

To the folks and friends of Mt. Zion,

As I write these words, I am attending a Plenary Session at the Baltimore/Washington Annual Conference in Baltimore. It's a time to hear reports and vote on actions that deal with various ministries in our conference and in the world. I am reminded of the many meetings that take place right here at Mt. Zion. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you to follow a calling to serve on the various ministry teams that bring God's good news to others. By God's grace and Spirit we can do wonderful things. In our communion liturgy for this Sunday, we proclaim the words, "By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to entire world . . . " Let us thank God who gives us a calling that takes us beyond ourselves.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

**Sunday Morning Worship - June 3, 2018** Communion

Scriptures: 2 Cor. 4:5-12, Mark 2:23 – 3:6  
Sermon Title: "Treasure in Clay Jars"

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

**Shepherding Team #2 Is On Call This Week, June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Betty Cashmark.

**A Big Thank You** to all volunteers from our congregation who responded so quickly in regards to our need for Bulletin stuffers during the Summer months. The vacancies all filled very quickly!

**The Open Doors Food Pantry** is having a fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse in Columbia (behind Apple Ford) on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-10pm. 10% of all food purchases will go towards the food pantry (dine in and carry out). Just show the server the flier. Come on out, and eat great food, and possibly join in on the line dancing! Fliers are available in the West Narthex. If you have any questions, please email Carol Hill or Laurie Norwood at [opendoorsfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:opendoorsfoodpantry@gmail.com).

**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.

**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 or Crystal .

**Matthew 25:35**...For I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..." Volunteers needed for Mt Zion's Water Stop for the MD Half Marathon June 9. Contact Deborah Towner Or Pam Gebhardtshauer.

**There are still tickets available to the Orioles game on Friday**, June 15 against the Marlins. All are welcome! Tickets are \$16. If you are interested, please contact David Norton.

**Ames Memorial UMC** in Baltimore is having a community outreach event on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 4 PM where there will be HIV, cholesterol, and blood pressure screening, clothing giveaways, food, and fun activities for kids. We are looking for volunteers to prepare bag lunches and sort clothing from 9:30 AM to 12:00, and to give out lunches and clothing during the event. If interested, contact Fred Towner. We are collecting clothing donations in the west narthex.

**Please thank your congregations** for participating in this year's CROP walk to end hunger in Howard County and the world. To date, we have raised over \$4,000. Your congregants and friends can continue to donate on line at [www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamd](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamd) until the end of June, so if you did not get a chance to participate or

donate, it's not too late. We are looking to have the walk on the same date next year, the third Sunday in May. If you would like to be part of the planning team for next year, we would love to have your name. Special thanks to the following for representing their congregation this year: Abiding Savior - Susan Capenter, Mt. Zion UNM Highland - Deborah Lee, Kittamaquanti Community - Vickie Long

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

**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/8zaNP2kve1>

**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 located at 5570 Sterrett Place 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.