



June 2018 Edition

Our Mission

Touching
Lives
for
Jesus Christ

Our Core Values

To be a
Loving
Christian
Community.
Providing
opportunities
for worship,
spiritual
growth,
and service.

Our Vision

Love,
Grow,
Serve



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Mount Zion United Methodist Church

The P_{int}er

Friends:

Summer is drawing near, temperatures are rising, and outdoor activities are again claiming our attention. Summertime is greatly anticipated because the season allows us to experience the wonders of nature and plant our hands in the fresh sod as we tend our gardens. It's a welcome change from the winter months which have confined our movements within the walls of our abode.

Yet as the temperatures rise, my hope and prayer is that we don't let our spiritual and religious commitments cool off. As pastor of thirty-five years, my observation is that the summer months are typically characterized by lower attendance at worship and a decrease in the amount of giving. This trend usually means a dramatic drop in church finances for the third quarter. Often this places increased levels of anxiety on the Finance Committee as they anticipate beginning the stewardship campaign in the fall.

I am praying that we will have a summer which renews our energies and offers a time of re-creation. As you travel, I encourage you to visit other churches. I also would welcome any worship bulletins you might collect during your visits to other places of worship.

Remember – a long, hot summer doesn't have to mean a drought in our faith commitments. Actually you and I can use the metaphor "*long, hot summer*" as a way to inspire our level of commitment to Christ and the ministries to which we have been called. A few years ago, a member of the congregation I was serving gave me a small book to read entitled: **212 – the extra degree**. The basic thesis of book is this:

At 211 degrees
water is hot.

At 212 degrees, it boils.
And with boiling water,
comes steam.

And steam can power
a locomotive.

Rev. Gary Sheffield-James
Senior Pastor

Rev. Tammi D. Brantley
Executive/Youth Pastor

Rev. Ken Dunnington
Associate Pastor

Jena J. Meredith
Director of Children's Ministries

Mark Dubbs
Director of Music

Deb Papavizas
Organist

Chris Fox
Keyboard/Children's Choir
Director

Mark J. Blough
Facilities Manager

Moéa G. Futch
Administrative Assistant

Chuck Plant
Office Assistant



Worship Spiritual Growth

Those Called to Serve and Lead Worship

	Service Times	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Kid's Time	9:00	Pastor Gary	Jessica Fansler	Frances Colvin	Sandy Sehman
	11:00	Pastor Gary	Eric O'Keefe	Frances Colvin	Sandy Sehman
Greeters	9:00	Lynn Jacobson, Jackie Derr	Nancy & John Coonts, Debra Fitzgerald	Jerry & Margaret Rose, Larry Murdock	Will & Jill Scott, Olivia Yeager
	11:00		Frank Lineberger	Evan Saunderson	
Liturgist	9:00	Elizabeth Dennis	Lamont Baskett	Ellen McKinzie	Karyn Vice
Projection	9:00	Jill Scott	Jill Scott	Adam Johnson	Bonnie Luepkes
	11:00	Chuck Sehman	Carol Messerly	Carol Hill	Carol Messerly
Sound	9:00	<i>Help Wanted</i>	Dustin Edison	<i>Help Wanted</i>	Scott Johnson
	11:00	All Hill	Bill Ray	All Hill	Bill Ray
Usher Captains	9:00	Pam Ehrenfried			
	11:00	Gary & Patricia Heinz			

Pastor's letter continued:

Enjoy the summer! As the temperatures grow warmer, we certainly can't control the climate outside; but we can, through God's grace, change from within the degree of our faith. It only takes a slight move forward to turn a "lukewarm" church into one simmering by God's Spirit to embrace life with purpose and direction. And that one degree can make all the difference in the world!

Grace & Peace,
Gary



Worship Spiritual Growth



Mother's Day special Music

Hi Friends,

Our next **SAGE Brigade Lunch and Learn is June 8th! Noon!** We have a great speaker coming to our meeting. We will have lunch and learn about organization.

The topic of the program is **“Top Tips to Managing Paper Clutter.”** Mary Hughes from Peace of Mind will be sharing her expertise on organization, focusing on Medical and Financial Papers. Please come and learn. This program is open to all. Please bring a friend from Mt. Zion and beyond.

An RSVP is greatly appreciated to properly plan food and give the speaker a number so she is prepared.

We are looking forward to starting a new speaking series.

Blessings,
Debbie



Worship Spiritual Growth



Baptism of Aaron Rajiv Truesdale, son of David and Gita Truesdale, with sister Aujali looking on. Sponsors are Scott Rhodes and Amruta Pandit.



