

To the folks and friends of Mt. Zion,

It's hard to lose someone that you love and care about. My wife, Laurie, lost her father, Donald Sheffield, to cancer in April of this year. Don was able to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Don will be remembered for his wisdom, humor, and wit. I know it will be a difficult time for us this Sunday as we lift up his name during our All Saints Service.

I am aware that you, too, know about the grief of losing a loved one. The service this Sunday is important because we are reminded that God sustains us in our times of brokenness. We can also draw comfort because of the promise of the resurrection, in that, we believe our relationship with God is eternal and everlasting.

Let us join together for worship on Sunday strengthened by this promise.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

**Sunday Morning Worship**    **November 5, 2017**    **Holy Communion**

*Lessons:*      Revelation 7:9-17; Matthew 5:1-12

*Sermon*          "For Saints Alive"

**Remember Daylight Savings Time** - Please turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Shepherding Team #8 Is On Call This Week**, November 5<sup>th</sup> to November 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Joyce Saunderson.

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Poinsettia Orders** – will be taken on these dates. Help us adorn our church for Christmas and order your poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones. The cost is \$11.00/6" and \$16.00/7" pot. Red or white poinsettias may be ordered. Please print names and dedications clearly. Checks should be made to Mt. Zion UMC – memo poinsettias.

**Evaluation for Pastor Gary**: Pastor Gary's evaluation is due 1 December. If you have comments you would like to ensure are considered, please feel free to contact any SPRC member on or before 5 November. Thanks for being involved throughout the year.

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

**Thank the Mt. Zion Staff Sunday** November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize and celebrate the staff of Mt. Zion with refreshments and a cake in the Fellowship Hall between the two services. Please plan to stop by and thank them for their dedication and many contributions to our church.

**SAGE Brigade**: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Friends-Giving: Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at noon we will be celebrating Friends-Giving. I will bring 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.

**UMW Events 2017:**

November 11, 9:00am – 2:00pm Mt. Zion Women's event in the Fellowship Hall.  
November 19, 10:00am -12.15pm Thanksgiving Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall.

**Winter clothing and food drive for Ames UMC in West Baltimore**: We are collecting winter items for those in need in Baltimore City. Drop off gently used clothing, coats, hats, gloves and scarves in the collection bin located in

the West Narthex. We are also accepting nonperishable holiday food items. The collection will continue through Friday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Items will be distributed during the community outreach event at Ames UMC on Sat. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Help with the Winter Clothing Giveaway and Community Fellowship Meal at Ames UMC in West**

**Baltimore:** We are looking for volunteers to prepare and serve a meal and to distribute winter clothing during the community outreach event taking place on Sat. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Fred Towner.

**Calling all cooks and those who like to eat!** We are starting a cooking group. This will be an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and have fun! We will meet on a monthly basis and cook a meal to eat as well as enough to freeze for use by the Shepherding teams. If you are interested, please let Debra Leiss know. Our first meeting will be the week of 11/27.

**Third Quarter/Year to date Giving Statements** – Please remember to pick-up your September 30<sup>th</sup> quarterly and year-to-date giving statements which are now available in the West Narthex. Questions regarding your regular giving statements, or if you desire additional information regarding stock donations or electronic giving, please contact our Treasurer, Belinda Norton at x14 or by email at belinda.norton@verizon.net

**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. 12<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Sunday, November 19,** the Caregiver and Stephens Ministry groups are sponsoring a presentation by Kathy Wehr from Howard County Office on Aging. The presentation at 12:15p, in Conference Room 1, and the focus will be discussing resources that are available through their program. Light snacks and beverages provided. Contact Judy Johnson or Debbie Burgio.

**This years Advent Study is Christmas:** The Good, The Bad and The Ugly. Staring Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Author Richard B. Wilke focuses on people in the story of Christ's birth. There are those we associate with the joy and celebration of Christmas—the wise men, the shepherds, and Joseph. Yet the author reminds us not to forget that the evil King Herod is also part of the Christmas story, and how it is because there is evil in our world that we so desperately needed - and **need** - a Savior. We are looking for a few people to help host a couple of small groups on this study. If you are interested, copies of the books are available in fellowship hall for the next 3 weeks.

**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. 26<sup>th</sup>.