

Dear Members of Mt. Zion,

On November 4th, **All Saints' Sunday**, we will remember the lives of those members who have died during the past year and who now have entered the Church triumphant. We will also lift up the names of those members who have submitted the names of their loved ones who have died this past year.

We may think that the practice of observing All Saints' Sunday only belongs to the Roman Catholic tradition; and yet, its significance and meaning encompasses all parts of the Christian Church. I recently read these words that relate its importance in our own tradition - John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "*a festival I truly love.*" On the same day in 1788, he writes, "*I always find this a comfortable day.*" (www.wnccumc.org/all-saints-day-a-holy-day-john-wesley-loved)

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate those saints who have gone before us and as we gather around the table of Communion to partake of the meal that God's love and grace has prepared for us.

Grace & Peace,

Gary

Sunday Worship

November 4, 2018

All Saints' Sunday/ Holy Communion

Scripture Lessons: Mark 12:28-34

Message: "The Greatest Commandment"

Please Remember - **Daylight Savings Time** ends this weekend. The time on your computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices will turn back **one hour** early Sunday morning, November 4th, at 2:00 a.m.

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

Shepherding Team #6 Is On Call This Week, November 4th to November 10th. Contact Crystal Zimmerman

If you haven't already signed the cards for Pastor Appreciation Month you still have an opportunity to do so this Sunday. The cards will be in the West Narthex and will also be presented to Pastor Gary and Pastor Ken during the Services.

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!

Winter clothing, blanket, and food drive for Ames UMC in West Baltimore: We are collecting winter items for those in need in Baltimore City. Drop off gently used blankets, clothing, coats, hats, gloves, and scarves in the collection bin located in the west narthex. We are also accepting nonperishable holiday food items. The collection will continue through Friday November 16th. Items will be distributed during the community outreach event at Ames UMC on Saturday November 17th.

Oven use guaranteed to keep your kitchen warm and cozy!! Bakers needed for the UMW Annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Sunday Nov. 18, 10am-12.15pm. We would be ever so grateful for any and all contributions! Contact Joyce Saunderson.

The Mt Zion Youth are collecting new and gently used items for this year's Secret Santa Shop. The shop will be open during the Breakfast with Santa on December 1st. We will be collecting items throughout the month of November. There will be a box in the west Narthex for you to place the items. Thank you for your support. If you have any question please contact Elizabeth Blough

Reservoir High School students with special needs complete jobs for the school system and community members. Our class is working on developing pre-work skills. We need more work to do and hope that you can help us. We can complete mailings (and drop it off at the post office upon request) We can label, collate, fold papers, fold brochures, file papers alphabetically, put together folders, hole punch, count out tickets or other items, shred documents, scan documents, stuff goodie bags and wrap gifts. This is just a sample of work we have done in the past. Please ask us if you have any other job you think we can help with-we are open to most possibilities. All of our services are **FREE**. You can drop work off at Reservoir High School (please make arrangements in advance) or we can pick it up and return it to you. We look forward to working with you! Please contact **Grace Dellinger**

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.