Hello from the church office,

Our regular volunteers will be unavailable during the Summer so we are reaching out to our congregation to find out if any of you might be interested in helping sharpen pencils, replacing giving envelopes in pews and tidying up the sanctuary a little.

This can be done one day a week, Monday to Friday anytime between 9am and 3pm. You'll need about 1h time-wise and you are welcome to bring a friend!

We will need people to volunteer each week beginning the week of July 2nd through the week of August 27th.

Please contact Moéa at the office either by email: office@mtzionhighland.com , phone: 301-854-2324 or in person June 18th onwards.

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Thanks so very much!!!



BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON UMC CONFERENCE COMMUNICATIONS

Bishop rules 2 LGBTQ clergy candidates ineligible

Baltimore-Washington Area Bishop LaTrelle Easterling ruled that two individuals the Board of Ordained Ministry had approved were not eligible for ordination and commissioning because they are “self-avowed practicing homosexuals.”

She issued the ruling during the conference’s clergy session on May 30, after the Rev. Mark Gorman asked for a ruling.

Gorman asked for the bishop’s ruling after discussion about the board’s report which contained two names of individuals the board had approved but who he said did not meet the criteria set by the church’s Judicial Council for “full examination” of a candidate.

In a statement issued after the ruling, the bishop said she believes the Discipline is wrong when it states that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. “I pray that in 2019, we move away from the restrictive language in our Book of Discipline, and allow for all to really find a full and complete home within the United Methodist Church,” she said. “The matter that was causing us to not be able to move forward was the concern that the board had not done a full inquiry, as some believe the Book of Discipline requires, and some say that Judicial Council says is required,” the bishop said. “Typically, I have 30 days to rule, but I can’t wait 30 days here tonight.”

But she said that she believes the opportunity for change is just nine months away with the special General Conference. “I will not upend that process to impose what I believe the right and just outcome to be.”

“Therefore, in good conscience and against what I believe to be an error in our Book of Discipline, I will not violate its current law. I reserve the right to reach a different conclusion if the circumstances change in the future. To those who feel harmed and violated by my decision, I offer my deep and sincere apologies, and hope you can at least understand my rationale. Again, there are no winners here,” she said.

The bishop noted that members of the board met with all 29 eligible candidates during the dinner hour on May 30 while the clergy session was in recess, and asked each for full disclosure.

The Rev. Tony Hunt, chair of the board, said that no one came forward with additional information that the board did not have already.

Two individuals, he noted, had previously stated in writing that they were married to a person of the same gender.

The Baltimore-Washington Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, under its new policy adopted last October and disclosed this past April, had decided not to ask questions of candidates around sexuality other than if they were faithful in marriage or celibate in singleness. It was that policy that was initially called into question during the clergy session.

The Rev. John Rudisill questioned Hunt, asking whether the Board acted in harmony with Judicial Council decision 1344. “Was the BOOM faithful to that decision,” he asked. “Did BOOM ask candidates if they were practicing homosexuals?”

Hunt said the board had not asked that question. “We asked if they were faithful or celibate,” he said.

Easterling, presiding at the clergy session, ruled in the afternoon session that the part of the board’s report dealing with ordination, consecration and commissioning of people to the clergy session was “out of order” because it failed to ask these mandated questions.

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Discipleship Spiritual Growth

Children's Ministry

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH....."

**Don't worry that your children
never listen to you, worry that
they are always watching you!!**

THE PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 10TH IS CANCELLED!

**Attention Parents of children! Sunday
School** will be held June 3rd and June
10th. June 10th will be the last regular Sunday
School class until fall! Please say thank you to
your child's teacher!!

We will have Kid's Zone in June and July at
both services! KZ is held the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th
Sundays of the month.

We still need more MT. ZION members to help
with VBS!! We need some adults for crew lead-
ers, the games area, the nursery, nurses and
decorating the weekend before!! Please contact
Jena Meredith if you can help. VBS will need to
be smaller if we cannot get more adults to help!



We hope all of our preschool families have a fun
and safe summer break. Thank you for
a wonderful school year.

The preschool is looking for substitutes and staff
for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are inter-
ested in being a substitute or applying for a posi-
tion, or you have any questions.

VBS REGISTRATION has begun!

Please go to the link on our web site!

We still need adult helpers for VBS!! We need Mt
Zion members to participate to be a witness for Christ
and our church! Please contact Jena Meredith if you
are able to help!

