

To the folks and friends of Mt. Zion,

I will be facilitating a study during Lent based on William Willimon's book, **Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love** (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2016). The class will meet on Wednesday nights from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The date of the sessions and the themes that will be discussed are as follows: February 7, 2018 – “*Saved by the Other*”/ February 21, 2018 – “*The Other, My Enemy*”/ February 28, 2018 – “*Learning to Fear Like Christians*”/ March 7, 2-18 – “*Loving the Other in Church*”/ March 14, 2018 “*Jesus, the Other*”.

It's important to note that the preaching and worship themes for Sunday morning during Lent will revolve around Willimon's book. Your attendance and participation in this class will help contribute to discussions around this important topic. The purpose of the study is to probe scripture and how the precepts and underpinnings of the Christian faith can help us to relate and to perceive the “Other” in a different way.

The cost of the book is 10 dollars. You will be able to pick one up at the church office. Please contact me at pastorgary@mtzionhighland.com and let me know that you will be joining the class.

Grace & Peace,
Gary

Sunday Morning Worship

February 4, 2018

Lesson: Mark 9:2-9

Sermon “Seeing the Big Picture”

Lent & Easter Theme

*“No Fear In Love”**

February 18, 2018 First Sunday in Lent - Saved by the Other

Sermon Title: “Remembering Our First Love”

Scriptures: 1 John 4:16-21; Romans 5:6-11;

February 25, 2018 Second Sunday in Lent - The Other, My Enemy

Sermon Title: “Remembering Our Roots”

Scriptures: Leviticus 19:33-34; Matthew 25:31-46

March 4, 2018 Third Sunday in Lent - Learning to Fear Like Christians

Sermon Title: “Remembering to Fear the Lord”

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Luke 18:11

March 11, 2018 Fourth Sunday in Lent – Loving the Other in Church

Sermon Title: “Remembering Our Connectedness”

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-12; John 3:16

March 18, 2018 Fifth Sunday in Lent – Jesus, the Other

Sermon Title “Jesus – the Other Who Helps Us Remember”

Scriptures: Luke 10:25-37

March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday - *Sermon Title* “No Greater Is This”

March 29, 2018 Maundy Thursday *Sermon Title* “Sharing in Suffering”

March 20, 2018 Good Friday

April 1, 2018 Easter Day *Sermon Title* “Easter: God Gets the Last Laugh”

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

9:00 – Traditional

11:00 – Praise and Celebration

*Lenten Sermon Series based on William Willimon's book, Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love.

Ash Wednesday Service held at Mt. Zion on February 14, 2018 at 7 p.m. Rev. Andrea King, pastor of Hopkins United Methodist Church, will be the guest preacher.

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

Shepherding Team #3 Is On Call This Week, February 4th to February 10th. Contact Betty Cashmark at 301-725-5233.

Signups for Winter Shelter continue in the West Narthex.

Stephen Ministers and the Care Givers invite you to join us to hear: Kathy Wehr, Caregiver Support Program Manager: Howard County Office on Aging and Independence, Speak on "Caregiving and Communication with Alzheimer's and Dementia" Feb 4, 2018 @ 1:00 pm in the large conference room

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.

Houston VIM Presentation: On Sunday February 11th, the Houston VIM team (which includes our own Ken Sines) will be giving a presentation on their recent experiences in the Houston, Texas area. The presentation will be held Sunday, February 11th at Emmanuel UMC during their 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. All who are interested are invited to attend.

Trivia Night!!! Friday February 23, 7-9:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hosted by UMC for ALL AGES. Get Your Team Together Now! (Maximum 6 per Team). Entry fee \$10:00 Supports UMM. Save money by registering your team early February 2nd (Groundhog Day) and save \$10:00 per team. Prizes will be awarded – Free Fresh Popcorn – Sodas available for purchase. Register now with Mark Coffin or Ken Sines

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: For everyone who has volunteered to touch lives for Jesus Christ - you are invited to dinner and fellowship with other volunteers on 2/24 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by 2/10/2018 to Debra Leiss. Please see attached flyer.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – February 13th, 5:30 – 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please see attached flyer.

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. Please also see attached flyer.

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.

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!

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.

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.