

# Mount Zion United Methodist Church

# The inter

June 2019 Edition

## Our Mission

Touching  
Lives  
for  
Jesus Christ

## Our Core Values

To be a  
Loving  
Christian  
Community,  
providing  
opportunities  
for worship,  
spiritual  
growth,  
and service.

## Our Vision

Love,  
Grow,  
Serve



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## Pastor's Message

### Friends:

The month of June marks the beginning of summer. The summer months are times of vacations, family gatherings, and travel plans. Longer days of sunlight afford us opportunities to get outside for gardening, picnics, and hiking. These activities and more enable us to replenish ourselves and rejuvenate our spirits. My hope and prayer is that such opportunities will present themselves to you. God knows that we need them. Before we know it, September is upon us and our busy schedules await us. It's good to have our batteries recharged to face the tasks before us.

Over the last few months, we have had a few changes in our staff at Mt. Zion. Carol Wunderlich joins our staff as the Director of Youth and Children's Ministry and Dianne Sanna comes on aboard as our new Administrative Assistant. Rev. Deb Burgio, after her commissioning at Annual Conference in May, will be appointed as a provisional Deacon to the extension ministry at Winter Grace. However, her secondary assignment will be here at Mt. Zion. These persons come with many gifts and graces to support the mission of our church to "Touch Lives for Jesus Christ."

Along with these two new additions to staff, we are very saddened to hear the news that two staff members who will be leaving us. Jena Meredith, who has been our Director of Children's Ministry for thirteen years, will be ending her tenure at the end of May. Pastor Ken Dunnington will be leaving his position here as the Assistant Pastor to be appointed as an Interim Pastor to Middletown United Methodist Church in Frederick County. His last Sunday with us will be June 16th. We wish them God's speed in their future endeavors and thank them for their faithful leadership.

<b>Rev. Gary Sheffield-James</b> Senior Pastor	<b>Jena J. Meredith</b> Director of Children's Ministries	<b>Mark J. Blough</b> Facilities Manager
<b>Rev. Ken Dunnington</b> Assistant Pastor	<b>Mark Dubbs</b> Director of Music	<b>Dianne Sanna</b> Administrative Assistant
<b>Carol Wunderlich</b> Youth and Childrens' Ministries	<b>Deb Papavizas</b> Organist	<b>Chuck Plant</b> Office Assistant
	<b>Chris Fox</b> Keyboard/Children's Choir Director	<b>Valerie Pierce</b> Treasurer

## Pastor's Message (continued)

The staff thanks you for your support of this church and the many ways that you have helped all of us to serve you better. But most of all, we thank you for your service. I hope you are able to nourish your soul this summer. Summer is not a hiatus from growing in our spiritual life. If you are traveling or vacationing in other places, seek out a church to worship. As a favor to me, I ask that you save the bulletin and bring it back to share with me. The bulletins of other churches are a collection of ideas on what other churches are doing; and I have a special folder to save them.

Rested and refreshed, together we can move into September with a new sense of God's call on our lives and be ready to be the church God calls us to be. I had the opportunity to hear a lecture given by Rev. Lillian Daniel, the Senior Minister of First Congregational Church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. She said in her remarks: *"The purpose of the church is not to meet your needs but for you to go to the church that needs your gifts."*

Thank you for sharing your gifts. May you have a safe and sacred summer!

Grace & Peace,

Gary

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**Pardon our dust!** This month's issue is a little thin as the new Pointer team learns the ropes. Please feel free to submit content and especially pictures to [communications@mtzionhighland.com](mailto:communications@mtzionhighland.com)

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**July Pointer Deadline:**  
**Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

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# Worship Spiritual Growth

*Those called to Serve and Lead Worship*

	Service Times	2 June	9 June	16 June	23 June	30 June
Greeters	0900	Lynn Jacobson	John & Nancy Coonts	Jerry & Margaret Rose	Will & Jill Scott	TBD
	1100	Charles McEldowney	Debra Fitzgerald	Larry Murdoch	Olivia Yeager	TBD
Liturgist	0900	Elizabeth Dennis	David Norton	Jon Lindberg	Ellen McKinzie	Carol Hill
Projection	0900	Jill Scott	Bonnie Luepkes	Adam Johnson	Jill Scott	Jill Scott
	1100	Carol Hill	Carol Messerly	Chuck Sehman	Carol Hill	Carol Messerly
Sound	0900	Help Wanted	Dustin Eidson	Help Wanted	Scott Johnson	Rob Messerly
	1100	Bill Ray	Al Hill	Bill Ray	Al Hill	Rob Messerly





