

August 4, 2019

The Body and Blood of Christ



Touching Lives for Jesus Christ

Mount Zion United Methodist Church

Rev. Gary Sheffield-James, Lead Pastor

Carol Wunderlich, Youth & Children's Ministry

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9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services

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| Prelude | <i>Come, Sinners, To the Gospel Feast</i> | Deb Papavizas |
| Lighting of the Candles | | |
| Welcome & Opportunities to Serve | | Rev. Debbie Burgio |
| *Greeting & Opening Prayer | | Elizabeth Dennis |
| Hymn | <i>I've Got Peace Like a River (Peace, Joy, Love)</i> | TFWS #2145 |
| Hymn | <i>Lord I Lift Your Name on High</i> | TFWS #2088 |
| *Passing the Peace | | |
| Sharing of Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer | | Rev. Debbie Burgio |
| Prayer Song | <i>Bind Us Together</i> | TFWS #2226 |
| God's Tithes and Our Offerings and Gifts | | |
| Musical Offering | | Deb Papavizas |
| *Doxology | | UMH #95 |
| *Prayer of Dedication | | Rev. Debbie Burgio |
| First Lesson | Romans 10:5-13 | Elizabeth Dennis |
| *Gospel Lesson | Luke 10:38-42 | Elizabeth Dennis |
| <i>Elementary-age children are invited to the Children's Table at the back of sanctuary.</i> | | |
| Sermon | <i>"The Path to a Discerning Heart"</i> | Rev. John Nupp |
| Song of Preparation | <i>As The Deer</i> | TFWS 2025 |
| The Great Thanksgiving | | |
| The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup | | |
| Sacrament of Holy Communion | | |
| Prayer of Thanksgiving | | |
| *Closing Hymn | <i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i> | TFWS #2173 |
| *Sending Forth | | Rev. John Nupp |
| Postlude | | Deb Papavizas |

Leave to Serve God's People

*You are invited to stand in heart or posture
JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE

News and Events

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 our Pastor after the service.

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

Sunday 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

Youth & Children's Sunday School will resume September 8.

Young Adults Class (Young Adults 18 – 35): Staff Conf. Room

Pioneer Class (Adults): Conference Room 1

Drop-In Bible Study: Conference Room 3

Events Schedule: August 4 – 10

Submit announcements for the following week by noon on Tuesday.

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| Sunday, August 4 10 am Pioneer Class/CR1 12:30 pm Stephen Ministries Cont. Ed/CR1 Monday, August 5 10 am Bible Study/CR2 6:30 pm Rebuilding Together (Handyman)/CR1 7 pm Md Search & Rescue/FH 7 pm UMW/CR2 Tuesday, August 6 7 pm Finance/CR2 7 pm Worship and Arts/CR1 7:30 pm Mary Martha/Offsite | Wednesday, August 7 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop/FH 7 pm Adult Ed/Offsite 7 pm GS-2018/132 7:45 pm Chancel Choir/Sanc Thursday, August 8 7 pm Praise Band/Sanc Friday, August 9 6:30 pm CBT Setup/Sanc Saturday, August 10 8:30 am CBT/Sanc & all CRs 2 pm Papavizas/Sanc |
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Shepherding Team 9 on call this week, August 4 – 10

Contact Bonnie Luepkis.

Pastor Gary will be on vacation July 31 to August 22. During this time, please contact Debbie Burgio with pastoral emergencies.

Mark Your Calendars. Mt. Zion's Church Conference will be held at 3:30 pm on Saturday, September 28 at St. Paul's UMC, 7538 Main Street, Sykesville, MD 21784.

The Small Groups committee is sponsoring a book study of *Faith Unraveled* by Rachael Held Evans. In a changing cultural environment where new ideas seem to threaten the safety and security of our faith, *Faith Unraveled* is a fearlessly honest story of survival. The book follows Rachel's evolving spiritual journey that leads to an unshakeable faith. We will meet Wednesdays throughout August, 7 pm at Mad City Coffee in Columbia. See Debra Leiss in CR 3 between services to obtain a copy of the book and to sign up, or contact Debra.

The Mount Zion Garden Club is harvesting herbs for the Open Doors Food Pantry. If interested in helping, contact Debra Leiss at 301-535-1319 or meet Deb at the herb garden on August 17 at 7 am before the Pantry opens. This month Deb harvested 65 bags of herbs from our garden!

Chair Exercise Class Our next class will be Wednesday, September 4 at 9:30 am. Contact Bettye Ames.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Join us September 11 at 10 am. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, contact Bettye Ames.

A Shoebox to collect Box Tops for Education is in the church entryway. Your donations help the local elementary school to earn money to purchase items for their school. Thank you, Marcy McAdoo.

The Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominating Committee) meets monthly to explore how we can match people’s skills to engage in ministry and serve Christ’s Church. Please reach out to us so you might be engaged in Christ’s ministry here at Mt. Zion, in our community, and around the world. Next meeting will be at 7 pm, Wednesday, August 28, in CR1.- Rev. Gary Sheffield-James, Chair of Lay Leadership.

| Through Our Presence & Gifts Week Ending Sunday July 21, 2019 | Worship | Sunday School |
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| <i>Attendance</i> | 9:00 am 140 11:00 am 82 Total 222 | Youth: 0 Children: 0 Nursery: 0 |
| Financial Summary | 2019 | 2018 |
| Weekly Receipts | \$4,852 | \$8,328 |
| YTD Operating Receipts | \$342,146 | \$ 394,083 |
| YTD Operating Disbursements | \$328,857 | \$397,237 |

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

When you shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0748639), the AmazonSmileFoundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

Of Interest: Lumina Theatre Co. production of Godspell, August 9- 11, 9130 Red Branch Road in Columbia. <https://luminatheatrecompany.com/>

A special missions fund is being established to honor Rick Johnson's many, varied and major contributions to the Mt. Zion missions program. This fund will be used to support mission trips, such as Camp Hope, which involve Mt. Zion youth, with an emphasis on helping Mt. Zion youth who may need financial support to participate in the mission trip. Contributions can be made to Mt. Zion UMC clearly identifying that the contribution is for the Rick Johnson Missions Fund. If you have any questions please contact Rod Barr or Wayne Mullinex.