Vacation Bible School
at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
12430 Scaggsville Rd. Highland, MD 20777

July 23-27 - 9am to noon
with a picnic on the 27th at noon

Registration begins May 1st - June 25th
(or until VBS is full)
at mtzionhighland.com

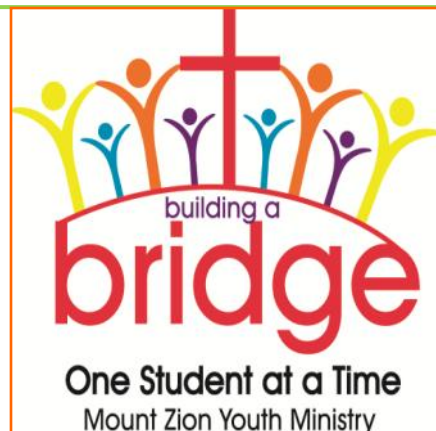
Cost is \$45 per child but
the fee is waived if you
volunteer to help.
Contact Jena Meredith
jenameredith@hotmail.com
if you wish to help
Ages 4 - 5th grade



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Youth Ministry

- Sunday Morning Youth Gathering ~ 10:10 am
- Students 6th - 12th Grade in Youth Center
- Youth Choir Rehearsal ~ Sundays at 5 pm
- Youth Ministry ~ Sundays at 6:15 pm in the Youth Center



High School Graduates:

Dipo Bamisaye, Jayson Baskett, Amber Rose Hamby-Caruso, Jacob “Jake” Davis, Sophia Eidson, Olivia Island, James “Matthew” Island, Adam Johnson, Brandon Laing, Sydney Morson, Emily O’Keefe, Joseph “Joey” O’Keefe, Lisa O’Keefe, Mikhail “Mik” Parr, Anthony “Tony” Salmans, Kathryn “Katy” Wnuk-Fink

College Graduates:

Sebastian Ames, Lauren Olson, Brandon Warren Norwood, Annie Scott

UMW invites all women to a potluck dinner, Friday, June 8th at the home of Crystal Zimmerman. Social Hour is from 6-7 pm. Please bring one: an appetizer, main dish, side dish, salad or dessert. Location: .



Women's Fellowship



Opportunities to Serve Missions



TEXAS ROADHOUSE Fundraising

Open Doors Food Pantry
Wednesday, June 6th
4-10pm
8820 Stanford Blvd Columbia MD 21046

10% Donation Night
Support this cause by presenting
this invitation to the listed
Texas Roadhouse® location and

Texas Roadhouse® will donate 10% of your total food
purchases to the

Call Ahead
SEATING

410-872-1140

The **Open Doors Food Pantry** gave out food to 75 families in May. Next, we're having a fundraiser at one of our favorite restaurants. On Wednesday, June 6th from 4-10pm, please join us for some good food, country music, and line dancing at the Texas Roadhouse in Columbia (behind Apple Ford). It's especially fun if it's someone's birthday! The food pantry will receive 10% of your food and drink total (not including taxes and gratuity). Just bring in the flier or show it to your server on your phone so that we'll get credit for it. Please share it with all your family and friends.

We are excited about having you all come and join us for a night of good times, and good food.

If you have any questions, please email
Thank you for all that you do to keep this important mis-sion up and running.

SCRIP News

The SCRIP Gift Card Program has been a part of Mt. Zion and Missions for 4 ½ years. In those 4 ½ years we have purchased \$109,087.00 in SCRIP cards and have sold \$105,392.00 worth. From these sales just over \$5100.00 has been added to the Missions Budget! Way to go Mt. Zion. We currently have an inventory of \$3,695.00 of cards waiting to be purchased. Our biggest sellers have been the \$25 Giant grocery cards (905 of them worth \$22,625.00), \$100 Weis (205 worth) \$20500.00), the \$50 Giant cards (331 worth \$16,550.00), and \$25 Safeway (105 of them worth \$2,625.00). We are good Methodists and like to eat. Amazon and Dunkin' Donuts are close behind.

As we move toward the completion of the 5th year, I am ready to pass this responsibility onto the next leader. It has been a great to get this program started and I hope that someone or a couple of someones will take on this job. In addition to the hour or Sunday mornings, there are about 5 hours of work needed to complete the order entry, deposit preparation, make the deposit, and prepare orders to be distributed the next week. It is not hard, but it can be tedious, and you should feel comfortable handling the cash and checks. I am committed to training the next leader. We will have a sales day of the remaining cards in June if no one steps up. Please consider doing your Christmas shopping now. Be ready and able to celebrate the season, knowing your gifts are already taken care of.

Please contact Debbie Burgio to ask any questions and step up to contribute to Missions. Please tell me by June 10th. We will have a sale of cards in inventory on June 3rd between services!



