

To the folks and friends of Mt. Zion,

As the pastor of Mt. Zion, I have participated for the first time in the Winter Shelter ministry. For the week of March 4 to March 11, our church provided warm meals and a warm place to stay for about 25 men who are homeless. I was told by the Mission Committee that about 90 people, which includes volunteers in our church and those within the community, participated in this event. I would like to thank all those who contributed to this important outreach.

I also want to thank Rod Barr and his assistant, Will Scott, for providing leadership to help coordinate the many details that an event of this size needs in order to come to fruition.

I encourage you to keep those who are homeless in your thoughts and prayers by continuing to seek ways to reach out to all those who are considered by society as the 'Other'. The Jesus you and I seek to follow was born and placed in a cattle stall because '*there was no room for him in the Inn*'. This Jesus calls us to follow him and join in his ministry of reaching out to the '*least, last, and lost*.' As your pastor, I thank the people of Mt. Zion for heeding such a call.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

Sunday Morning Worship

March 18, 2018

Lessons Luke 10:25-37

Sermon "*Jesus – the Other Who Points Us to the Other*"

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 25, 2018 **Palm Sunday** - *Sermon Title "No Greater Is This"*
March 29, 2018 **Maundy Thursday** *Sermon Title "Sharing in Suffering"*
7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
March 20, 2018 **Good Friday** – Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.
April 1, 2018 **Easter Day** *Sermon Title "When Life Rings a Bell"*
Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.
9:00 – Traditional
11:00 – Praise and Celebration

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

Shepherding Team #9 Is On Call This Week, March 18th to March 24th. Contact Bonnie Luepkes.

Open Doors Food Pantry needs your help! **When:** Friday March 16, 2018 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM to help set up dry goods **and/or** Saturday March 17 2018 from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM to unload lots of fresh produce, serve others and help clean up. Any time you have to 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.

HELP! Help Needed for Easter Egg Hunt! We need people to help set the eggs out at 1:15 on Sunday March 25th at 1:15. It won't take long, please email Jena Meredith if you can help.

No Chair Exercise Class March 21. Join us March 28 in the chapel, 9:30-10am as we gratefully receive blessings of strength, flexibility, balance and fellowship. Questions? Ask Bettye Ames or contact office.

UMM sponsors a hike for Mt. Zion members and friends, male and female, 10 AM on Saturday, March 31. 6-mile round trip on Patuxent Branch Path with optional lunch at Rams Head Tavern, Savage. Meet at trail parking opposite 9175 Guilford Road. Register w/ Will Scott.

Love the Other: A speaker series inspired by the Will Willimon's book *Fear of the Other : No Fear in Love*. Join us to learn about different cultures that may seem strange or foreign. This opportunity is a first step to love (and not merely tolerate) those considered to be outside mainstream Christian culture. Series is located in the Fellowship Hall and includes:

4/15 at 12:15 - Native Americans with Belinda Norton

4/22 at 12:15 - Holocaust Survivors with Edith Corde

5/7 at 7pm- Muslims with Iman Dibba

All events will take place in the Fellowship Hall at Mt Zion

Help with Potluck: The Call to Action committee is looking for volunteers to help with the Love the Other Speaker Series by bringing a casserole, salad to desert to share. If you are able, please let Bettye Ames know or email smallgroups@mtzionhighland.com

Drop In Class: We have started a new study - Alpha. This study from Nicky Gumbel intended to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and have meaningful conversations about life and faith.

CAMP HOPE (June 24 - 30) Participants perform renovation projects and home repairs in the surrounding Appalachia area for homeowners needing financial or physical assistance. Campers are housed at Frostburg State Univ. with other churches throughout the Baltimore Conference. YOUTH SIGN-UPS will be Sunday, March 4th, 11th, and 25th after the 9 am service in Fellowship Hall. Eligible youth must be age 14 by June 24th. If you have questions regarding the Camp Hope program, please contact Debby Klopp.

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