## A Farewell from Ken

In May of 2018 I started another phase of my spiritual and vocational journey as your Assistant Pastor here at Mt. Zion. At that time, and well into my year with you, I had plans to stay as long as I thought I could be a support to the ministry of Pastor Gary and all of you at Mt. Zion. Now, as many of you have learned, my time of service at Mt. Zion is drawing to an unanticipated close as I have accepted a full-time appointment as the Interim Lead Pastor of our United Methodist Church in Middletown.

Many of you have asked if I had choice in accepting this appointment, and the answer is *Yes*. After a period of discernment and prayer, both Sandy and I feel led to serve at Middletown. This is a church of over 1,000 members and has a large staff to care for all the ministries that are carried out there. Our bishop and cabinet have asked that I draw from my past experience of serving larger churches with staffs and utilize them at Middletown. In accepting this appointment, I do so with a great deal of excitement, anxiety, and yes, even regret. Regret from having to leave a wonderful congregation that I have come to know and love over this past year. You extended radical hospitality to my wife and me, and your continued expressions of support and appreciation for me as one of your pastors will never be forgotten. Over the many years of my ministry, I have been blessed to have served with so many fine people of God—you rank at the top of the list!







## Farewell from Ken (cont)

I also want to express my profound appreciation to someone who not only asked me to work with him, but who also became my very close friend, your pastor Gary Sheffield-James. Our discussions, both serious and some very comical, will be greatly missed (at least on a regular basis). He has made my time here that much more enjoyable. You are very fortunate to have someone as caring and compassionate as Gary as your pastor, someone who is passionate in his service in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. I cherish him as a colleague in the ministry of our UMC and will miss working regularly with him.

And so, dear friends, farewell. Pray for me as I serve at Middletown church. You will always be in my love and prayers.

Faithfully,

Ken

Ken Dunnington





# Farewell from Jena Meredith

Dear Mt. Zion Family,

I want to express my thanks and sincere appreciation to all of you for allowing me to be the Children's Minister for the past 13 years! It has been such a blessing to for the opportunity to plant seeds of Christ in the hearts of so many children! It has been fun and challenging at times, but most of all I have been blessed by the children and all the faithful volunteers who helped make my job easier! Thank you to all my amazing volunteers! This is where God had called me to be and now he is closing that door to open another.

I have prayed that the Lord would bring someone wonderful to our church to fill the position of Children/Youth Director and he has answered my prayer!! Carol Wunderlich is going to be a wonderful addition to this church family and you are going to love her!

I am stepping down from this position but I will still be teaching at our outstanding preschool and attending church, so I will still be around!!

Blessings and Love to my church family,

Jena Meredith





# Youth Ministry Updates

## **Celebration For Jena Meredith**

We will not have children's Sunday School on June 2nd. The Children's Ministry leaders, including the Sunday School teachers and all MZ families with children are invited to attend a celebration for Jena in the Fellowship Hall between services.

## **End of School Year Ministries for Children**

Kid's Zone will be held during worship hours on both 6/2 and 6/9.

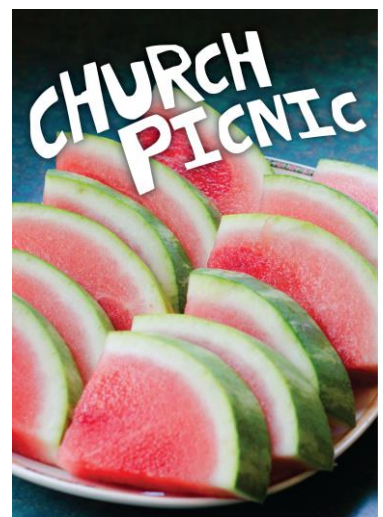
On 6/9, we will have a one-room Sunday School for all the children ages 5 through 5th grade. They will meet in the room where the older elementary class meets.

