

Dear Members and Friends of Mt. Zion,

It has been a joy to be with you over these past few months. I'm slowly beginning to put names to faces, which seems to get harder for me with each passing year (so please keep reminding me of your name!). I've also enjoyed visiting with some of you in your homes and prior to some of you having surgery. Being with all of you, I have discovered that Mt. Zion is full of wonderful, energetic Christians, eager to serve our Lord, each other, and others in so many different ways. In times of bereavement or serious illness, in times of celebrations of great joy, you continue to be there for each other. Your caring has meant so much to so many people. I've seen this in our youth and their work for Camp Hope, the adults who lead us in so many missional opportunities, and the enthusiasm of our children especially with their VBS offerings as they eagerly sought to support children in Haiti. I am also blessed to be able to work with my good friend and our caring pastor, Gary. To be here with you at Mt. Zion is an opportunity I had prayed would come my way. So keep up the caring and sharing. Keep spreading the love of our Lord Jesus Christ in all that you do. It's what you've shown your good at!

Faithfully,

Pastor Ken

***Sunday Morning Worship: August 12, 2018***

Scriptures: Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon "It's Elementary, My Dear Christian"

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

**Shepherding Team #3 Is On Call This Week, August 12th to August 18th.** Contact Betty Cashmark.

**Pastor Gary will be attending a Stephen Ministry Leadership Training** event held in Pittsburg, PA from August 5<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Ken Dunnington will be covering any pastoral concerns or emergencies during this time. You can reach Pastor Ken's on his cell.

**Open Doors Food Pantry needs your help! When:** Friday Aug 17, 2018 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM to help set up dry goods **and/or** Saturday Aug 18, 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](mailto:opendoorsfoodpantry@gmail.com).

**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 or speak to Pastor Gary on Sunday mornings.

**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. Zion Youth Program Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q5G85GG>

**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: 8/11 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 <sup>rd</sup> grade:	4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> grade:	8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> 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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