Church Council invites volunteers for a Task Force to determine Mt. Zion's response to the outcome of the Special Conference regarding LGBTQ issues. We will be responsible for educating the congregation on the issue and results; identifying options to respond to this issue; and discerning the direction of all church members. We will kick off in September and expect to run through 2020. To join, please speak with Pastor Gary, Debra Leiss, or Bettye Ames in the Narthex after service.

SPRC Seeking Congregational Input for Annual Staff Evaluations.

We welcome your input as we prepare to meet with each staff member to evaluate his/her efforts toward meeting the goals of the church. Please contact us before mid-August with comments you wish to share. Below is the list of staff positions with the SPRC liaison in parentheses.

Dir. of Ministries Children & Youth: Carol Wunderlich (Debby Klopp)

Treasurer: Valerie Pierce (Steve Dennis)

Administrative Assistant: Dianne Sanna (Susan Lau)

Facilities Manager: Mark Blough (Karyn Vice - temporary POC)

Nursery Supervisors: Rebecca O'Keefe and Betty Routh (Pam Ehrenfried)

Director of Music: Mark Dubbs (Pat Saunderson)

Pianist: Chris Fox (Pat Saunderson)

Youth @ the Howard County Fair: The Howard County Fair opens this weekend. MZ Youth (and friends or family) and Youth Leaders are invited to meet up with Carol Wunderlich at the Fair on Sunday, Aug 4 @ 4 PM in front of the 4H Exhibition Hall. If you want to just say "hi," grab dinner together or even hang out to ride a few rides - it would be fun!

Let Carol know if you plan to be there (youthandchildren@mtzionhighland.com) so she knows to look for you. **Parents, please note that this is strictly an informal gathering & students will not be required to stay with Carol and any youth leaders present will not be supervising the kids** while they are at the fair. Cost to enter the fair is \$7, a pay one price to ride rides band is \$20. Dinner costs will depend on what you want to eat.

Summer Children's Ministry. The Nursery will remain open 9:00 am to noon. During the Sermon portion of both services, elementary age children are invited to the Children's Worship Table at the back of the Sanctuary for quiet activities with our Sunday School and Kid Zone leaders. If interested in providing non-prep leadership during services, contact Carol Wunderlich at youthandchildren@mtzionhighland.com.

Parents, We Welcome You & Your Children! The presence of children is a gift to the church and we believe that the way we welcome children directly affects the way they respond to church, to God, and to one another. We want them to know that they are at home in God's house! We invite you to sit towards the front, where your children can see & hear better. Feel free to quietly explain what is happening. Sing, pray, and participate - your child will follow your lead. Children are invited to participate in communion. If you need to leave the service, that's okay! Please come back in at any time. We don't mind. If preschool children need a little more space to wiggle and giggle, our professionally staffed Nursery is open for you in room 205.

We Serve God and 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 Pfannenstien, Jack Maloney, Tish Miller, Phillip & Eli Amos, Christy Wnuk-Fink, George Bickerton, Bill Cashmark, Connie Kolpack, Nancy Lindquist, Ruby Beaver, Hank Wainwright, Chuck and Laurie Norwood, Sue Powers, Charlene Fitzpatrick, George Stephens. The Judy Johnson family – husband Scott, daughter Kerry, son Adam, and the rest of Judy's family – as they grieve the loss of Judy who passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2019. Bill and Donna Ray and family as they grieve the loss of Bill's mother, Jean Higinbotham, who passed away on Monday, July 8, 2019. Sharon and Rob Hill as they grieve the loss of Sharon's mother, Shirley Warnick, who passed away on July 15, 2019. Brian Cornell and family as they grieve the loss of Brian's father, Merril Cornell, who passed away on Saturday, July 20, 2019. Judy Johnson and family as they grieve the loss of Judy's husband, Rick Johnson, who passed away July 24, 2019.

Our Homebound Members: Frieda Youngblood, Eva Bryant.

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, Sam Kurland, Helen Edwards, Robin Adkins, Jim & Karen Williams, Gary Nadeau, Brian Hayes, Carlisle Sraver, Ed, Eric Carlson, Beau Ross, Dick Shober, John Shober, Karen Mapp, Bob Bacon, Brenda Evers, Ted Evers, Karen Corkran, Larry Johnson, Mark Myers, Bruce Van Blargan, Emanuela Guffanti, Jackie Lineberger, Wes Jin, Ivan Diaz, Marian Isley & Lisa Slusser, Bonita Divver, Nathan Mackle, Taylor, Joseph, Will, Suzanne, Rosemary, Kathleen, Joe, Gladys Paulock, Pauline Reel, Bob Wagner, Carol Thomas, Quellee & Raclynn Gonzalez, Roxann Ganbin, Beth Smith, Shannon Sharp, Linda, Brenda Gause, Cindy Bundy, Dona Leskoski, Carol Wunderlich, Linda Bussink, Stephen Harrison.

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, Andre.

