gary	Eric O'Keefe	Carol Messerly	Emily O'Keefe Matthew Island
Greeters	9:00				
	11:00		Frank Lineberger	Evan Saunderson	
Liturgist	9:00	Jon Lindberg	Lamont Basket	Ellen McKinzie	Karyn Vice
	11:00				
Projection	9:00	Adam Johnson	Jill Scott	Adam Johnson	Bonnie Luepkes
	11:00	Carol Hill	Jill Scott	Carol Messerly	Carol Hill
Sound	9:00	Al Hill, Bill Ray, Rod Messerly			
	11:00				
Usher Captains	9:00	John Maloney			
	11:00	Gary & Patricia Heinz			



All Saints Sunday - November 5, 2017

We will be Remembering all of our Church members and loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord over the past year, as well as over the years. Sunday, we will list up the names of our recent Saints during the worship service as we remember our loved ones in the hope of the Resurrection through our Lord Jesus Christ.



Discipleship Spiritual Growth

Weekday programs at Mt. Zion:



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.

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 410-227-9257 or Front Office.]



SAGE Brigade: 2nd Annual Friends-Giving

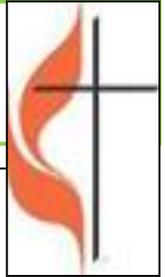
Friday, November 10th at Noon we will once again be celebrating Friends-Giving. I will bring the turkey and drinks. Please bring a dish to share. Following lunch we will hear from a guest speaker, Judy Pittman, from The Village in Howard. I do hope you will join in the celebration. Please RSVP Debbie Burgio.

See you there.





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BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON UMC CONFERENCE COMMUNICATIONS

The **BWC's United Methodist Women** invite you to join them on their annual trip to New York City for the Blanche Powell Memorial United Methodist Seminar Nov. 19-21 at the One UN New York Hotel. A bus will leave from Wesley Memorial UMC in Baltimore. For more information, contact Registrar Zilpha Pinkney.

Migration Sunday is Dec. 3: The Council of Bishops is calling on all United Methodist churches to observe Global Migration Sunday on Dec. 3. "From Asia and Europe to Africa and the Americas, the plight of more than 65 million men, women and children forced to leave their homes and migrate to places unknown calls all Christians to remember what God requires of us," said Bishop Bruce R. Ough. Funds collected on this day should be marked Migration Advance No. 3022144 and sent to the BWC Treasurer. A number of resources are available to help you celebrate this special Sunday.

The Uniting Methodists Conference will be held Nov. 13-14 at Impact UMC in East Point, Ga. Uniting Methodists is a movement of Christ-centered, hope-filled United Methodists who challenge, in love, that which divides and offer God's saving grace to all people. For those who are unable to attend in person, a virtual viewing option is available. For \$25, a viewing link will be sent via e-mail Nov. 1. Lean more at UnitingMethodists.com.

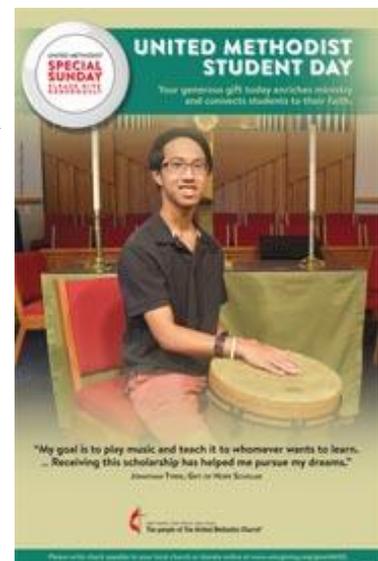
A network for area Christian Educators: Anyone interested in learning more about Christian education ministries is encouraged to check out the work of Christians Engaged in Faith Formation, an organization of laity and clergy who work collaboratively to collect, create and share knowledge and experience, as well as to equip people of all ages to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. They meet the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon to share ideas on various topics in Christian Education. For more information, contact Erica Benjamin.

Prayers for the People

We continue to pray for all those in our nation and world whose lives continue to be affected by the damage of hurricanes, and now fire. The conference Council on Finance and Administration recently reached out with a missional gift of \$100,000 to these victims. Learn more. If you and your church would like to participate in relief efforts, contact Pam Bowen or the Rev. Stacey Cole Wilson.

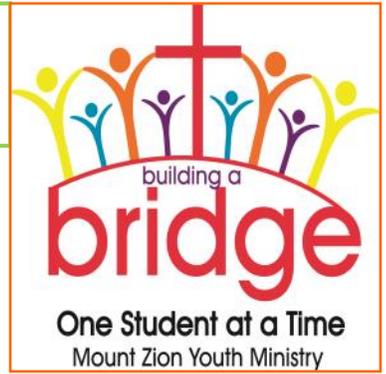
Sunday—November 26 - UM Methodist Student Day

Special giving opportunities to support
UM Scholarships
and the UM Student Loan Fund.





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Breakfast with Santa
at Mount Zion United Methodist Church
12430 Scaggsville Rd. (Route 218), Highland, MD
Rev. Gary Sheffield-James, Lead Pastor

Saturday, December 2nd

Two Seatings:
8:30am & 10:00am

The cost is:
\$5.00 for Adults
\$3.00 for children
ages 3-10. Children
under 2 are free.

Reservations can be made online at:
www.mtzionhighland.com/upcoming-events
by phone: 301.854.2284 ext. 12
by email: youthministry@mtzionhighland.com

Includes in reservation total of seats, # of adults, # of children, children's names, which seating time you would like and a phone number to confirm your reservation.
Seating is limited.

Visit the Secret Santa Shop!
Children can purchase gifts for their family and friends. All gifts are priced at \$2.00.

