

January 6, 2019

# Traveling Through a New Year



**Touching Lives for Jesus Christ**

Mount Zion United Methodist Church

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# 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Welcome & Opportunities to Serve	Gary Sheffield-James
Prelude – Violin Solo	Ann Miller
Lighting of the Candles	
Choral Introit – <i>This Is the Day</i>	Chancel Choir
Greeting & Opening Prayer	Shugo Tanaka
*Opening Hymn – <i>We Three Kings</i>	UMH#254
*Passing the Peace	
Children's Time	
The Lord's Prayer	Led by our Children
Hymn – <i>In The Bleak Midwinter</i>	UMH #221, vss 1& 2
Sharing of Joys and Concerns	
Pastoral Prayer	Gary Sheffield-James
Hymn – <i>In The Bleak Midwinter</i>	UMH #221, Vs. 3
God's Tithes and our Offerings and Gifts	
Musical Offering – <i>Siciliana and Giga</i> , by G.F. Handel	Ann Miller & Deb Papavizas
*Doxology – <i>In The Bleak Midwinter</i>	UMH#221, Vs. 4
*Prayer of Dedication	Gary Sheffield-James
*Gospel Lesson – Matthew 2:1-12	Shugo Tanaka
Sermon – <i>Traveling Through a New Year</i>	Gary Sheffield-James
The Great Thanksgiving	
The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup	
Sacrament of Holy Communion	
Communion Song	Chancel Choir
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Closing Hymn – <i>Go, Tell it on the Mountain</i>	UMH #251
Sending Forth	
Choral Benediction – <i>Choral Amen</i>	Chancel Choir
Postlude – <i>March of the Wise Men</i>	Deb Papavizas

**Leave to Serve God's People**

\*You are invited to stand in heart or posture

# 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

Enter to Worship

Gathering Music

Welcome & Opportunities to Serve

Greeting and Opening Prayer

\*Passing the Peace

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

\*Songs of Celebration

*What A Day, Everlasting God*

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer Led by our Children

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

\*Worship Through Our Giving

Offering Music – *Fear Is a Liar*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Gospel Lesson – Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon – *Traveling Through a New Year*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Song of Preparation – *Carried To The Table*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

\*Communion Song – *Carried To The Table*

\*Closing Song – *How Great Is Our God*

\*Sending Forth

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**Welcome to Mt. Zion UMC!** We are glad God has brought you to worship with us today. We look forward to getting to know you! If you are looking for a church home, please speak to one of the Pastors after the service.

**Tag Mt. Zion** on social media with @mtzionhighland or #mtzionhighland

**Sunday School each Sunday, Kid's Zone during the services on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays, and the Nursery open for children 5 and under all morning!**

### Christian Education Programs

We invite you to join us for any of our Christian Education Programs.

For more information, please visit us at [www.mtzionhighland.com](http://www.mtzionhighland.com)

#### **Sundays - 10:10am - Christian Education Hour**

##### **\*Children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Lower Preschool Level, 3 & 4 year olds in the Nursery (room 205)

**\*Students 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Youth Center

**\*Pioneer Class (Adults):** Conference Room 1

**\*Drop-In Bible Study:** Conference Room 3

**\*Young Adults Class (Young Adults 18 through 35):** Staff Conf. Room

**\*Parenting in Faith:** Conference Room 2

**Monday – 10:00 am - Weekly Bible Study - Conference Room 2**

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### *Events Schedule: January 6<sup>th</sup> ~ January 13<sup>th</sup>*

