

Dear Members of Mt. Zion,

On Sunday, the leaders and scouts of Troop 702 will be participating in the 9 am service. At the beginning of the service, the scouts will process with the flags to the front of the church and join together for the Scout Oath. Chad Hawthorne, a member of Mt. Zion and one of the leaders of Troop 702, will participate in Kids Time at both services.

Mt. Zion takes pride in having the Scouting Program use our facilities. Since 1910, this organization has taken the lead in shaping young people's lives and teaching boys and girls the skills to use their resources to serve the community and world. We gather on Sunday to show them our appreciation for all their efforts.

Grace & Peace,
Gary

Sunday Worship

February 10, 2019

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 6:1-8/Luke 5:1-11
Message: "Do You See What I See?"

The Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominating Committee) will be meeting each month to be engaged in conversations and to explore how we can match people's skills to the various ways that they can be engaged in ministry and serve Christ's Church. (This will include such areas as administration, mission, education, fellowship, stewardship, evangelism, worship, trustees and other opportunities to serve.) I invite you to keep the work of this committee in your prayers and to be in prayerful reflection in thinking of ways that you might be engaged in Christ's ministry here at Mt. Zion, in our community and around the world.

- Rev. Gary Sheffield-James, Chair of Lay Leadership

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

Shepherding Team #2 Is On Call This Week, February 10th through February 16th. Contact Betty Cashmark.

SAGE Brigade: Friday, February 8th. The Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services will present, "Fire and Fall Prevention." Noon for Lunch and 12:30 for the presentation. We will be having a sweet and baked potato bar. Please bring your favorite potato toppings or a dessert to share. RSVP to Debbie Burgio

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

Open Doors Food Pantry needs your help! When: Friday Feb 15, 2019 from 12:30 to 2:00PM to help unload fresh produce and set up dry goods **and/or** Saturday Feb 16, 2019 from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM to serve others and help clean up. Any time you have to help is a blessing. Don't forget to drop your loose change in the offering basket! Questions, email Carol Hill or Laurie Norwood: opendoorsfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Trivia Night in the Fellowship Hall. Join the fun with a night of trivia on 22 February 2019 (7-9:30pm) in the fellowship hall. Register a team (up to 6 players per team) at \$10/player. If you register a team of 6 prior to 2 February (Groundhog's Day), pay only \$50. Space is limited but the excitement is not. Contact Mark Coffin

The Travels of the PJs & Books: Thank you to each of you for your generous donations to the Pajama Program. The donations of PJs and books from Mt Zion Church and Preschool are on their way. The majority are going to the following organizations who are the most in need at the present time: Children's Choice Foster Care Program, Chester, MD, St. Martin's Ministries, Ridgely, MD, Sudlersville Elementary School, Sudlersville MD and the Baby Emergency Pantry, Crofton, MD. On behalf of each child whose circumstances will be a bit brighter because of your donations THANK YOU very, very much! Karen Williams

Lenten Suppers & Bible Study: Join us during the Wednesdays of Lent for a Journey through Holy Week, following Jesus as he experienced his last days before his death. During this Week of weeks, Jesus risked so much to show us how much he loves us and how we might join him in risk-taking as his disciples.

Our study guide for these sessions will be Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*. Dr. Levine, an eminent New Testament scholar at Vanderbilt Divinity School, brings a unique understanding to Jesus as she is also an Orthodox Jew.

Our Wednesday evening times together will begin at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall with a simple supper (at a nominal cost), followed by our study at 6:45 pm. A morning study will also take place at our Monday morning Bible Study and on Wednesdays from 11 am to 12:15 pm.

Please plan to join us on the following Wednesdays as we seek to move deeper into our faith as the followers of Jesus who risked so much on our behalf: March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10. Call the church office at 301-854-2324 or use the yellow insert sheet in the Sunday bulletins to order your book (\$16.99) and let us know that you will be present for supper.

Camp Hope 2019 (week 1) is scheduled for 30 June - 6 July. Sign-ups will be the first two Sundays in March.

Signups for Winter Shelter, to be held March 3-10 at Mt. Zion this year, begin this Sunday in the West Narthex before and after both services. You can also sign up using Signup Genius - see the Mt. Zion website for a link to the Signup Genius. If you have any questions contact Rod Barr

Apply until Friday March 15, 2019 @ 5pm for the Women's Board Scholarship Program – Each year, the Women's Board supporters of MedStar Montgomery Medical Center, awards, scholarships to students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in the healthcare field including associate, bachelor's master's and doctorate degrees. Scholarships can range from \$500 – \$4,000. Scholarships may be applied to a student's tuition, room, board, books and fees. Apply online: www.medstarmontgomery.org/scholarship

Cherub Choir: The Cherub Choir is starting for any preschool aged child. We will be learning Sunday School songs. We will meet on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays in the month from 9:45 am to 10:00 am in the Chapel. Contact Amy Ciliberti at

The Care Giver's Group meets the 3rd Sunday of every month between services, in the church library. Contact Judy H. Johnson at.

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.