

Dear friends of Mt. Zion,

This Sunday at the 9 a.m. service the church will commission our youth and team leaders to begin a journey to Western Maryland to work for a week at Camp Hope. What is Camp Hope? On their website, we read, "CAMP HOME, Inc. is an independent organization serving Allegany County Maryland and the surrounding areas. Each summer, over 400 youth and adults from various churches and denominations repair between 55 and 60 homes during a four-week period."

At worship on Sunday, we will send them off by praying for them and asking for God's presence to sustain them as they serve others in Jesus' name.

After they return home, the Camp Hope Team will lead the worship service and share with us their experiences of bringing hope to those whom Jesus calls "the least of these". There will be only one service on the Sunday of July 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

**Sunday Morning Worship - June 24, 2018**

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:15 – 6:13

Sermon Title: "Wasting God's Grace"

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

**Shepherding Team #5 Is On Call This Week, June 24th to June 30th.** Contact Frances & Roger Colvin.

**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/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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month between services,** in the church library.  
Contact Judy H. Johnson.