

March 31, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Lent

But What About Me



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 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Deb Papavizas

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Opportunities to Serve Rev. Gary Sheffied-James

Choral Introit *This is The Day* Chancel Choir

Greeting & Opening Prayer Lamont Basket

*Opening Hymn *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know* UMH #163

Commissioning Service for Stephen Ministers and Leader

*Passing the Peace

Children's Time

Prayer Hymn *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* vs 1 & 2 UMH #129

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Prayer Hymn *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* vs 3 & 4 UMH #129

God's Tithes and our Offerings and Gifts

Musical Offering *If God Be for Us* Janice Doherty

*Doxology UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

First Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Anthem *Without His Cross* Chancel Choir

*Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon "But What About Me?" Rev. Ken Dunnington

*Closing Hymn *Lamb of God* TFWS #2113

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction *May the Road Rise to Meet You*
Chancel Choir & Congregation

Postlude *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

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**

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

Enter to Worship

Gathering Music

Welcome & Opportunities to Serve

*Greeting and Opening Prayer

Commissioning Service for Stephen Ministers and Leader

*Passing the Peace

*Songs of Celebration

All over the World

The Sound of the Saints

Children's Time

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*Worship through Our Giving

Offering Music – *Take My Life*

*Prayer of Dedication

First Lesson – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*Gospel Lesson – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon – *But What About Me?*

*Song of Reflection

Live Like That

*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

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: March 31st - April 7th

Sunday, March 31st

9:00 & 11:00am Services - Sanc

10.00 - 11:00am Pioneer Class - CR1

Monday, April 1st

10:00 - 11:30am Bible Study Group - CR2

7:00 - 9:00pm MSR- FH

Tuesday, April 2nd

7:00pm Finance - CR1

7:00pm - Worship & Arts

7:30pm - Mary/Martha Circle

Wednesday, April 3rd

9:30am - Preschool Board - CR1

11.00am Lenten Bible Study - CR1

6:00pm Lenten Bible Study - FH

6:45 - 7:45pm Chancel Bells - Sanc

7:00pm - Adult Education - Offsite

7:00pm - Girl Scouts 2108 - Rm 132

7:45 - 8:45pm Chancel Choir - Sanc

Thursday, April 4th

7:00 - 8:00pm Praise Band - Sanc

Friday, April 5th

6:30 - 9:30pm CBT setup - Sanc

7:00pm - UMW - CR2

Saturday, April 6th

8:30am - 1:30pm CBT - Sanc & all CR's

9:00am - 3:00pm Craft Fair UMW - FH

Sunday, April 7th

9:00 & 11:00am Services - Sanc

10:00 - 11:00am Pioneer Class - CR1

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

Upcoming News at Mount Zion

***Shepherding Team #7 Is On Call This Week, March 31st through April 6th.** Contact Bonnie Luepkes 301/854-0591.

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 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.

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 or 410-531-2271.

Spring Craft Fair – Saturday, April 6th 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 April 3. We will resume on April 10th. 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 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 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 24, 2019	Worship		Sunday School
<i>Attendance</i>	9:00 am	170	85
	11:00am	56	
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 Luepkas, 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, 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, Bonnie 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, Helen Meredith.*

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

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**

For more information visit us at:

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