

Dear Members of Mt. Zion,

On Sunday, Rev. Rachel Cornwell will be our guest preacher. Rev. Cornwell is an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. I've known Rachel for eight years; four of those years we both served on the Board of Ordained Ministry. She brings to us a passion for proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and helping churches to build a solid and healthy foundation in our understanding of stewardship and providing ways in how we can be good stewards.

I cordially invite everyone to attend our service this coming Sunday. We will have only one service that will be held at 10 a.m. At the closing of the service, each family/individual will be asked to complete an Estimated Giving Card to be filled out and then to come forward to the altar and place your card in the offering basket provided. Afterwards, everyone is invited to join us for a catered luncheon held downstairs in the fellowship hall.

The Stewardship Team and I are asking you to prayerfully consider increasing your estimated giving for next year, 2019. We also want to thank each of you for your faithful giving this year. Your faithful stewardship at Mt. Zion brings to fruition numerous ministries that 'touch lives for Jesus Christ'.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

Sunday Worship

October 21, 2018

Consecration Sunday – 10 a.m.

Scripture Lessons:

Luke 7:36-50

Message:

“Debt Free”

All Saints Sunday – On November 4, 2018 we will remember our church members and loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord over the past year (November 5, 2017 – October 28, 2018). Please write the name of your loved one on the yellow information sheet found inside the bulletin and underneath indicate your relationship to him or her. Or you can contact the church office by October 26th so that we can place your loved one's name in the bulletin. Sunday, November 4th, we will lift up each name during the worship service as we remember our loved ones in the hope of the Resurrection through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cluster Church Conference will be held on **Sunday, October 28, 2018** from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Oakdale UMC (3425 Emory Church Rd., Olney, MD 20832). Salem (Brookeville), Ashton, Hopkins, Oakdale, Sharp Street, Mt. Olivet United Methodist churches, along with Mt. Zion, will make up the cluster.

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

Shepherding Team #4 Is On Call This Week, October 21st to October 28th. Contact Margaret & Jerry Rose

Quarterly Giving Statements. Please take yours home from the west narthex. Check for discrepancies now! Will Scott, Financial Secretary.

This Friday at 12pm the Open Doors Food Pantry will be setting up for the food pantry. On Saturday, volunteers are needed to help unload 8,000 lbs of fresh produce, and serve clients. If you can help, please come out. Thank you.

UMM will be selling nuts in the fellowship hall between services (10-11am). \$12 per bag, various types.

Attention parents! 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

SAGE Brigade: Our annual Friends-Giving is November 2nd at Noon. This is our most popular event and all are welcome. I will bring the turkey. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert. Our Speaker will be **Officer Andre Lingham** from the Howard County Police Department. He will be speaking on Identity Theft. If you saw him at a Stephen Ministry meeting, this is a different, but very compelling presentation. He provides detailed, concrete steps for us to protect ourselves and our loved ones. Please join us. RSVP to Debbie Burgio . See you all there!

Men's Retreat scheduled for 11/9-11 at Pecometh Riverview Retreat Center. Contact Ken Sines. Join the fellowship and spiritually of the weekend. Final count required by Nov 1.

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.

Save the Date! Marriage Enrichment Retreat: February 15-17, 2019 in Ocean City, MD. Make plans now to enjoy this winter weekend getaway with your spouse! This year's theme is "Love to Last a Lifetime: Letting God Lead the Way." **Location:** Dunes Manor Hotel Ocean City, MD. **Cost:** \$350/couple (includes accommodations Friday and Saturday nights, 2 meals on Saturday and brunch on Sunday). Registration Brochures will be available in November. For more information contact Barb Jacques. The marriage retreat is a sponsored by Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Triadelphia Seventh Day Adventist Church, and Maranatha Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Volunteers needed for occasional Panera bread bagging on Friday mornings. Bring 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.

Members Needed for Marriage Enrichment Leadership Team. The annual marriage retreat held in Ocean City is a collaborative effort sponsored by Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Triadelphia Seventh Day Adventist Church, and Maranatha Seventh Day Adventist Church. Over the past 7 years, many couples from Mt. Zion have been blessed by this ministry. The leadership team which organizes the retreat is made up of 1-2 couples from each of the sponsoring congregations. We are currently seeking 1 or 2 couples from Mt. Zion to join the leadership team. To learn more, please contact Barb Jacques.