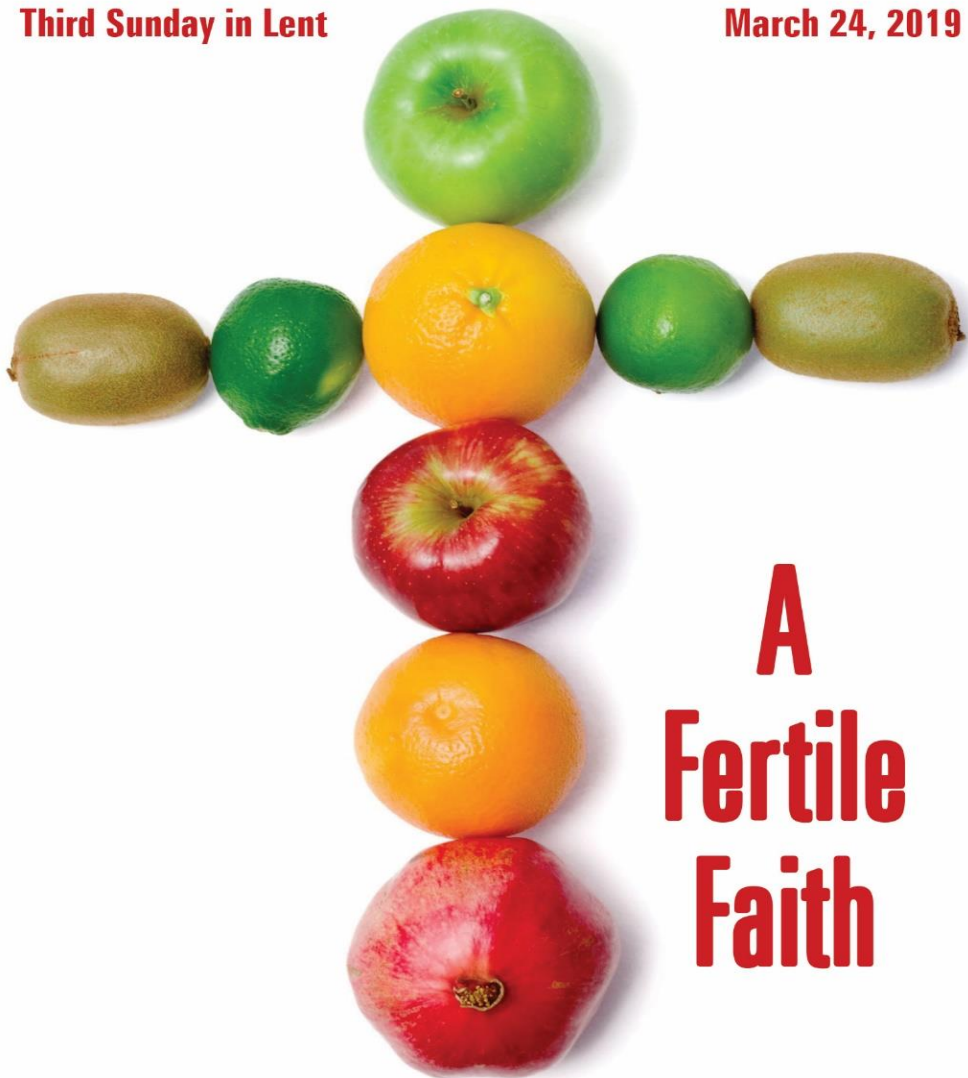


**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 24, 2019**



# **A Fertile Faith**

**Touching Lives for Jesus**

Mount Zion United Methodist Church

Rev. Gary Sheffield-James, Lead Pastor

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# 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Prelude – <i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i>	by Denton	Deb Papavizas
Lighting of the Candles		
Welcome & Opportunities to Serve		
Choral Introit – <i>This is The Day</i>		Chancel Choir
Greeting & Opening Prayer		David Norton
*Opening Hymn – <i>There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy</i>		UMH#121
*Passing the Peace		
Children’s Time		
Hymn – <i>Give to the Winds Thy Fears v1&amp;2</i>		UMH#129
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		UMH#895
Hymn – <i>Give to the Winds Thy Fears v 3&amp;4</i>		UMH#129
God’s Tithes and our Offerings and Gifts		
Musical Offering		Deb Papavizas
*Doxology		UMH#95
Prayer of Dedication		
First Lesson – Isaiah 55:1-9		Steve Dennis
*Gospel Lesson – Luke 13:1-9		Steve Dennis
Anthem – <i>Without His Cross</i>		Chancel Choir
Sermon – <i>A Fertile Faith</i>		Gary Sheffield-James
*Closing Hymn – <i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>		UMH#577
Sending Forth		
Choral Benediction – <i>May The Road Rise To Meet You</i>		Chancel Choir & Congregation
Postlude – <i>The Way of the Cross</i>	by Benedict	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

