

To the folks and friends of Mt. Zion,

I celebrated my birthday this week. The staff brought in a tasty apple pie and presented it to me in my honor. I am reminded of the words of the author, Mark Twain – “The two most important days of your life are the day you are born and the day you figure out why.”

I guess we all get a little anxious when each birthday comes about because we know that the number only rises. Yet, our life is more than a number of years. As one person said, “It’s not the years in our life that count. It’s the Life in your years.”

Speaking as one of the pastors of Mt. Zion. I thank God who gives us eternal life, abundantly life we can embrace each day and a life that points us to God’s eternal promises.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

Sunday Morning Worship - June 10, 2018

Scripture: Mark 3:20-35

Sermon Title: “Jesus’ Family Picture”

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

Shepherding Team #3 Is On Call This Week, June 10th to June 16th. Contact Betty Cashmark.

Open Doors Food Pantry needs your help! **When:** Friday June 15, 2018 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM to help set up dry goods **and/or** Saturday June 16, 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.

The Open Doors Food Pantry is having a fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse in Columbia (behind Apple Ford) on Wednesday, June 6th 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.

VBS Help Needed!!!! Decorating on Saturday July 21st! Pizza Party will follow! Nurse to help 1 or more days. Assist with “Games” Wednesday or Thursday. Help Gary in “Bible” area. Help Betty Cashmark for 1 or more days in the nursery. “SECURITY” (new) – survey the church grounds. Please contact Jena Meredith ASAP if you will serve the children at VBS!!

SAGE Brigade: Friday, June 8th 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 Gebhardt’sbauer.

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 16th 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 at fdtowner@comcast.net, 301-854-0107. 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 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, Kittamaquinti Community - Vickie Long

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>

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 3rd Sunday of every month between services, in the church library. Contact Judy H. Johnson.