## **End of School Year Ministries for Youth:**

Youth Sunday School and evening Youth Group will meet on 6/2 & 6/9

The End of the School Year Youth Group Picnic will be on 6/9 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM @ the Youth Center.

Weather permitting, we will be cooking out & have a giant slip n' slide. Students are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will provide burgers, dogs, buns, condiments, drinks & paper products. Any parents interested in helping with the evening activities, please contact Carol Wunderlich @ [youthministry@mtzionhighland.com](mailto:youthministry@mtzionhighland.com). Youth need to RSVP by 6/5 so we can shop appropriately.





# Youth Ministry Updates

## **Summer Ministry for Children**

Beginning 6/16 the Church Nursery will remain open on its regular schedule, but we will be taking a summer vacation from our regular Children's Sunday School and Kid's Zone ministries. During the Summer months, children finishing K - 5th are invited to attend and participate in worship with their families. During the Sermon portion of both services, elementary children are welcome to come to the Children's Worship Table at the back of the Sanctuary to participate in some quiet, age appropriate worship activities with some of our regular Sunday School and Kid's Zone leaders. Parents & other adults interested in providing some non-prep leadership for the Children's Worship Table this summer should contact Carol Wunderlich @ [youthministry@mtzionhighland.com](mailto:youthministry@mtzionhighland.com).

ROAR VBS is all set for a week of adventure 9 am - Noon every day, July 22 - 26!

Registration Open Now! Go to:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/mtzionhighlandvbs2019>

Volunteers Needed! If you can help, please email [mtzionvbs2019volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionvbs2019volunteers@gmail.com).

## **Summer Ministry for Youth**

Beginning 6/16 Youth Sunday School & Sunday Evening Youth Group will be on Summer Vacation... but watch for opportunities TBA for the Youth to get together for some summer fun!

Camp Hope Mission Team will be headed to Western MD the week of June 30 - July 6. We ask that you keep the team in prayer as they serve Christ through this home repair ministry.



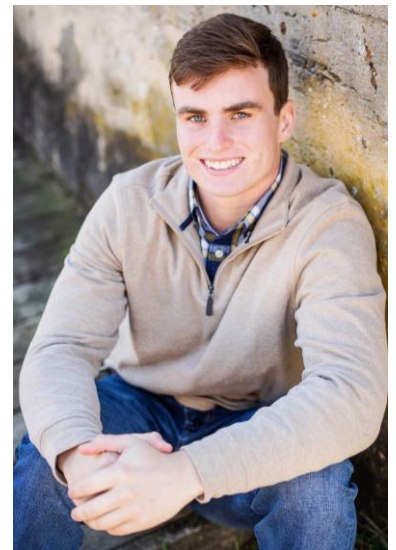


# Congratulations, Graduates!

**High School:** Addison Collatz, Jack Island, Patrick Kamen, Ted McWithey, Maggie O'Keefe

**Undergrad:** Hannah Davis, Caroline McWithey, Jared Morson, Jake Powers, Megan Reyda, Jack Saunderson, Kyle Saunderson

**Graduate:** Tasha Powers, Ben Wright





# United Methodist Men

Recently UMM hosted an afternoon of 9 holes of golf at Willow Springs GC. A few golfers (hackers) joined in the fellowship. Afterwards we went to Hudson Coastal in Maple Lawn for dinner.

The next scheduled golf event is set for August 2 (watch for details).



Cars and Hot Dogs has been cancelled (originally scheduled by UMM). Hopefully, an interest may be sparked and another event will be scheduled soon.

The next UMM breakfast (fellowship) is set for Saturday, June 8 (8-9:30 am) at Roma's on Shaker Drive. Open to all men and young men. Open discussion over bacon and eggs.

UMM is sponsoring a trip to North Carolina for mission work (hurricane damage). The trip is scheduled for July 14-20 to Newport, NC. We are looking for 12-15 adults to participate. If you are interested, please plan to attend an informational meeting on June 9 (10:15am). For further details, contact Ken Sines or Debby Klopp.



