

To the folks and friends of Mt. Zion,

Did you know, according to the Christian calendar, that the “*Christ the King*” observance is the last Sunday of the Christian year? This Sunday is “*Christ the King*” Sunday. A new Christian year will begin a week later, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, which will be the first Sunday of Advent.

It’s only fitting the bookends that define the Christian year are aligned in this way. Christ the King Sunday is a time to recognize the Resurrected Jesus as Lord of lords and King of kings. Advent is the time to remind ourselves of how people waited with preparation and patience for the Promised One to come.

The Christian year begins with promise and hope and culminates with the bold affirmation that God reigns forever and forever.

I look forward to our worshiping with you on Sunday.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

### **Sunday Morning Worship** November 26, 2017

*Lessons:* Luke 23:33-43

*Sermon* “Follow the Leader”

### **ADVENT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

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.

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

**Shepherding Team #2 Is On Call This Week**, November 26<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Betty Cashmark.

**Mt. Zion Friends**, Words could never express the gratitude our family feels from the outpouring of love and support Mt. Zion showed after our house fire. We appreciate all of you and your donations, gifts, food, tools, house hold items and prayers. We all thank you from the bottom of our hearts! With love from the David and Janis Cashmark family.

**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>.

**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>

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

**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 Thursday 11/29 at 5:30pm.

**This years Advent Study is Christmas: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly.** We currently have 3 options - Wednesdays at 7pm with Pastor Gary starting 11/29; Monday Mornings at 10 am starting 12/4; Sundays at 10:10 with the Drop in Class starting 12/3. or if you would like to host a group - we are still looking for facilitators. Books will be available in Fellowship Hall

**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 the following dates:** 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.

**Pajamas Needed!!** Nights are getting colder and the need for new pajamas is getting greater for children without the security of a stable home who are living in shelters, long-term foster care and group homes. Winter is the coldest January thru March but, unfortunately, this is when the PJ Program receives the lowest number of donations. Please donate New Pajamas (sizes Infants through Teens) and/or new storybooks. Collection at Mt Zion January 1 thru January 15, 2018. Distribution in Maryland is by the Pajama Program ([www.pajamaprogram.org](http://www.pajamaprogram.org)). Let's not let the season of giving end when the nights are the coldest! Contact: Karen Williams.