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Mt. Zion UMMen

UMMen Calendar

10 June 2018 – Mt. Zion UMM Social Meeting (6:30-8pm), Pat's house

15 June 2018 – Mt. Zion Night at the O's game vs. Miami Marlins at Camden Yards (D. Norton)

13 July 2018 – Golfing at Willow Springs GC, West Friendship, MD, followed by dinner at Highland Tavern (5pm - ???)

14 July 2018 – Mt. Zion UMM Breakfast Meeting - Cars and Coffee (9am-12pm), church parking lot

21 July 2018 – UMM Central District Picnic (3-8pm), Residence of Alden English, Olney, MD

12 August 2018 – Mt. Zion UMM Social Meeting (6:30-8pm), location TBD



Who We Are:

The United Methodist Men (UMM) of Mt. Zion

What We Are:

A group of men that have come together to assist those in need – elderly; shut-ins; etc. that need assistance “around the house”

What Assistance Can We Provide :

1. Yard Work - mowing, trimming (yards, hedges), maintenance, etc.
2. Fixin' of Stuff – light painting, repairs inside/outside the house, etc.
3. What do you really need help with? (hint...just email us)

How Do I Contact the UMMen@Work Team:

Contact Bryan Meredith and we will go from there to ensure that needs are met.

Join the United Methodist Men
for a night at
Camden Yards.

We have 40
seats reserved.
\$16 per ticket.

Hold that Date!
Friday Night,
June 15th
Baltimore vs
Seattle 7:05pm

See David Norton or email
him at iotanu330@gmail.com
with any questions.

All are welcome!

Let's Go
O's

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Sunday, June 17 is Father's Day! To kick off the Father's Day weekend, on Friday, June 15 consider taking Dad and the family for a night out with the United Methodist Men at Camden Yards to see the Orioles play the Marlins. All are welcome! Tickets are \$16. If you are interested, please let David Norton know by MAY 15. He can be reached at He will also be in Fellowship Hall between services on May 6.

Ride the B&A Trail

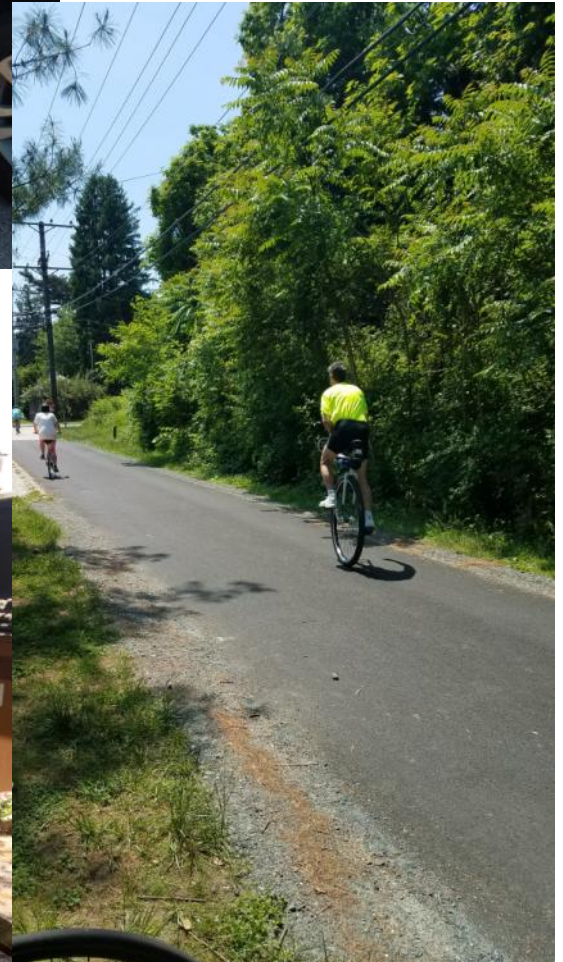
On 26 May, Steve Dennis, Jo Ellen and Ken Sines rode approximately 22 miles on the B&A Trail. The ride began in the Sears parking lot of Marley Station Mall near the pedestrian bridge over Governor Ritchie Highway. We rode south to the trailhead near the city limits of Annapolis and returned back the same route.

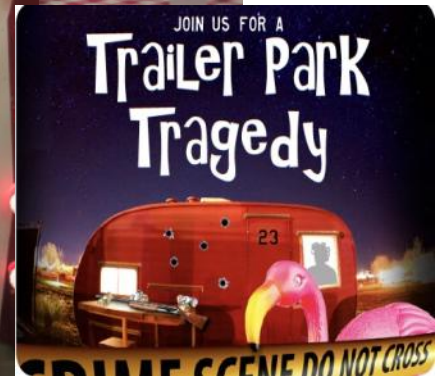
Along the route we were entertained by stories from Jo Ellen of the construction of the bridges on the trail. She managed the construction of the prefabricated structures in the late 80's.