## ReliefMISSIONS





# United Methodist Women

As a long standing tradition of Mt. Zion's United Methodist Women, mothers and daughters alike enjoyed an evening of authentic German foods and uplifting entertainment on Saturday, May 11, 2019. This year's theme was Grimm's Fairy Tales - "Into The Woods". Two hundred years ago, the Brothers Grimm of Germany published numerous collections of folk tales verbally passed down through the generations by women seeking to pass the time while doing their household chores. So beloved are these characters and stories, we still cherish them today as children's books and Walt Disney films.



To set the scene, the room was filled with table centerpieces of tree branches adorned with twinkling lights. The stage backdrop was a dark forest at twilight flanked by the tall stone towers of an enchanted castle. Our delicious German feast included Weiner Schnitzel, Warm Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, and other kid-friendly favorites, topped off with Black Forest Cake. After dinner, we enjoyed two Broadway musical songs beautifully performed by Jessica Fansler and her daughter, Kylie.



Elizabeth Blough's original skit had a clever and modern twist featuring characters from Grimm's fairy tales...Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, Snow White, and Cinderella. During a young woman's daring venture into the woods, she encounters each of these iconic characters at the most tragic moments of their classic stories. The young woman, a writer's assistant familiar with their tales, encourages each of the girls to have faith during the dark times and reassures them that their stories will end "happily ever after".

What a magical evening it was! We invite you to join us next year on Saturday, May 2, 2020, the weekend before Mother's Day, for our annual UMW tradition.



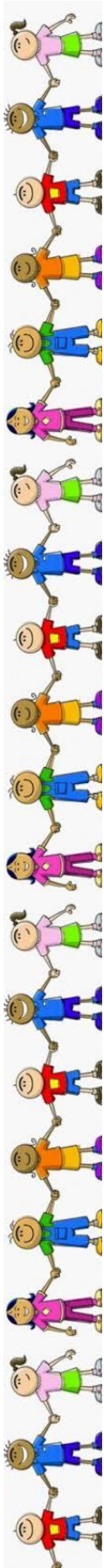
## Other Events

**All Women of Mt. Zion:** You are invited to a potluck dinner at Crystal Zimmerman's, 8282 Murphy Road, Fulton, MD. on Friday, June 7, 2019. We will have a social hour from 6-7:00 and then eat. If you are running late, no problem, come anyway. Bring either an appetizer, main dish, side dish, salad or dessert. Beverages are supplied. There will be no meeting. Just a time to relax and socialize. Hope to see you there.

**Church Work Day** Trustees are sponsoring a church workday from 8-12 am on June 22. There is a need for general cleaning indoors and light maintenance both inside and out. Please contact a trustee if you can help and discuss any supplies or tools that will be needed. We have a list to share. Posted by Roger Colvin, chairman, email [rdcolvin@verizon.net](mailto:rdcolvin@verizon.net)







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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10am - Gathering 10am - Pioneer 12:30pm - Stephens	10am - Bible Study 7pm - Maryland	Bulletin 7pm - Finance/CR2 7pm - Worship and 7:30pm - Mary	9:30am - Seated 12pm - Deadline - 6:30pm - BS Troup 7pm - Adult 7pm - GS-2108/132 7pm - UMW/CR2 7:45pm - Chancel	7pm - Bible Study 7pm - Praise	6:30pm - CBT	8:30am - CBT/Sanc 2pm - Papavizas/San 4pm - Hopkins UMC
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10am - BP 10am - Pioneer 2pm - - 5 pm CR1 2pm - - 5 pm FH 4pm - Pack 702 Bear 5:30pm - Stephen	10am - Bible Study 5:30pm - Stephen 6:30pm - Camp 7pm - Fellowship 7pm - Maryland	Bulletin 7pm - Evangelism&H 7pm - Missions 7pm - Trustees/CR2	9:30am - Seated 10am - Prayer 11am - Retired 12pm - Deadline - 6:30pm - BS Troup 7:45pm - Chancel	7pm - Praise	12pm - Sage 1pm - Food Pantry 6:30pm - CBT 8pm - Pack 702	7am - Food 8:30am - CBT/Sanc 9am - Food Pantry 2pm - Papavizas/San
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CAMP HOPE WEEK/Off Site						
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