

To the folks and friends of Mt.

The season of winter consists of colder temperatures, bringing us bone-chilling winds, blankets of snow, and slippery ice. Most of us are fortunate enough to live in homes that keep us warm and secure on cold nights. Yet we know that the homeless, exposed to such life-threatening conditions, find themselves in need of warmth and shelter.

I have discovered that Mt. Zion has a ministry called ‘Winter Haven.’ It is here that the church offers its facilities to give 30 homeless men a place to come for a meal and a warm place to sleep during cold winter nights. Mt. Zion is one faith community among many that offers their facilities to shelter the homeless during the winter months.

We have been assigned the week of March 4th to March 11th. During the next few weeks, the coordinators of this ministry will be making an appeal to the congregation asking for volunteers to help with this important ministry. I am asking you to please pray for the homeless and also consider this opportunity for active engagement in Christ’s ministry to the community.

Grace & Peace,
Gary

Sunday Morning Worship January 21, 2018

Lesson: John 1:43-51

Sermon “Come and See”

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

Shepherding Team #1 Is On Call This Week, January 21st to January 27th. Contact Jill Scott.

The Open Doors Food Pantry needs your help! **When:** Friday January 19, 2018 from 1:00 to 3:00 to help unload and organize **lots** of food **and/or** Saturday January 20, 2018 from 8:00 to 12:30 to serve those in need and help clean up. Any time you have to come on out and help is a blessing. Don't forget to drop your loose change in the offering basket! Questions, email Carol Hill or Laurie Norwood

Help Needed!!!! If we want to continue KID's ZONE at the 9:00 and 11:00 services, we must have more adult help! Please contact Jena Meredith if you can serve in this fun ministry!

Signups for Winter Shelter begin on January 28 in the West Narthex.

SAGE Brigade Special Event: Stepping Up Your Nutrition: Discover and Learn • Why muscle matters • How nutrition affects falls • How to get enough protein and fluids • What you can do to eat better and improve your health **When:** Friday, February 9th 12:00-2:30. **Cost:** \$5 To register or for more information, contact: Jeannie DeCray or Debbie Burgio.

Join us for Great Date Night on Saturday, February 17, as Mt. Zion welcomes singer, songwriter, and funny guy, Mark Cable, back to the stage for a spiritual evening of great entertainment. Mark's performance weaves a tapestry of uplifting lyrics, soulful acoustical guitar, and hilarious anecdotes in a romantic Coffee House setting. The Fellowship Hall doors open at 6:30 PM when we start serving warm winter beverages, then settle in for an amazing concert beginning at 7:00. At intermission, our delicious Valentine's Day dessert buffet will sweeten the evening (with healthy options as well). Tickets are \$15 per person and advance reservations are suggested by contacting Jan Plant.

Rebuilding Together, All Day, Saturday, April 28 – Plan to participate in the Rebuilding Together day of service helping a local homeowner with home repairs and being in fellowship with each other. All skill levels welcome. Your commitment to join us is needed by Feb 4. For more information or to sign up, please indicate on the bulletin attendance sheet or contact Ken Sines or Kathy Dunn.

Seated Exercise Class will be held every Wednesday during January in the Chapel from 9:30-10am. Wear comfortable clothing. We will be jazzing up January with music from Russ Freeman. Any questions? Contact Bettye Ames.

Upcoming New Member Sessions – For those interested in joining Mt. Zion Church, new member classes will be held on the following Sundays, January 21 & 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Calling all cooks and those who like to eat! Join our Cooking Group once a month and cook a meal to eat as well as enough to freeze for use by the Shepherding teams. If you are interested, please contact Debra Leiss.

The Care Giver's Group meets the 3rd Sunday of every month between services, in the church library. Contact Judy H. Johnson.

2018 Offering Envelopes: 2018 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in the West Narthex. If you did not order Offering Envelopes, but still wish to have a box for the upcoming year, a limited number of extra sets were ordered. Please contact the church Treasurer at x14 if you are interested.

2017 Year-end Giving Statements: Giving statements for the 2017 calendar year are now available for pick up in the West Narthex. Please help save the church postage by picking up your statement prior to the January 31st mailing.