\*Songs of Celebration

*Lay Me Down*

*Forever Reign*

Children's Time

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

\*Worship Through Our Giving

Offering Music – *I Walk By Faith*

\*Prayer of Dedication

First Lesson – Isaiah 55:1-9

\*Gospel Lesson – Luke 13:1-9

Sermon – *A Fertile Faith*

Song of Reflection

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

\*Prayers at the Altar

\*Sending Forth

**Leave to Serve God's People**

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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: March 24th ~ March 31st*

#### Sunday, March 24th

9:00 & 11:00am Services-Sanc  
10.00 – 11:00am Pioneer Class-CR1  
12:15 – 1:15pm-Caregivers meeting with Kathy Wehr - CR1  
4:00pm – Children & Youth Meet & Greet Candidates-FH  
5:00pm – Wolves Pack 702, 132-133

#### Monday, March 25th

10:00 – 11:30am Bible Study Group-CR2  
7:00 – 9:00pm MSR-FH

#### Tuesday, March 26th

7:00pm Church Council-CR1

#### Wednesday, March 27th

11.00am Lenten Bible Study-CR1  
6:00pm Lenten Bible Study-FH  
6:45 – 7:45pm Chancel Bells-Sanc  
7:45 – 8:45pm Chancel Choir-Sanc

#### Thursday March 28th

8:30am Preschool STEM Day - FH  
7:00 – 8:00pm Praise Band-Sanc

#### Friday, March 29th

6:30 – 9:30pm CBT setup-Sanc

#### Saturday, March 30th

8:30am – 1:30pm CBT-Sanc & all CR's  
9:00am – 1:00pm Central Dist. MD  
UMW - FH

#### Sunday, March 31st

9:00 & 11:00am Services-Sanc  
10:00 – 11:00am Pioneer Class-CR1

## Upcoming News at Mount Zion

**\*Shepherding Team #6 Is On Call This Week, March 24th through March 30th.** Contact Joyce Saunderson 301/854-2378.

**Lenten Suppers & Bible Study:** Join us during the Wednesdays of Lent for a Journey through Holy Week, Study guide 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. Supper (nominal cost) at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by our study at 6:45 pm. Two other studies you can attend: 1- Monday morning Bible Study and Wednesdays 11am - 12:15 pm. **Pastors Gary and Ken are leading the Wednesday studies only. March 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 RSVP for supper.

**Today from 12:15 to 1:15,** the Caregivers Group and SAGE Brigade welcomes Mt Zion community (feel free to bring a friend) to a presentation by Kathy Wehr from Howard County's Office on Aging and Independence, providing info and resources in our community and about their agency that can support you or your loved one. Snacks and beverages will be provided. To RSVP and if any questions, please email Judy Johnson, [judyjnscoth@hotmail.com](mailto:judyjnscoth@hotmail.com).

**SAGE Brigade:** Friday, April 5th. Please join us at noon for lunch, the meet Lisa Boxall. Lisa will be speaking to Grief and Loss: Loss (physical and non- physical) affect each of us in some point of our lives. Gain a deeper understanding of the emotional and physical effects of grief, and become enlightened about the unique and individual nature of the cycle of grief. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Debbie Burgio [debbie.burgio@verizon.net](mailto:debbie.burgio@verizon.net) or 410-531-2271.

**Spring Craft Fair – Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 3:00pm** There will be a variety of vendors selling their crafts. There will be great gifts for your spring holidays (Easter, Mother's Day) and events (graduations, confirmations, etc.). So stop by and you may find that unique gift that you are looking to give to someone special.

**Request from the Trustees:** If anyone has a "gently used" sleeper sofa they would like to donate to the church please contact Tom Moser, 240-793-0817.

