

Dear Members of Mt. Zion,

I will be attending a **Stephen Ministry Leadership Training** event held in Pittsburg, PA from August 5th to August 11th. I am asking for your prayers during the week as I learn about this ministry. We are very blessed to already have an on-going active Stephen Ministry right here at Mt. Zion. Our Stephen Ministry Team consist of qualified and trained leaders who seek to be a listening ear and a caring presence for those who are dealing with various struggles in life. They offer a ministry that brings help, hope, and healing, a ministry that is grounded in Scripture and the good news of Jesus Christ. As you pray for me, please also pray for this important ministry.

Rev. Ken Dunnington will be on call while I am gone and he will respond to any pastoral concerns or emergencies during this time.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

Sunday Worship

August 5, 2018 Communion Sunday

Scripture Lessons: Ephesians 4:1-16/ John 6:24-35
Message: "Community Is A Gift"

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

Shepherding Team #2 Is On Call This Week, August 5th to August 11th. Contact Betty Cashmark.

Pastor Gary will be attending a Stephen Ministry Leadership Training event held in Pittsburg, PA from August 5th to August 11th. Rev. Ken Dunnington will be covering any pastoral concerns or emergencies during this time.

UPCOMING NEW MEMBER SESSIONS – For those interested in joining Mt. Zion Church, new member classes will be held on the following Sundays - September 9, 16, 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. To register for the sessions, please email Pastor Gary.

Your Input Needed for the Mt. Zion Youth Program!

The SPRC would like to hear from you regarding the Mt. Zion Youth Program to help guide our search for the next Youth Program Leader. Please use the following link to take a short survey regarding the program. Everyone is encouraged to participate, and we look forward to your feedback and ideas.t. Zion Youth Program Survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q5G85GG>

Funeral Arrangements for Wayne L. Carter, brother of Rev. Joan E. Carter-Rimbach: Friday, August 3, Public Viewing at March West Funeral Home- 8:00am-8:00pm. The family hour will be 5:00pm-7:00pm.Funeral Service on Saturday, August 4 at John Wesley UMC at 10:00 am; Family Hour 9:00am-10:00am. The repast will follow in the church fellowship hall. The internment will take place on Monday, August 6 at 11:30am at Garrison Forest Cemetery. Please keep the entire Carter family surrounded and lifted in your prayers during this most difficult time.

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 night's 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.

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.

Book bags and school supplies for children in West Baltimore living in poverty.

Ames Memorial United Methodist Church, along with Little Flowers Early Childhood Development Center (located 2 blocks from Ames), are collecting new book bags and school supplies for children in the area. We will deliver all the materials to Ames on August 25th. Here are the items Ames has requested for children aged 4 to 18 years old. Feel free to contribute either a backpack filled with supplies, or just some of the items listed below. Place contributions in the bin located in the West Narthex.

Pre-k through 3 rd grade:	4 th - 7 th grade:	8 th - 12 th grade:
Book bag	Book bag	Book bag
Pack of pencils	Pack of pencils	Pack of pens
2 composition notebooks	2 composition notebooks	1 composition notebook
Ruler	Ruler	2 spiral notebooks
Flashcards	Flashcards	Protractor
2 folders	2 folders	2 folders
Crayons	3-ring binder	Calculator
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