

Dear Members of Mt. Zion,

On Sunday, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Christians from all around the world will gather at the Lord's Table to receive the Bread of Life offered to us in Jesus Christ. Since we are one in Christ, we belong to each other and we are connected to people from far-away places, places where you and I have never been. Yet we all belong to one another as children of God.

You and I can show our sense of connection by making a gift to help our brothers and sisters have an opportunity to achieve an excellent education so as to learn and grow. An offering envelope will be your bulletin this Sunday. Your gift will make a great difference.

On the site, www.umcgiving.org/worldcommunion these written words are about the significance of this giving:

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Grace & Peace,
Gary

Sunday Worship

October 7, 2018 **World Communion Sunday**

Scripture Lessons: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12/ Mark 10:13-16
Message: “Re-Membering to Move Forward”

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

Shepherding Team #2 Is On Call This Week, October 7th to October 13th. Contact Betty Cashmark.

UMM will be selling nuts (variety) this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall (10-11am). Just in time for the Holiday Baking.

The Pointer this month included a plea for a copy of the September 2015 Pointer. Thanks to Rob Messerly who replied with one only minutes after the Pointer was published. Now we appear to have a complete set back to 1962.

Join the UMM FOR Cars and Coffee (& Hot Dogs), Saturday October 6 at 3-6pm Mt. Zion Highland UMC, MD. If you have a vintage, muscle or sporty car, truck or motorcycle, bring it to the church parking lot and enjoy the fellowship. Show it off for all to see. No car, stop by anyway. Event open to everyone. Contact Ken Sines at ksines57@gmail.com if you are stopping in with a vehicle for show.

2019 Budget- To all committees and work groups: Please submit your 2019 budget template to Valerie Pierce, no later than Tuesday, 10/9. Thank you.

Attention parents! There will be NO Kid's Zone this 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.

UMYF on Sunday, October 7 will be dinner at Anthony's in Clarksville. The youth leaders will transport youth from the church after Trinity rehearsal. Parents may pick their children up at the restaurant after dinner. Permission slips are required. One is attached to this email, or they can be found in the youth minister's box outside of the church office or from the youth leaders.

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

Special Invitation to the Congregation to join the Stephen Minister team on October 7th for our Continuing Education. Lisa Morrell, certified Life Coach, will be sharing with us how to "Care for the Caregiver." Caregivers give of themselves. We need to remember to care for ourselves. Everyone is welcome to join us. The guest speaker will begin at 1:00 on 10/7! See you there. For more information, please contact Debbie Burgio

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.

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, (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.

SAGE Brigade October 12th at Noon in CR1. We will be meeting for lunch and welcoming Bryan Miller, Health Educator and Senior Fitness Specialist, to speak to us about Brain Health: Fact vs. Fiction for Cognitive Support. Lunch will be salad with chicken. Please bring something to go with the salad, a side dish, or dessert. For more information, please contact Debbie Burgio

UMM Fall Hike. All are invited to join the United Methodist Men for our Fall Hike Saturday, October 13th 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 9-11th. Men's Retreat at Pecometh Camp & Retreat Center, Centerville, MD. Cost is \$230 per person, spaces are limited, sign up early. Contact Ken Sines

Rock 2019 is coming up February 8-10. The speaker this year is Ben Glenn, The Chalkguy, and the band is Salvador. Find more information at <http://www.bwcumc.org/rock/>
The cost we expect for this year is the same as 2018, \$120. In order to purchase tickets and make hotel reservations we need to have a firm headcount and \$75 deposit by the time of youth fellowship on October 28. Please contact the youth leaders if you have any questions.

Volunteers needed for occasional Panera bread bagging on Friday mornings. Bg with a smile! Contact Frances Colvin.

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.

Volunteers needed in office to stuff bulletins during the year, please sign up! The following dates are the days our special needs volunteers are on holiday. Please either call Moéa at front office or email: office@mtzionhighland.com if you can be available to help. Your help is greatly appreciated. November 22 or 23, December 27 or 28, January 24 or 25, April 18 or 19, June 6 or 7.

