

A close-up photograph of a person's hand, wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt, knocking on a dark-stained wooden door. The door has a traditional panel design with a central rectangular panel and four smaller panels in the corners. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the wood and the hand.

July 28, 2019

*Searching,  
Asking  
and Knocking*

**Touching Lives for Jesus Christ**

Mount Zion United Methodist Church  
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## 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Prelude	<i>Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult</i>	Deb Papavizas
Lighting of the Candles		
Welcome & Opportunities to Serve		Rev. Gary Sheffield-James
*Greeting & Opening Prayer		Steve Dennis
Summer Hymn Sing	Three Selections, Two Verses Sung	
*Passing the Peace		
Children's Time		Vacation Bible School
Hymn	<i>Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word</i>	UMH #596, vs 1&2
Sharing of Joys & Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Gary Sheffield-James
The Lord's Prayer		UMH #895
Hymn	<i>Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word</i>	UMH #596, vs 3
God's Tithes and Our Offerings and Gifts		
Musical Offering		Summer Choir
*Doxology		UMH #95
*Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Gary Sheffield-James
*Gospel Lesson	Luke 11:1-13	Steve Dennis
<i>Elementary-age children are invited to the Children's Table at the back of sanctuary.</i>		
Sermon		Rev. Gary Sheffield-James
	<i>"Searching, Asking, and Knocking"</i>	
*Closing Hymn	<i>Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart</i>	UMH #500
*Sending Forth		
Postlude		Deb Papavizas

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### 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

\*Passing the Peace

\*Songs of Celebration — *You, You Are God* and *Chain Breaker*

Children's Time — Vacation Bible School

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*Worship Through Our Giving

\*Offering Music — *The River*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Gospel Lesson — Luke 11:1-13

*Elementary-age children are invited to the Children's Table at the back of sanctuary.*

Sermon – “*Searching, Asking, and Knocking*”

\*Song of Reflection — *Trust In You*

\*Sending Forth

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## 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](http://www.mtzionhighland.com)

**Youth & Children's Sunday School will resume in September.**

**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: July 28 – August 3**

Submit announcements for the following week by noon on Tuesday.

<b>Sunday, July 28</b> 4 pm Hopkins UMC Annual Women's Day /Sanc & Chapel	<b>Wednesday, continued</b> 6 pm Rebuilding Together Inspectors Mtg/CR1
<b>Monday, July 29</b> 10 am Bible Study/CR2 11 am Memorial Service for Rick Johnson/Sanc 7 pm Md Search & Rescue/FH	7:45 pm Chancel Choir/Sanc <b>Thursday, August 1</b> 7 pm Praise Band/Sanc
<b>Tuesday, July 30</b> No Events Scheduled	<b>Friday, August 2</b> 6:30 pm CBT Setup/Sanc
<b>Wednesday, July 31</b> 9:30 am Seated Exercise/Chapel	<b>Saturday, August 3</b> 8:30 am CBT/Sanc & all CRs 2 pm Papavizas/Sanc

**Shepherding Team 8 on call this week, July 28 – August 3.**

Contact Joyce Saunderson.

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

**Please collect your Quarterly Donor Statements** from the West Narthex to save postage! Trouble? See Will Scott, Financial Secretary.

**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 7am before the Pantry opens. This month Deb harvested 65 bags of herbs from our garden!

**Chair Exercise Class** Our last summer class until September will be July 31 at 9:30 am. Text or call Bettye Ames.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Join us September 11 at 10 am. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, text or call 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.

<b>Through Our Presence &amp; Gifts Week Ending Sunday July 21, 2019</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
Attendance	9:00 am 96 11:00 am 59	Youth: 0 Children: 0 Nursery: 0
<b>Financial Summary</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Weekly Receipts	\$14,167	\$8,219
YTD Operating Receipts	\$337,214	\$ 385,842
YTD Operating Disbursements	\$308,693	\$377,374

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

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

**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)

**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](mailto: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:** Rick Johnson, Carol Lindberg, Connie Gull, Bonnie Luepkes, Marcia Marshall, John Pfannenstien, Jack Maloney, Tish Miller, Phillip & Eli Amos, Christy Wnuk-Fink, George Bickerton, Bill Cashmark, the Collatz Family, 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, Merrill Cornell, who passed away on Saturday, July 20, 2019. Judy A. Johnson and family as they grieve the loss of Judy's husband, Rick Johnson, who passed away on 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 Bussnick, 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.

# Upcoming Events

## at Mount Zion United Methodist Church

**August 7, 14, 21, 28 7pm**

**Small Groups committee - Book study**

**Faith Unraveled by Rachael Held Evans**

Wednesdays throughout August at Mad City Coffee in Columbia.

For more information see Debra Leiss

**Sept. 11 - Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am**

If you want to learn to knit or crochet,  
text or call Bettye Ames at 410-227-9257.

**Weekly Services:**

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

**10:10am Sunday School will resume in September**

**Monthly: 3rd Saturday - Food Pantry**

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