

To the folks and friends of Mt. Zion,

I hope you have stayed safe during our spring snow storm. The good news is that we could wait for the sun to melt most of the snow the next day – which meant less shoveling for us.

Below is Mt. Zion's schedule during Holy Week. I hope that you will be able to participate in the various services that are offered during this important week in the church's life.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 25, 2018 **Palm Sunday Services** - *Sermon Title "No Greater Love Is This"*

9:00 am Traditional & 11:00 am Contemporary

Thursday, March 29, 2018 **Maundy Thursday Service** *Sermon Title "Sharing in Suffering"*

7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 30, 2018 **Good Friday Service**

Tenebrae Service – Cantata "Song of the Shadows" 7:00 pm

Service held in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 1, 2018 **Easter Sunday** *Sermon Title "When Life Rings a Bell"*

7:00 am **Sunrise Service** - held in the Mt. Zion Cemetery

9:00 am Traditional & 11:00 am Contemporary

Pancake Breakfast Easter Sunday – 7:30 am to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Grace & Peace,

Gary

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

Shepherding Team #1 Is On Call This Week, March 25th to March 31st. Contact Jill Scott.

Easter Egg Hunt will now be Saturday March 31st at 2pm.

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

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.

Save the evening of Saturday, May 5 for Mt. Zion's dinner theater production of Trailer Park Tragedy.

Get ready for a politically incorrect night of mystery, scandal, and fun! Ticket sales will begin in April after Easter. In the meantime, if you are interested in portraying an avid outdoorsman, a crazy cat lady, a high school dropout, or a parolee who will do anything to avoid going back to jail, please contact Jan Plant to ask about being in our crazy cast of characters!

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.