#### **Sunday, January 6th**

9:00 & 11:00am Services/Sanc

10.00 – 11:00am Bible Study/FH

10.00 – 11:00am Pioneer Class/CR1

#### **Monday, January 7th**

10:00 – 11:00am Debbie Tracy

Memorial/Sanc & Chpl

10:00 – 11:30am Bible Study Group/CR2

#### **Tuesday, January 8th**

7:00 – 8:30pm Hospitality/CR3

7:00 – 8:00pm Missions Mtg/CR1

7:00 – 8:00pm Trustees/CR2

#### **Wednesday, January 9th**

9:00am – 8:30pm Preschool

Registration/FH

9:30 – 11.00am Seat Exercise/Chapel

10:00 – 11:00am Prayer Shawl/CR1

7:00 – 9:00pm BS Troop 702/FH

7:00 – 9:00pm Mortgage Celebration Meet/CR1

6:45 – 7:45pm Chancel Bells/Sanc

7:00 – 9:00pm The Way Forward/CR2

7:45 – 8:45pm Chancel Choir/Sanc

#### **Thursday January, 10th**

9:30am – 8:00pm Preschool

Registration (2'S & Community)/FH

7:00 – 8:00pm Praise Band/Sanc

#### **Friday, January 11th**

12:00 – 2:00pm Sage Brigade/CR1

6:00 – 9:00pm BS Pinewood Derby/FH

6:30 – 9:30pm CBT setup/Sanc

#### **Saturday, January 12th**

8:00am – 1:00pm Pinewood Derby/FH

8:30am – 1:30pm CBT/Sanc & all CR's

#### **Sunday, January 13th**

9:00 & 11:00am Services/Sanc.

10.00 – 11:00am Bible Study/FH

10:00 – 11:00am Pioneer Class/CR1

10.00 – 11:00am BP Screening/Lib.

10.00 – 11:00am Sandwich Making/FH

12:30 – 2:00pm Stephen Ministries/CR1

12:30 – 5:00pm GS MotherDaughter/FH

## Upcoming News at Mount Zion

**\*Shepherding Team #6 Is On Call This Week, January 6<sup>th</sup> through January 12<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Crystal Zimmerman.

**\*There will be NO KID's Zone January 6<sup>th</sup>!**

**\*Hearing Aid?** If you have a hearing aid with the "telecoil" feature you can pick up a telecoil at the West side of the A/V booth. We only have one at this time, but if there is enough interest we can expand. If you're not sure, talk to a sound tech and we'll do our best to help.

**\*The Cherub Choir** is for all preschool aged children. We will be learning Sunday School songs. Meets are 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays every month from 9:45 - 10:00am in the Chapel. Contact Amy Ciliberti at [wwuy2k@aol.com](mailto:wwuy2k@aol.com). There will be no Cherub choir on January 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be choir on January 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your assistance.

**\*The Monday Bible Study Class invites you** to participate in this "season of giving" by donating to the International Heifer Project, a non-profit organization that works with others to alleviate hunger, poverty and environmental degradation. HPI helps impoverished families become self reliant by providing food and income producing animals and training. Last year your kind and generous donations added up to \$940.00 and we were able to purchase Two Water Buffalo, Three Goats and Four flocks of Chicks! Thank you in advance for your gifts of the heart. Cash or checks to Mt. Zion UMC marked Heifer donation will be gratefully accepted!

**\*The Care Giver's Group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month between services, in the church library.** Contact Judy H. Johnson

**\*A Shoe box to collect Box Tops for Education** is 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.

**\*BRRR.....COLD NIGHTS...WARM PAJAMAS NEEDED FOR BETTER BEDTIMES!** Our Mt Zion Family will have the opportunity to reach out to children served by the Pajama Program ([www.pajamaprogram.org](http://www.pajamaprogram.org)) Many of these children are in group foster homes, shelters and dealing with unfortunate situations in their young lives. New Pajamas and Books will be collected January 6 through January 20, 2019. All sizes needed from Infants through Teens. Contact: Karen Williams, PJ Program Coordinator:

**\*On Sunday, January 13, Pastor Gary will leading a Facilitator's Training Event** at 12:30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 at Mt. Zion Church. (**Note:** This is a reminder only for those who have agreed to be facilitators for the four sessions designed to help us understand the work of the "Commission on the Way Forward".)

## **We Serve God & God's People**

**Through Our Prayers:** As a shepherd cares for the sheep, so also will Christ watch over His followers. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers.

