

To the folks and friends of Mt. Zion,

Last Sunday, Belinda Norton gave a very passionate talk about her experience doing mission work in Arizona with the **Hopi Tribe**. During her presentation, she distributed to those attending a detailed list of the traditional values and visions of a **Hopi**. One of those values is as follows: “a **Hopi** is one who understands that the creator has provided all the necessary resources needed by all living beings to co-exist here, including the means by which the human race can achieve a happy, healthy and self-sustaining life.”

This is an important value because we are reminded that all people are connected to a Creator who provides us with the necessary resources to build a world that is healthy and whole. In other words, we are able to see the good in each other and strive to shape a world where everyone belongs.

On this coming Sunday, Edith Cord will give a presentation about her experiences of growing up in Germany during the rise of Nazism. The event begins at 3 p.m. and will be held in the sanctuary. I hope you plan to attend.

This **Speaker Series**, sponsored by the Call to Action Committee, is designed to help us to continue the process of seeking to understand each other and especially those that we might see as the ‘Other’.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

**Sunday Morning Worship**

**April 22, 2018**

**Scriptures:** Psalm 23/ John 10:11-18  
**Message:** “The Shepherd Among Us”

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

**Shepherding Team #5 Is On Call This Week**, April 22th to April 28th. Contact Frances & Roger Colvin.

**Belinda Norton** ~ After eleven years of faithful service to Mount Zion UMC, Belinda Norton, Treasurer/Financial Secretary, has accepted a position at Westminster UMC in Westminster, MD under the Pastoral Leadership of Malcolm Stranathan. Belinda will continue her membership here at Mt. Zion which allows for a separation between worship and work. Belinda’s expertise, attention to detail, and integrity have been hugely appreciated and make her shoes difficult to fill. Her presence on staff will be dearly missed. Thank you for your devoted years of service. We wish you well in your new position and appreciate your willingness to support us during the transition to someone new.

**Open Doors Food Pantry** needs your help! **When:** Friday April 20, 2018 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM to help set up dry goods **and/or** Saturday April 21, 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](mailto:opendoorsfoodpantry@gmail.com).

**The Open Doors Food Pantry** is able to buy food and other necessities from the loose change we receive. Please deposit any loose change in the offering plate to help feed those in need. We have volunteer opportunities on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 7:30am - 11:30am. To contact us, please email [opendoorsfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:opendoorsfoodpantry@gmail.com). Thank you!

**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:

4/22 at 3:00pm - 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](mailto:smallgroups@mtzionhighland.com)

**Interested in Golfing?** Join UMM at Willow Springs Golf Course on May 5<sup>th</sup> (Approx. tee time 9am). Contact Ken Sines April 29<sup>th</sup> if you are playing.

**Tickets are now on sale for Mt. Zion's murder mystery dinner theater** production of "*Trailer Park Tragedy*" on **Saturday, May 5** at 6PM. The cost is **\$25 per person**. Get ready for a politically incorrect night of mystery, scandal, and fun! Tickets will be sold between services in the Fellowship Cafe each Sunday until April 29. This event will have limited seating (80 max) and advance reservations are required since a final count is due to the caterer one week prior to the show. For details, contact Jan Plant.

**MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>-Recognition of Graduates:** May 20<sup>th</sup> we will be recognizing our Senior High, College, and Graduate school graduates during our worship experience. Please send a graduation photo/recent photo, name of graduate, name of school they are graduating from, and the school they will be attending in the fall if applicable to [pastortammi@mtzionhighland.com](mailto:pastortammi@mtzionhighland.com) no later than Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Any submissions after the 13<sup>th</sup> we cannot guarantee they will be included in the video presentation

**Come join us for an evening of fun,** fellowship, food, and music as we "Dance Through the Decades" at this year's Mother Daughter Banquet. The date is May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the fellowship hall. We will be serving a buffet dinner with selections that follow our theme. There will also be gluten free options. All ladies are welcome to join us the cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 children 3 -10 and free for those under the age of 3. We will be selling spots between services on Sundays or you can contact Elizabeth Blough. We hope to see you there.

**CROP Walk** - CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Howard County CROP walk .(<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamd/>) is scheduled for 5/20. Anyone interested in joining a team from Mt Zion, please contact Deb 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.