

Dear Members of Mt. Zion,

As many of you know, this is a time of transition for our church. Recently two of our staff members, Belinda Norton and Rev. Tammi Brantley, have moved on to pursue new assignments. Over the years, it has been customary to receive a love offering for staff members who have served the congregation with exemplary leadership and effectiveness. The SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) will present a gift to both on behalf of the church. However, we also wanted individual congregational members to be able to give as well. This Sunday, **July 8th**, you will have an opportunity to share a cash gift of love to be divided among Belinda and Tammi. This gift cannot be considered as tax deferrable and thus cannot be submitted as a check made out to Mount Zion. The method for submission of your gift is as follows: Place a cash offering in an envelope marked "2018 Gift of Love" and place it in the offering plate on **July 8th**. The gifts will be presented at the two services on **July 15th**.

On Sunday, **July 15th**, we will meet in the fellowship hall downstairs between the two services for light refreshments and to share our thanks to them for their contribution to the mission and ministry of Mt. Zion.

We at Mt. Zion have been blessed by the many years of service provided by Belinda Norton and Rev. Tammi Brantley. Please take this time to provide a "Gift of Love" in appreciation for their leadership. Thank you.

Grace & Peace,

Members of SPRC

Sunday, July 8, 2018

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10/ Mark 6:1-13
Sermon Title: "Looking at Life from Both Sides"

Sunday Morning Worship - July 1, 2018

Only One Service – 10 a.m. Communion

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46
Sermon Title: "Messages of Hope" Camp Hope Speakers

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

Shepherding Team #7 Is On Call This Week, July 8th to July 14th. Contact Jan Plant.

Blood Pressure screening will take place in the library Sunday between worship services.

Seated Chair Exercise Class will meet on July 11 only during July. Any questions, ask Bettye Ames .

Snacks needed for VBS Volunteers during the week of July 23rd!! Please bring to the kitchen. Thanks so very much!! Jena Meredith.

A Shoe box to collect Box Tops for Education is being placed in the church entry way. The local elementary school collects them to earn money to purchase items for their school. They will be collected and donated. Thank You, Marcy McAdoo.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is pleased to announce that Valerie Pierce will be joining Mt. Zion in the position of Treasurer starting the week of July 16. Valerie holds an MBA in Finance and has decades of experience, including positions with American Baptist Churches USA, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, and most recently Cherry Lane Nursing Center in Laurel, Maryland. She has also served as an adjunct professor at Strayer University. A small group, including members of the SPRC, the chair of the Finance Committee, and a church

auditor, interviewed several candidates for the Treasurer position before selecting Valerie. Please join us in welcoming her to the Mt. Zion family.

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>

Man on the Street Videos - The small groups committee is putting together a video to highlight all the things we do with and for Mount Zion. We will be looking for volunteers to provide a 10 second answer to the questions - what do you do with the church and why that is important after services during July. We want to hear from everyone! Please see Debra Leiss or any member of the Small Groups committee in the West Narthex or the library.

Family Movie Nights - Finish your summer out with Family Movie nights. The Small Groups Committee is sponsoring family movies Saturday evenings in August starting at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring the kids and a snack to share. The movies include:- 8/4 Zootopia,- 8/11 CoCo,- 8/18 Wrinkle in Time.

Drop In Class in August - Movies today have wonderful plots, turns and twists. Many touch on biblical themes and values. The Sunday following Family Movie Night - the Drop In Sunday School class will discuss the previous nights movie and how film can be a medium for spreading the gospel message.

The Care Giver's Group meets the 3rd Sunday of every month between services, in the church library. Contact Judy H. Johnson.