Lunch consisted of crepe wraps (mozzarella or Reuben) at the 6.5 mile marker at Sofi's Crepes. The day was hot, food was delicious, ride was enjoyable and the fellowship was spectacular.



With a little practice,
you can ride a unicycle
on the B&A Trail





The cast of Trailer Park Tragedy (from left to right): Matthew Island, Christy Erwin, Rod Barr, Bettye Ames, Chuck Plant, Diana Bandy, Marcy Amos, Mark Coffin, Frances Colvin, Tammi Brantley, David Norton, Helen Thomas, Chris Maynard, Belinda Norton, and Jan Plant (Director).



Hunt said that no candidate was asked any additional questions related to sexuality or practice during their earlier examinations. He added that the “full examination” consisted of psychological reports, credit checks, effectiveness in ministry reports and recommendations from numerous persons. “It includes multiple facets of a person’s life,” he said.

The bishop issued her ruling of law, based on Judicial Council decision 1341, the current language of the Book of Discipline, and the rules of the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

In a statement, Tara “T.C.” Morrow, a candidate for deacon’s orders and full membership who is married to another woman, said that she was not going to give up her quest.

“I am convicted now as ever that God is calling me to continue to put myself forward as a candidate,” she said. “I pray above all else for grace and fortitude to be faithful as a disciple of my Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Morrow is a member of Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, and that church issued a statement in full support of Morrow. “We affirm that T.C. is called by our Creator into ordained ministry,” the church statement read in part. “We firmly stand by her as she continues to faithfully respond and serve.”

By Erik Alsgaard

May 31, 2018 | BALTIMORE (UMNS)

Alsgaard is managing editor in the Ministry of Communications for the Baltimore-Washington



Mt Zion Mt Zion

Jun 2018 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
10am - Pioneer 10am - Young Adult 12:30pm - Stephens 2pm - 5 pm CR1 2pm - 5 pm FH 3pm - Pack 702 3pm - Pack 702	9am - Mini Summer Camp/Room 107 & 105 9:30am - Playgroup/ 10am - Bible Study 6:30pm - CAMP 7pm - Maryland	Bulletin 7pm - Finance/CR2 7pm - UMW/CR2 7pm - Worship and 7:30pm - Mary	9am - CR1/Preschool 9am - Preschool 9:30am - Seated 12pm - Deadline - 6pm - BS Troop 6pm - Rebuilding 7pm - Adult	7pm - Praise	6pm - Graduation 6:30pm - CBT 12pm - Brookfield 12pm - Sage 6:30pm - CBT	8:30am - CBT/Sanc 2pm - Sanc/Papaviza 8:30am - CBT/Sanc 2pm - Sanc/Papaviza
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10am - BP 10am - Pioneer 10am - Sandwich 10am - Young Adult 3pm - Pack 702 3pm - Pack 702 5pm - Pack 702 Bear 5:30pm - Stephen	9am - Mini Summer Camp/Room 105 & 107 9:30am - Playgroup/ 10am - Bible Study 5:30pm - Stephen 7pm - Fellowship 7pm - Maryland	Bulletin 7pm - Evangelism&H 7pm - Missions 7pm - Trustees/CR2	9:30am - Seated 10am - Prayer 11am - Retired 12pm - Deadline - 6pm - BS Troop 7:45pm - Chancel	7pm - Praise 8pm - Pack 702	1pm - Food Pantry 6:30pm - CBT	Food Pantry 8:30am - CBT/Sanc 2pm - Sanc/Papaviza
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Join the UMM for Cars and Coffee



Saturday, 14 July, 9am – 12pm

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If you have a vintage, muscle, sporty car, truck or motorcycle bring it to the church parking lot and enjoy the fellowship. Show it off for all to see.



- Event open to all -



Watch for further details – Contact Ken Sines at ksines57@gmail.com, if you are stopping in with a vehicle for show.

Golf with UMM

on Friday, 13 July at 5pm (+/-)
 at Willow Springs Golf Course
Dinner follows at Highland Tavern



Contact Ken Sines at
ksines57@gmail.com by 30 June, if
 interested in playing.

*Any skill level. Playing 9 holes, 2-man
scramble, random selection of teams*

[July Pointer Deadline: Thursday, June. 21]

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