For more information:
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website: mtzionhighland.com

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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

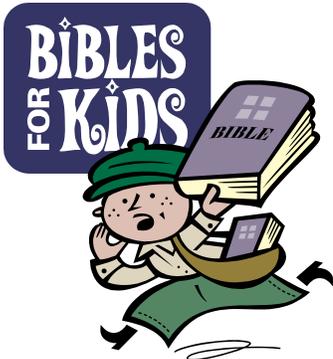
Mt. Zion youth with Pastor Gary





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Children's Ministry



**Bible Sunday will be
November 12th!!**

**Please contact Jena Meredith if you
have a child in 3rd grade and have
NOT spoken to Jena yet!**



Mt. Zion Christian Preschool:

Here is the November preschool update:

Thank you to the O'Keefe family for opening up your farm for the preschool pumpkin patch field trips. The Thursday and Friday 2's classes kicked-off their school year in October and are off to a great start. We continue our fundraising efforts with the intent of adding a climbing structure to the playground. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Kidstuff coupon book fundraiser. Check out the poster detailing our success outside the preschool office.

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will take place on November 8th for the 3's, 4's and Pre-K classes. Please contact the preschool office for more details.

Mt. Zion UMMen

Men's Retreat (sponsored by UMM)
PECOMETH Riverside Retreat Center
Centreville, MD (on the Chester River)
10 November – 12 November 2016



BWC / Mt. Zion UMM Upcoming Events

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



Opportunities to Serve Missions



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 at rodkbarr@gmail.com



The **Open Doors Food Pantry** gave food out to 120 families in October.

We are **desperate for volunteers** to help set up in November & December, as those are the busiest months for our food pantry. Friday, November 17th from 12:30 - 3pm, and Friday, December 15th will have 2 times to volunteer - 12:30 - 3pm, and 5pm - 7pm.

In November, we'll be setting up for our **Thanksgiving Dinners**, and December for our **Santa Steve**, and the **Angel Tree** gifts.

The **Angel Tree** will have approximately **50 kids** that are in need of gifts this year, and they will be available on Sunday, November 19th. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email Carol Hill or Laurie Norwood at open-doorsfoodpantry@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support, and don't forget to drop your loose change in the offering plate.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Filled boxes need to be brought to Mt. Zion on Sundays Nov. 12 or 19. During the service on Nov. 19th, all boxes will be blessed before they are sent on their way to children around the world. Mt. Zion Memorials Legacy Fund will provide \$6 for each filled box to help pay for the Greatest Journey Bible lessons, 12 weeks of showing God's love for the children and teaching them about Jesus. Boxes and instruction booklets and papers are in each narthex. Any questions, call Margaret Rose



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MT. ZION
UM WOMEN

2017 FALL/WINTER EVENTS



NOVEMBER - Operation Christmas Child (Shoe Boxes) Due: NOV 12 or 19

NOV 11 -Women's Retreat, 9:00am – 2:00pm. (Fellowship Hall)

WOMEN OF ZION ~ "Day of Hope"

cost \$25.00 includes breakfast, lunch, activities, and speaker.

Child care will be provided.

NOV 19 – Thanksgiving Bake Sale, between services (Fellowship Hall)

DEC 2 – Breakfast with Santa, Seating 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)



UMW Thanksgiving Bake Sale
Sunday, November 19 10:00 am - 12:15 pm
Fellowship Hall



**Calling all bakers and buyers! Enjoy your
Thanksgiving.....the desserts are done!!**

Your cupcakes, pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, scones, muffins, candy, and any creation you would be kind enough to donate would be so appreciated to help our UMW meet it's Mission Pledges!!

Questions or to donate, please contact
Joyce Saunderson

Grateful for your generous participation!!!

Looking for new ideas and events for 2018!!!

We will have a suggestion box at the bake sale on
November 19th for you to drop in your ideas!



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.



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UMW/UMM Coffee House

On Friday, October 13th a coffee house was lightly attended in the fellowship hall. Music was provided by Spamloaf (Barney Repetti) and our own Brian Cornell. The acoustical sounds of the evening were familiar to everyone at the tables. Spamloaf, only calling himself that because Meatloaf was already being used, performs around the county at various senior centers. He's also performing on November 1st at the Cellar (off of Route 40) near the Mission BBQ, Ellicott City.

The coffee was served by the barista, Ken Sines. And light snacks and cookies were furnished by the UMW. All that attended appeared to have a wonderful and relaxing evening. Hopefully, if you missed it you can join us next time.



November



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 each month between services, in the church library. Contact Judy H.

Johnson.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
10am - Pioneer 10am - Young Adult 12:30pm - Stephens 3pm - Pack 702 3pm - Pack 702 5pm - Trinity 6pm - Youth	9:30am - Playgroup/ 10am - Bible Study 7pm - Maryland	Bulletin 7pm - Finance/CR2 7pm - Worship and 7:30pm - Mary	9am - CRT/Preschool 9am - Preschool 9:30am - Seated 12pm - Deadline -	7pm - Praise 6pm - Preschool 7pm - Praise	6:30pm - CBT 7pm - GS Powder	8am - GS Powder 8:30am - CBT/Sanc 2pm - Sanc/Papaviza
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All women are invited to:

Women of Zion
Day of

HOPE

on Saturday November 11th
 from 9am-2pm
 in Mt. Zion's Fellowship Hall

We will have breakfast and lunch, work on a philanthropy project, and have a Guest Speaker, Mt. Zion's own "Wendy Singer", and have outdoor time for walking if weather permits.

**A wonderful time of fun
 and fellowship with Women of Zion!**

Cost is \$25 and you MUST register by emailing Jena Meredith jenameredith@hotmail.com or Penny Schmit at kdja06@comcast.net

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