

Dear Members of Mt. Zion,

Rev. Ken Dunnington is preaching on the importance of prayer this Sunday. As I begin my second year as pastor of Mt. Zion, I continue to witness the power of prayer in you. The ministries of our congregation are undergirded by a foundation of prayer. The sharing of our joys and concerns at worship each Sunday demonstrate our desire to connect to God and express our gratitude for the blessings that we enjoy and to share our lives with God in the deep places of life. On a personal note, I thank you for your prayers for my mother, Mary, in West Virginia. Your prayers and concerns are greatly appreciated. I also know that you continue to keep our staff in your continued prayers. As a staff, we count it as a blessing to be in servant ministry here at Mt. Zion.

This Sunday, I invite you to join us for worship as Pastor Ken highlights the power of prayer in our lives and in our shared ministries.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

Sunday Worship

September 30, 2018

Scripture Lessons:

James 5:13-20/ Mark 9:38-50

Message:

“Prayerful Power”

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

Shepherding Team #1 Is On Call This Week, September 30th to October 7th. Contact Jill Scott .

ATTENTION PARENTS! There will be NO Kid's Zone this Sunday or next Sunday. We have KZ on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday's of the month. **KID'S ZONE** IS AFTER CHILDREN'S TIME IN THE SERVICE, IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE ANNOUNCED! Please accompany your children after Children's Time to the KZ room.

The Grateful Gobbler has been losing all of his feathers with the rain and heat we've had this year. Please help him get his feathers back by purchasing one for \$30. Each feather represents a Thanksgiving dinner for a client at the Open Doors Food Pantry. Please see Carol Hill in the West Narthex this Sunday. Questions? Just ask or email opendoorsfoodpantry@gmail.com

2019 Giving Envelopes – If you currently do not have a set of predated & pre-numbered envelopes and wish to order a boxed set of Giving Envelopes for 2019, or if you have received envelopes in the past and do not wish them to be ordered for you next year, please contact Will Scott, Financial Secretary by email. (If you donate to Mt. Zion by writing offering checks weekly, please consider using the pre-numbered weekly giving envelopes as this saves our Sunday counters time and energy!) Please submit any request for a change by October 12, 2018.

Pastor Ken is seeking 2-3 individuals from each worship service to give a few minute presentation on how prayer has been an important part of your life: either you received blessings from being prayed for, or blessed to offer prayer for others, or how God's presence and direction is made known to you in prayer, etc. You will be a part of Pastor Ken's sermon on prayer on September 30. Please indicate your willingness to participate by ticking the appropriate box on the back and writing your name and phone number on the front of the yellow information sheet in your bulletin.

Stephen Ministry: A new class for training Stephen Ministers will be starting on October 7th. Have you found yourself thinking that Stephen Ministry is a ministry that you would like to be a part of? Do you find yourself drawn to caring for others and wanting to improve your skills? Please contact any of the Stephen Leaders or Pastor Gary to let them know that you are interested in joining this year's class of Stephen Ministers. Applications are available on the Bulletin Board or from a Leader. Contact Debbie Burgio,

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

UMM Fall Hike. All are invited to join the United Methodist Men for our Fall Hike Saturday, October 13 th 8am-12. We will be hiking approx. 3 miles in the Soldiers Delight NEA. Meet in the church parking at 13th 8 a.m.-12 p.m. carpool or at the Visitor Center 8:45, 5100 Deer Park Rd. Owings Mills, 21117. Contact Brian Cornell.

UMM Men's Retreat on November 10-12th. Contact Ken Sines

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.