**\*Chair Exercise class** meets Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10. Please note we will **Not** have Chair Class on March 20, March 27, and April 3. We will resume on April 10<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. Questions? Call or text Bettye Ames at 410-227-9257.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month at 10:00am in CR1.** Join us to create shawls, blankets, new baby 'blankies' etc. for those who might needs one: Those in hospitals, nursing homes, mending at home or newborns.

**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 [wvuy2k@aol.com](mailto:wvuy2k@aol.com).

**Rebuilding Together Howard County (RTHC)** - The past few years Mt. Zion UMC has participated in RTHC. This year you have another opportunity to participate in helping the community with this wonderful event. Rebuilding Together Howard County happens on Saturday, April 27, 2019 with changes for Mt. Zion. This year we will be working with the group from Sunrise Senior Living, Columbia, MD. Sunrise (Mary Nakagama) will be taking the lead and is welcoming additional hands from Mt. Zion. All volunteers must register online at Rebuilding Together Howard County, then click on Make a Difference and Volunteer. Then contact either John Crow at [John.Crow@SunriseSeniorLiving.com](mailto:John.Crow@SunriseSeniorLiving.com), or contact John Crow or Mary Nakagama at 410-531-1444 (office) to let them know you are willing to help. Questions? please contact Ken Sines at [ksines57@gmail.com](mailto:ksines57@gmail.com). Thank you in advance.

**Paint Party – Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm** We will be hosting a party with “**Bloom Where Planted Boutique**”. All painting is done on wood. You can choose one of Bloom’s designs or design your own. Event is for men & women ages 11 and up. Go to the website [www.bloomwhereplantedboutique.com](http://www.bloomwhereplantedboutique.com). Click the register for an event button and look for “Elizabeth’s Make and Take Workshop”. You must register and select your design before the event. Each piece is custom made. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May just show up to paint.

**\*The Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominating Committee)** will meet each month to explore how we can match people’s skills to be engaged in ministry and serve Christ’s Church. Please reach out to us so 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

**\*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 at 410-309-5850 or [judyjnscoott@hotmail.com](mailto:judyjnscoott@hotmail.com).

### *Through Our Presence & Gifts*

Week Ending Sunday March 17, 2019	Worship	Sunday School
<i>Attendance</i>	9:00 am    134 11:00am    66	60
<b>Financial Summary as of March 17</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Weekly Receipts	15,431	14,202
YTD Operating Receipts	125,662	139,557
YTD Operating Disbursements	113,858	133,381
Operating Surplus (-Deficit)	11,804	6,176

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

## 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.*

**Our Members:** *Carol Lindberg, Connie Gull, Bonnie Luepkes, Marcia Marshall, 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:** *families affected by tornados in the southern states, Stephen Jarrison, Chet Keslawiak, Gene Gyqax, Cynthia Carr, Bea Ball, Brian Bixler, The Campbell Family, Robert Wallance, Stephen Harrison, Chet Kulawiak, Sam Kurland, Helen Edwards, Robin Adkins, Ed & Karen Williams, Gary Nadeau, Rob Eidson, Brian Hayes, Carlisle Sraver, Ed, Ruby 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, Rosemary, Kathleen, Joe, Gladys Paulock, Pauline Reel, Bob Wagner, Carol Thomas, Quellee & Raclynn Gonzalez, Roxann Ganbin.*

**Our Homebound Members:** *Sharon Reed, 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.*

# Upcoming Events

## at Mount Zion United Methodist Church

**March 13 - 5 Week Lenten Book Study**

“Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginners Guide to Holy Week” by Amy-Jill Levine

**Wednesdays 11:00am or 6:00pm**

**Sessions are March 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10**

**April 6 - Spring Craft Fair 9-3pm**

**April 14 - Palm Sunday**

**April 18 - Holy Thursday 7pm (in the Fellowship Hall)**

**April 19 - Good Friday 12 noon (in the Chapel)**

**April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt & Extravaganza 2pm**

**Easter Sunday, April 21**

**7:00am Sunrise Service**

**9:00am Traditional & 11:00am Contemporary**

Pancake Breakfast Easter Sunday

7:30am to 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall

**Weekly Services: 9:00am & 11:00am Worship Services**

• 10:10am Sunday School

**Monthly: 2nd Sunday - Sandwiches for the Homeless**

• 3rd Saturday - Food Pantry

**For more information visit us at:**

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