



November 19, 2017

# Give thanks

**Touching Lives for Jesus Christ**

Mount Zion United Methodist Church  
Rev. Gary Sheffield-James, Lead Pastor  
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# 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Prelude – “*A Crown for Me*” by Southbridge Deb Papavizas

Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit – “*Now Thank We All Our God*” Chancel & Trinity Choirs

Welcome & Opportunities to Serve Gary Sheffield-James

\*Greeting & Opening Prayer Ellen McKinzie

\*Opening Hymn – “*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*” UMH #694

\*Passing the Peace

Kids Time Andrea Smolen

The Lord’s Prayer Led by our children

Hymn – “*We Gather Together*” UMH#131, vs 1 & 2

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Gary Sheffield-James

Pastoral Prayer Gary Sheffield-James

Hymn – “*We Gather Together*” UMH #131, vs 3

God’s Tithes and our Offerings and Gifts

Musical Offering – “*The Truth Shall Set You Free*” Sophia Eidson

\*Doxology UMH#95

\*Prayer of Dedication Gary Sheffield-James

First Lesson – Habakkuk 3:16-19 Ellen McKinzie

\*Gospel Lesson – Luke 18:9-14 Ellen McKinzie

Anthem – “*Look At The World*” Chancel & Trinity Choirs

Sermon – “*Giving Thanks, Even When It Hurts*” Gary Sheffield-James

\*Closing Hymn – “*For The Beauty of the Earth*” UMH #92

\*Sending Forth

\*Choral Benediction – “*As We Part*” Chancel & Trinity Choirs

Postlude – “*Now Thank We All Our God*” by Karg-Elert Deb Papavizas

**Leave to Serve God’s People**

\*You are invited to stand in heart or posture

# 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

## Enter to Worship

Gathering Music

Welcome & Opportunities to Serve

\*Greeting and Opening Prayer

\*Passing the Peace

\*Songs of Celebration

*"This Is Amazing Grace", "Grateful Heart"*

Kid's Time

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Worship Through Our Giving

\*Offering Music – *"That's Why We Praise Him"*

\*Prayer of Dedication

First Lesson – Habakkuk 3:16-19

\*Gospel Lesson – Luke 18:9-14

Sermon – *"Giving Thanks, Even When It Hurts"*

\*Song of Reflection – *"Blessings [B]"*

\*Prayers at the Altar

\*Sending Forth

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**Welcome to Mt. Zion UMC!** We are glad God has brought you to worship with us today. We look forward to getting to know you! If you are looking for a church home, please speak to one of the Pastors after the service.

*Childcare is available all morning for children under 5 in the Nursery (room 205)  
2-4<sup>th</sup> Sundays each month: 9:15 am & 11:15 am, Kids' Zone in the chapel*

### **Christian Education Programs**

We invite you to join us for any of our Christian Education Programs.  
For more information, please visit us at [www.mtzionhighland.com](http://www.mtzionhighland.com)

#### **Sundays - 10:10am - Christian Education Hour**

##### **\*Children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Lower Preschool Level, 3 & 4 year olds in the Nursery (room 205)

**\*Students 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Youth Center

**\*Pioneer Class (Adults):** Conference Room 1

**\*Drop-In Bible Study:** Conference Room 3

**\*Young Adults Class (Young Adults 18 through 35):** Staff Conf. Room

**\*Parenting in Faith:** Conference Room 2

**Monday – 10:00 am - Weekly Bible Study -** Conference Room 2

**\*Playgroup Infant - 5yrs with caregiver:** Mondays 9:30-11:00am: Nursery

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### *Events Schedule: November 19<sup>th</sup> ~ November 26<sup>th</sup>*

#### **Sunday, November 19th**

8:00am – 12:30pm UMW Bake Sale/FH

9:00 & 11:00am Services/Sanc

10:00 – 11:00am Pioneer Class/CR1

10:00 – 11:00am Support Group/Lib

10:00 – 11:00am Young Adult SS/OMR

12:15 – 1:15pm Aging Presentation/CR1

3:00 – 4:30pm BS Troops/Class 4&5

5:00 – 6:00pm Trinity Choir/133

5:30 – 6:00pm Pack 702 Meet/FH

#### **Monday, November 20th**

9:30 – 11:00am Playgroup/Nursery

10:00 – 11:00am Bible Study/CR2

7:00 – 9:00pm MDSR/FH

#### **Tuesday, November 21st**

8:00 – 10:00pm BS Meet/Lib

#### **Wednesday, November 22nd**

5:30 – 7:00pm BS Lion Den Meet/YC

6:00 – 9:00pm BS Meet/FH

6:45 – 7:45pm Chancel Bells/Sanc

7:45 – 8:45pm Chancel Choir/Sanc

#### **Thursday, November 23rd**

All Day - Thanksgiving

#### **Friday, November 24th**

Office Closed – Day after

Thanksgiving

#### **Saturday, November 25th**

8:30 – 1:30pm CBT/Sanc and all CRs

#### **Sunday, November 26th**

9:00 & 11:00am Services/Sanc

10:00 – 11:00am Pioneer Class/CR1

10:00 – 11:00am Young Adult SS/OMR

3:00 – 6:00pm BS 702 packs/CL 4&5

5:00 – 6:00pm Trinity Choir/133

6:00 – 7:30pm Youth Group/YC

## Upcoming News at Mount Zion

**\*Shepherding Team #1 Is On Call This Week**, November 19<sup>th</sup> to November 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jill Scott.

**\*Cakes, cookies, brownie, and pies...**oh my....follow the fresh baked aroma to the Fellowship Hall ....The UMW BAKE SALE ....is happening TODAY! Delightful and delicious treats await you! Help us meet our mission obligations, and help yourself to some wonderful holiday baked creations!!

