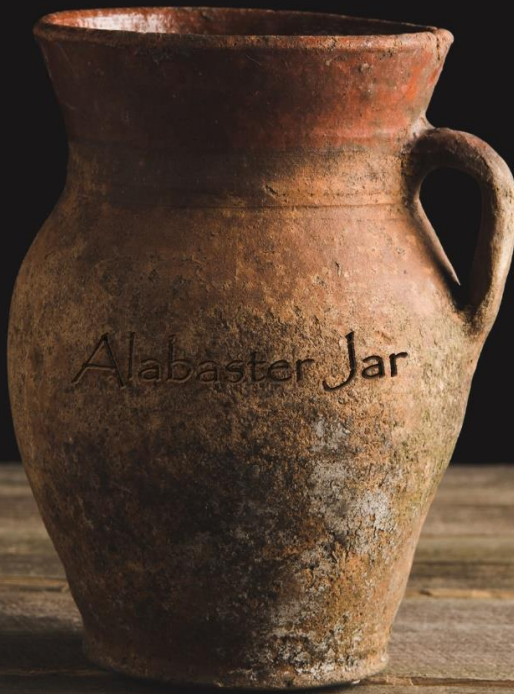


Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

Pretense or Presence?



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		Chris Fox
Lighting of the Candles		
Welcome & Opportunities to Serve	Rev. Gary Sheffield-James	
Greeting & Opening Prayer		
*Opening Hymn	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	UMH #203
*Passing the Peace		
Children's Time	Rev. Ken Dunnington	
Prayer Hymn	<i>O, How I Love Jesus</i> vs 1 & 2	UMH #170
Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		UMH #895
Prayer Hymn	<i>O, How I Love Jesus</i> vs 3	UMH #170
God's Tithes and our Offerings and Gifts		
Musical Offering	Piano Solo	Chris Fox
*Doxology		UMH #95
*Prayer of Dedication		
First Lesson	Philippians 3:4b-14	Carol Hill
Anthem	<i>Just As I Am</i>	Chancel Ringers
*Gospel Lesson	John 12:1-8	Carol Hill
Sermon	"Pretense or Presence?"	Rev. Gary Sheffield-James
Hymn of Preparation	<i>Freely, Freely</i>	UMH#389
The Great Thanksgiving		
Words of Institution		
Prayer to the Holy Spirit		
The Sharing of the Bread and Cup		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Purify My Heart</i>	WS #3103
Sending Forth		
Postlude		Chris Fox

Leave to Serve God's People

*You are invited to stand in heart or posture

****Altar Flowers today are given in loving memory of Winfield Parlette by his wife, Ann****

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

Mighty To Save, Days of Elijah

Children's Time

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Worship through Our Giving

Offering Music – *You Say*

*Prayer of Dedication

First Lesson – Philippians 3:4b-14

*Gospel Lesson – John 12:1-8

Sermon – *Pretense or Presence?*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Song of Preparation – *No Longer Slaves*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Song – *10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*

*Closing Song

*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

Sundays - 10:10am - Christian Education Hour

***Children Pre-K through 5th Grade:**

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

***Students 6th through 12th 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

Events Schedule: April 7th – April 14th

Sunday, April 7th

9:00 & 11:00am Services – Sanc
10:00 – 11:00am Pioneer Class – CR1
12:30 – 2pm Steph Min cont. ed. – CR1

Monday, April 8th

10:00 – 11:30am Bible Study Gp – CR2
5:30pm – 7:30pm Steph Min – CR2
7:00 – 9:00pm MSR– FH

Tuesday, April 9th

7:00pm Missions Mtg – CR1
7:00pm Trustees – CR2
7:00pm Evang. & Hospitality – CR3

Wednesday, April 10th

9:30am – Preschool Board – CR1
9:30am – Seated Exercise – Chapel
11:00am Lenten Bible Study – CR1
11:00am Retired Clergy Mtg – CR2
6:00pm Lenten Bible Study – FH
6:45 – 7:45pm Chancel Bells – Sanc
7:45 – 8:45pm Chancel Choir – Sanc

Thursday, April 11th

7:00 – 8:00pm Praise Band – Sanc

Friday, April 12th

12noon – Sage Brigade – CR1
6:30 – 9:30pm CBT setup – Sanc

Saturday, April 13th

All Day – CBT Baptism – FH
8:30am – 1:30pm CBT – Sanc & all CR's
2pm Papavizas – Sanc

Sunday, April 14th

10am BP Screening – Library
10am Pioneer Class – CR1
5:30pm Steph Min Supr Mtg – CR2

Upcoming News at Mount Zion

***Shepherding Team #1 Is On Call This Week, April 7th through April 13th.** Contact Jill Scott 410-964-0389.

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 on April 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.

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. All are welcome. Questions? Call or text Bettye Ames at 410-227-9257.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group meets the 2nd Wed. of each month at 10:00am in CR1. Join us to create shawls, blankets, new baby 'blankies' etc. for those who might need 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 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays every month from 9:45 - 10:00am in the Chapel. Contact Amy Ciliberti at 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, 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. Thank you in advance.

Paint Party – Sunday, May 5th @ 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. 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 5th of May just show up to paint.

***The Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominating Committee)** will meet **Monday, April 8 at 7:00 pm** 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 3rd Sunday of every month between services, in the church library.** Contact Judy H. Johnson at 410-309-5850 or judyjnscoth@hotmail.com.

Through Our Presence & Gifts

Week Ending Sunday March 31, 2019	Worship	Sunday School
<i>Attendance</i>	9:00 am 124 11:00am 57	21
Financial Summary as of March 24	2019	2018
Weekly Receipts		
YTD Operating Receipts		
YTD Operating Disbursements		
Operating Surplus (-Deficit)		

**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, Kathy McLaughlin and Family*

Members' Family & Friends: *Families affected by tornados in the Southern states and floods in the Western states, Stephen Jarrison, Chet Keslawiak, Gene Gyqax, Cynthia Carr, Bea Ball, Brian Bixler, 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, Bonnie Krum, Bob Bacon, Brenda Evers, 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, Roxann Ganbin, Helen Meredith, Judy Powers, Christina Carr, Keith Dennis, Gayle Prentice, Bob Wagner, Quellee and Raelynn Gonzalez, Lynn, Josh, Rod, Kris Gaither, Mitilda Taylor, Michael Rexroad, Allen Stanton family, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas students.*

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 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

Mt. Zion Cemetery—please bring a lawn chair for seating

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**

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