

To the folks and friends of Mt. Zion,

I would like to share with you a few events that will take place at Mt. Zion.

This Sunday we will be recognizing **Scout Troup 702** during our worship. Some of you have participated in scouts or you now have children involved in the scouting program. I know that some of you have volunteered as scout leaders. It's an organization that seeks to teach moral character, lasting values, and a desire to serve the community. I invite you to come and celebrate our scouting program on Sunday for they truly are an extension of the various ministries that occur here at Mt. Zion.

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, **Ash Wednesday Service** will be held at Mt. Zion at 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. We will be worshiping with Hopkins United Methodist Church. Rev. Andrea King will be the preacher and the Hopkins choir will be providing special music for the evening. Our participation in this service is a good way to start our Lenten journey together.

Grace & Peace,  
Gary

**Sunday Morning Worship** February 11, 2018

*Lesson:* Mark 2:29-39

*Sermon* "Preparedness Is a Walk in the Woods"

A Lenten Study based on William Willimon's book, **Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love** (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2016) will be offered. The first class will meet on Wednesday, February 21, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The final class ends on March 14, 2018. The cost of the book is \$10. You will be able to pick one up at the church office. Please contact Pastor Gary at [pastorgary@mtzionhighland.com](mailto:pastorgary@mtzionhighland.com) and let him know that you will be joining the class.

### **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 – Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.

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.

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

**Shepherding Team #4 Is On Call This Week**, February 11h to February 18th. Contact Margaret and Jerry Rose.

**Signups continue this week for Winter Shelter, March 4-11.** You can sign up via Signup Genius (link is on home site of Mt. Zion web site) or on Sunday in the West Narthex. We are in particular need of people to stay overnight, to be kitchen coordinators and to clean bathrooms after guests leave. For more information contact Rod Barr.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 at Emmanuel UMC during their 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. All who are interested are invited to attend.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper –** February 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Open Doors Food Pantry needs your help! When:** Friday February 16, 2018 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM to help unload and organize **lots** of food **and/or** Saturday February 17, 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: [opendoorsfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:opendoorsfoodpantry@gmail.com).

**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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> (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.

**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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month between services,** in the church library. Contact Judy H. Johnson.