**\*Thank You Mt. Zion** for all the tokens of appreciation during Pastor Appreciation month. Mt. Zion UMC Highland ROCKS! Sincerely, Pastor Tammi

**\*Thank You from all the Mt. Zion staff** for your appreciation during Staff Appreciation Sunday as we strive to continue to work hard for Mt. Zion UMC.

**\*Poinsettia Order deadline is Today.**

**\*Today, at 12:15pm in CR1.** Caregiver and Stephens Ministry groups are sponsoring a presentation by Kathy Wehr from Howard County Office on Aging. The focus will be on managing caregiving stress and discussing resources that are available through their program. Light snacks and beverages provided.

**\*Operation Christmas Child-** Thanks to everyone who is preparing boxes. All boxes must be brought to church by today to be placed on the altar and be blessed before they are sent on their way to children around the world.

**\*An Advent Study will be offered this year based on Richard B. Wilke's book, Christmas: The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly.** The study consists of four sessions. The Monday morning study meets at 10 a.m. in Conference Rm. 2. The first session for the morning begins on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Another study is offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Gary will be facilitating the class. The first session for the night class begins on November 29<sup>th</sup>. The study books will be available down stairs in the fellowship hall between the two services. Cost: 10 dollar book donation. A sign-up sheet will be placed at the book table.

**\*No Seated Chair Class** Nov. 22

**\*Thank you for all the Secret Santa Shop donations.** We are only in need of pet gifts and gifts for dad. Last day for donations is Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Calling all cooks and those who like to eat!** November 27<sup>th</sup>, we are starting a cooking group once a month to cook a meal to eat as well as enough to freeze for use by the Shepherding teams. RSVP Debra Leiss.

**\*Breakfast with Santa reservations** are now being accepted please don't forget to make your reservations no later than Wednesday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>

**\*Care Giver's Group** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month between services, in the church library. Contact Judy H. Johnson.

## We Serve God & God's People

**Through Our Prayers:** As a shepherd cares for the sheep, so also will Christ watch over His followers. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers.

We pray for the families and victims of the Texas church shooting. We pray for all the people who have been affected by the mass murders. We pray for all the people who have been victims of violence stemming from hatred and prejudice. We pray for victims of natural disasters.

**Our Members:** Janet & Chuck Sehman, Ed Jones, Doug Odom, Phillip & Eli Amos, Edison & Mary Ellen Amos, Judy Johnson, Christy Wnuk-Fink, Will Hobbs, Ann Parlette, George Bickerton, Bill Cashmark, the Collatz Family, Connie Kolpack, Nancy Lindquist, Debbie Tracy, Art Colburn.

**Members' Family & Friends:** Skylar Cullatz, Dorothy Sunderland, Wilbur Carr, Linda Johnson, Harry Stackler, Joe Menini, Joan Delara's family, DuBoyce family, Mohabir Family, Christian Yetman, George & Genie Syrud, Joelle Brooke, Kay & Tony Paide, Family of Faran Kaplan, Lexi & Cooper Krause, Amanda in Houston, Joanne Island, Byran Burton, Beth Hausley, Joyce Gray, Peggy Metz, Lisa Slusser, Marian Isley, Lisa Norton, Carol Thomas, Quelle & Raelynn Gonzalez, Pauline Reel, Joseph, Taylor, Dennis, Will, Dolly, The Craig Family.

**Our Homebound Members:** Polly Hawkes, The Molesworths, Frieda Youngblood, Shirley Noble, Eva Bryant.

**Members Serving in Our Armed Forces:** Colin Klopp, Andrew Schmit, Victoria Wyler.

**Non-Members Serving in our Armed Forces:** Christopher Cook, Joshua Bandy, Brad Cohn, Randall Johnston, Jason Walker, Andrew Lammers, Luke Tung, Mariah Mead, Hunter Carter-Rimbach.

*Through Our Presence & Gifts*

<b>Week Ending Sunday, November 12th</b>	<b><u>Worship</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday School</u></b>
Attendance	9:00am: 162 11:00am: 63 Total: 225	Adults: 54 Youth: 4 Children: 21 Kid Zone 9: 0 Kid Zone11: 6 Total: 85
Weekly Receipts	11,833	
<b>Financial Summary as of Nov. 12th</b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>
YTD Operating Receipts	642,769	629,989
YTD Operating Disbursements	606,944	665,410
Operating Surplus (-Deficit)	35,825	-35,421
<b>Legacy Summary as of Sept. 30th</b>	<b><u>End of Month</u></b>	<b><u>Total to Date</u></b>
Total Campaign Funds Received	2,860.00	978,113.90
Transfers: Missions	2,333.30	89,546.93
Transfers: Facilities for the Future	286.00	89,546.93
Mortgage Principal Curtailments	2,288.00	716,374.25
Mortgage Loan Balance as of Oct. 24, 2017		106,088.00

*\*Detailed monthly financial reports are available in the Treasurer's hallway mailbox*

*Sermon Notes & Highlights from the Service*

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**Mount Zion Is a Stephen Ministry Congregation**  
Please see the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for  
More information



# **Upcoming Events**

## **at Mount Zion United Methodist Church**

**November 19** - Thanksgiving Bake Sale  
10am-12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall

**December 2** - Breakfast with Santa

**December 3** - First Sunday of Advent

**December 10** - Second Sunday of Advent &  
Family Gingerbread House Making 4pm

**December 17** - Third Sunday of Advent

**Weekly Services:** 9:00am & 11:00am Worship Services  
• 10:10am Sunday School

**Monthly:** 2nd Sunday - Sandwiches for the Homeless  
• 3rd Saturday - Food Pantry

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