

Dear Members of Mt. Zion,

Apostle Paul, in his words to the church of Ephesus, reminds the believers to focus on their unity. He writes: *“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and father of us all, who is over all and through all and in all”* (Eph. 4:1-6).

These are timely words for us today. Our world is frayed and fractured in so many ways and we see these exposed fissures manifested in our major institutions, such as in politics, economics, religion, and others. Paul reminds us that in difficult times we are called to relate to one another with a sense of humility, kindness, and patience. Let us continue to pray for our country and our world and that we, by the power of God’s Spirit, *‘live a life worthy of our calling.’*

Grace & Peace,

Gary

Sunday Worship

October 28, 2018

Scripture Lessons:

Matthew 10:24-31

Message:

“Knowing Your Worth”

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 #5 Is On Call This Week, October 28th to November 3rd. Contact Frances and Roger Colvin.

Please don't forget to sign the cards for the Pastors as part of Pastor Appreciation Month. The cards will be in the West Narthex this Sunday before and after the services, in the office through the last week in October and will be presented to Pastor Gary and Pastor Ken on the first Sunday in November. Please help make sure the cards are full for each of them with our thanks and appreciation for all that they do.

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

The Open Doors Food Pantry is short 30 Thanksgiving Dinners of our goal. Each dinner is \$30, and it will provide a dinner to a family in need. If you want to buy one, please put a check in the offering plate made out to Mt. Zion UMC, and in the memo line write "Food Pantry Thanksgiving dinner". Thank you so much for all of your support!

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.

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. Please find Permission Slip attached to this email.

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.

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.