

To the folks and friends of Mt. Zion,

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, clergy and several lay members from Mt. Zion will be attending the **Baltimore/Washington Annual Conference** held at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore, MD. The theme of the conference is *"We are One: Beneath the Cross"*. Please keep Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, the Cabinet, and all the clergy and laity who will be gathering in your continued prayers. We live in a world fraught with great challenges and yet one which also offers us amazing opportunities to serve God by serving others. I am thankful the Holy Spirit of the Triune God energizes us and guides us today and points us to a future redeemed by God's grace.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

**Sunday Morning Worship - May 27, 2018**

Pentecost Sunday

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sermon Title: "Group Behavior"

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

**Shepherding Team #1 Is On Call This Week**, May 27th to June 2nd. Contact Jill Scott. 0591.

**SAGE Brigade**: Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon. We will have a guest speaker, **Mary Hughes** of Peace of Mind. The topic of her talk is **"Top Tips to Managing Paper Clutter."** She will cover a range of areas, with a special focus on financial and medical matters. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP so we can plan for lunch and the speaker. Debbie Burgio, or talk to me at church. See you there.

**VBS registration has begun!** Please go to [mtzionhighland.com](http://mtzionhighland.com) to register your child.

**Bike the B&A Trail** Join the UMM on their bikes along the B&A Trail (an old railroad line) on Saturday, 26 May. We will be meeting at 9:30 am at the Sears parking lot at Marley Station Mall (near pedestrian/biker bridge). The ride will consist of a 20 mile round trip (approximately) from the bridge to Annapolis (city line) and back. We will be stopping for lunch along the ride. This route generally has beautiful floral along the route passing by many residential areas during this time of year. The ride should be completed between 2-3 pm.

**Ladies, mark your calendars now to join in the fellowship and fun at our "end of year potluck picnic"** at Crystal Zimmerman's home on Friday, June 8 at 6 pm...ALL Mt. Zion women are SO welcome...we would love to have you join us! Questions, directions, details or a ride...please call Sandy Sehman.

**Bible Study offered for Adults during Vacation Bible School** Mt Zion is excited to offer adults 2 opportunities to grow in faith and love of God in July. Pastor Ken will be facilitating a short term bible study based on the video study *In The Dust of the Rabbi*. Filmed in Israel and Turkey, these powerful DVD sessions explore what it meant to follow Jesus in the first century—and what it means to follow him today. This study requires no prep work or homework – just show up and join the discussion. The study will be presented in Conference Room 1 from 6-8 pm on 7/22 - 27/26. You are welcome 1 day or all 5 days. Please Let us know you will be coming at <http://evite.me/wVuCH8sQG>. Collection will be made to order light dinner/snacks for those attending. The study will also be presented in Conference Room 1 from 9:30 – 11am on Monday 7/23 – Friday 7/27. You are welcome 1 day or all 5 days. Please Let us know you will be coming at <http://evite.me/8zaNP2kvel>

**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!

**Family Therapy Group, LLC**, will be hosting 2-day premarital counseling retreats based on the Prepare/Enrich Marital Inventory and Program. The retreats will be held at our office in Columbia (across from the mall) on Friday

evenings from 7-9 pm and Saturdays from 9 am - 5 pm. The dates for this year are: June 8 & 9, August 3 & 4, October 5 & 6, and November 30 & December 1.

**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.