

To the folks and friends of Mt. Zion,

Recently I had the opportunity to look through my old high school yearbook. I glanced at faces that no longer seem familiar. In the margins I read the various comments written by friends of long ago. For the most part, I have lost touch with almost everyone. In the arc of life, friends come and go.

In terms of our faith, however, we can lean on a friend that never forsake us. In the book, God's Little Instruction Book, I came across these words of assurance: "Jesus is a friend who walks in when the world has walked out." Following this quote are the words of Jesus himself—*"These things I have spoken to you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulations: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."* (John 16:33)

May God's deep abiding peace be upon you.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

Sunday Morning Worship - June 17, 2018

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon Title: "Crossing Over to the Other Side"

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

Shepherding Team #4 Is On Call This Week, June 17th to June 23rd. Contact Margaret & Jerry Rose.

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.

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. We are collecting clothing donations in the west narthex.

The Ginny White Circle will meet on Wednesday, June 20, at 11:30 in Conference Room Two. Alice Ellis is chairman and Louise Sehman is in charge of devotions. Following the meeting, we will have lunch at Stanford Grill in Columbia. Please RSVP to Alice by Tuesday, June 19 at noon.

Rings n' things....lots of bling....donations of great, good or even not so good jewelry needed for The Jewelry Booth at the 98th Annual Montgomery General Hospital (Montgomery Medstar). Also come and enjoy the festivities of the day. July 24th 10 am-8 pm, there will be 6000 lbs of the best fried chicken ever, and so much more including a fabulous Kiddieland, Profits all go toward hospital improvements (Our Women's board paid for the recently opened Hospital Lobby, and awards 70 + scholarships every year for students pursuing a medically related profession. There is a box in the East Narthex for any jewelry that you would be kind enough to donate! Thank SO much. Joyce saunderson.

John Wesley UMC Invites Mt. Zion Congregation to Celebrate Pastor Joan's 30 years as an Ordained Minister: On Sunday, 1 July 2018 at 4:00pm, John Wesley UMC will host a 30-year Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Joan E. Carter-Rimbach. They wish to share this event with all the congregations she has served and are therefore inviting all of Pastor Carter-Rimbach's former church congregations to join them on that day for this celebration of her faithful service in ministry. They requested one spokesperson from Mt. Zion to share a 4-5 minute reflection of Pastor Carter-Rimbach's ministry at the church and that there be a music selection if possible. Steve

Dennis, our Lay Leader will provide the remarks and Mark Dubbs and Deb Papavizas will provide the music selection during the ceremony. Please feel free to carpool. For questions contact Karyn Vice, Chair, Mt. Zion SPRC.

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/wVuCH8sOG>. 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.