**Please pray** for the Commission on the Way Forward as their final report has been released. They have brought forth three possible directions our UMC may be moving in the future in regards to the issues related to the report. A Special Session of the General Conference is scheduled for Feb. 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis to deliberate and make decisions on the way forward. Please log on the conference website at [bwcumc.org](http://bwcumc.org) for more information.

**Our Members:** Connie Gull, Bonnie Luepkes, Marcia Marshall, Anna McAvoy, John Pfannenstein, Jack Maloney, Frieda Youngblood, Tish Miller, Phillip & Eli Amos, Edison & Mary Ellen Amos, Judy Johnson, Christy Wnuk-Fink, George Bickerton, Bill Cashmark, the Collatz Family, Connie Kolpack, Nancy Lindquist.

**Members' Family & Friends:** Robert Wallance, Stephen Harrison, Chet Kulawiak, Sam Kurland, Chet Kulawrak, Stephen Harrison, Helen Edwards, Robin Adkins, Ed & Karen Williams, Gary Nadeau, Rob Eidson, Brian Hayes, Carlisle Sraver, Ed, Ruby & Kathy Beaver, Eric Carlson, Beau Ross, Dick Shober, John Shober, Karen Mapp, Jerry Krum, Bob Bacon, Brenda Evers, Karen Corkran, Larry Johnson, Mark Myers, Bruce Van Blargan, Emanuela Guffanti, Jackie Lineberger, Wes Jin, Hank Wainwright, Ivan Diaz, Marian Isley & Lisa Slusser, Bonita Divver, Nathan Mackle, Taylor, Will, Suzanne, Jeanette, Gladys Paulock, Pauline Reel, Bob & Bill Wagner, Carol Thomas, Quellee & Raclynn Gonzalez, Laura Minnick.

**Our Homebound Members:** Sharon Reed, Carroll Molesworth, Frieda Youngblood, Eva Bryant.

**Members Serving in Our Armed Forces:** Colin Klopp, Andrew Schmit, Victoria Wyler.

**Non-Members Serving in our Armed Forces:** Rondall Waltz-Wills, Chris Mittuch, Dan Mittuch, Derrek Koch, Brad Cohn, Jason Walker, Andrew Lammers, Luke Tung, Mariah Mead.

## Announcements Continued...

**\*Church-wide Discussion on the Way Forward.** Starting January 20 from 2pm - 4pm; Mt. Zion will hold a 4 week series of discussions on the Way Forward. This series will review the 3 plans The United Methodist Church has identified, each as a potential "way forward" regarding the church's policy on human sexuality ( including the issue of same sex marriage and ordination of homosexuals). For more information, please see the December Pointer article. This discussion series is an introduction to a conversation that may well affect the future of The United Methodist Church as we know it. The United Methodist Church will hold a special General Council session in February to address this issue and determine how we go forward or whether we go forward as a denomination. We invite everyone to join us to understand the direction of the church and explore what it means on a personal and corporate level. To ensure we have room for everyone, please RSVP to Debra Leiss



**Mount Zion Is a Stephen Ministry Congregation**  
Please see the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for  
More information



### *Through Our Presence & Gifts*

<b>Week Ending Sunday Dec. 16, 2018</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<i>Attendance</i>	9:00am: 160 11:00am: 71  Total: 231	Adults: 40 Youth: 14 Children: 15 Total: 69
Weekly Receipts	11,228	19,326
<b>Financial Summary as of Dec. 9th</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
1YTD Operating Receipts	678,897	714,450
YTD Operating Disbursements	645,557	685,815
Operating Surplus (-Deficit)	33,340	28,635
<b>Legacy Summary as of Sept. 2nd</b>	<b>End of Month</b>	<b>Total to Date</b>
Total Campaign Funds Received	150.00	973,471.06
Transfers: Missions	15.00	90,433.65
Transfers: Facilities for the Future	15.00	90,433.65
Mortgage Principal Curtailments	120.00	723,467.97
Mortgage Loan Balance per UMDF as of 12/04/2018		18,413.00

*\*Detailed monthly financial reports are available in the Treasurer's hallway mailbox*

Happy New Year!

