

February 24, 2019



Unlimited Love

Touching Lives for Jesus Christ

Mount Zion United Methodist Church

Rev. Gary Sheffield-James, Lead Pastor

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9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Prelude – <i>Prelude In E Flat Major</i>	Deb Papavizas
Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Opportunities to Serve	Gary Sheffield-James
Choral Introit – <i>Blessed Jesus At Thy Word</i>	Chancel Choir
Greeting & Opening Prayer	Shugo Tanaka
*Opening Hymn – <i>How Can We Name a Love</i>	UMH#111
*Passing the Peace	
Children’s Time The Lord’s Prayer	Gary Sheffield-James Led by our Children
Hymn – <i>Surely the Presence of the Lord</i>	UMH#328
Sharing of Joys and Concerns Pastoral Prayer	Gary Sheffield-James
Hymn - <i>Surely the Presence of the Lord</i> God’s Tithes and our Offerings and Gifts	UMH#328
Musical Offering – <i>And Can It Be?</i>	Chancel Ringers
*Doxology	UMH#95
Prayer of Dedication	Gary Sheffield-James
First Lesson – Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Shugo Tanaka
*Gospel Lesson – Luke 6:27-38	Shugo Tanaka
Anthem – <i>Trust In The Lord</i>	Chancel Choir
Sermon – Love – <i>Sometimes It’s Just Plain Inconvenient</i>	Ken Dunnington
*Closing Hymn – <i>Help Us Accept Each Other</i>	UMC#560
Sending Forth	Ken Dunnington
Choral Benediction – <i>Amen</i>	Chancel Choir
Postlude – <i>Processional</i>	Deb Papavizas

Leave to Serve God’s People

*You are invited to stand in heart or posture

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

Come Now Is The Time To Worship – I Want The Joy

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer Led by our Children

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Worship Through Our Giving

Offering Music - *All My Hope*

*Prayer of Dedication

First Lesson – Genesis 45:3-11, 15

*Gospel Lesson – Luke 6:27-38

Sermon – *Love – Sometimes It's Just Plain Inconvenient*

Song of Reflection

Different

*Prayers at the Altar

*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: February 24th ~ March 3rd

Sunday, February 24th

9:00 & 11:00am Services/Sanc

10.00 – 11:00am Pioneer Class/CR1

1:00 – 5:00pm Eagle Scout Honor/FH & Sanc

Monday, February 25th

10:00 – 11:30am Bible Study Group/CR2

7:00 – 9:00pm MSR/FH

Tuesday, February 26th

7:00 – 9:00pm Church Council/CR1

Wednesday, February 27th

9:30 – 11.00am Seat Exercise/Chapel

6:30 – 9:00pm BS Troop 702/FH

6:45 – 7:45pm Chancel Bells/Sanc

7:45 – 8:45pm Chancel Choir/Sanc

Thursday February, 28th

7:00 – 9:00pm Winter Shelter

Meet/CR2

7:00 – 8:00pm Praise Band/Sanc

Friday, March 1st

All Day Educator's Lunch setup/FH

6:30 – 9:30pm CBT setup/Sanc

Saturday, March 2nd

All Day Educator's Luncheon/FH

8:30am – 1:30pm CBT/Sanc & all CR's

Sunday, March 3rd

All Day – Winter Shelter/FH

10:00am One Service only/Sanc.

10:00 – 11:00am Pioneer Class/CR1

11:00am – 12:00pm Mortgage Burning Celebration Lunch/FH

12:00 – 4:00pm Trinity Choir/Sanc

12:00 – 1:00pm Note Burning Ceremony/Outside

Upcoming News at Mount Zion

***Shepherding Team #4 Is On Call This Week, February 24th through March 2nd.** Contact Margaret & Jerry Rose at 301-854-3558.

***Help us have a Souper Sunday on March 3!** We are looking for volunteers to bring a pot of soup for **next Sunday's Mortgage Burning Celebration and Luncheon**. Please email janplant@verizon.net or call Jan at 301-497-6394 if you can provide Chicken Noodle Soup, Vegetable Beef Soup, or a pot of Chili. Salads, Sandwiches, and Cake will also be served.

***Winter Shelter begins MARCH 3!** We have a number of jobs still to fill. The most critical needs are for people to stay overnight on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights and for people to assist Rod Barr running the shelter between 6:30 PM and 9:30 PM most evenings. If you can help, or need more information contact Rod or check the West Narthex this Sunday after either service.

***SAGE Brigade:** Friday, March 8th at Noon we will be enjoying lunch together. Our speaker will be the Register of Wills of Howard County, Mr. Byron Macfarlane. He will be sharing a presentation about the services provided by his office, information on the administration of wills, and more. I have heard from others that this is very interesting and informative presentation. Everyone is invited to join us. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share for lunch. RSVP to Debbie Burgio at 410-531-2271 or debbie.burgio@verizon.net. See you March 8th.

***Apply until Friday March 15, 2019 @ 5pm for the Women's Board Scholarship Program** – Each year, the Women's Board supporters of MedStar Montgomery Medical Center, awards, scholarships to students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in the healthcare field including associate, bachelor's master's and doctorate degrees. Scholarships can range from \$500 – \$4,000. Scholarships may be applied to a student's tuition, room, board, books and fees. Apply online: www.medstarmontgomery.org/scholarship

***The Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominating Committee)** will meet each month 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 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.

***Chair Exercise class** meets Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10. In the event of Howard County Schools closing, or having a 2 hour delayed opening due to weather, chair class will be cancelled. If schools are closed, the church opens at 11. If there is a 2 hour delayed opening, the church opens at 10. Please note we will Not have Chair Class on March 20, March 27, and April 3. Questions? Call or text Bettye Ames at 410-227-9257.

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.

Please pray for the Commission meeting this weekend. A Special Session of the General Conference on Feb. 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis to deliberate and make decisions on the way forward. Please log on the conference website at bwcumc.org for more information.

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.

Members' Family & Friends: Charlene Fitzpatrick, Bea Ball, Kirk Fitzpatrick, 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, Jerry 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, Joe, Gladys Paulock, Pauline Reel, Bob Wagner, Carol Thomas, Quellee & Raclynn Gonzalez, Laura Minnick.

Our Homebound Members: Sharon Reed, Carroll Molesworth, 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.

Announcements Continued...

***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.

***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 new borns.

***Lenten Suppers & Bible Study:** Join us during the Wednesdays of Lent for a Journey through Holy Week, our study guide for these sessions 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. Will begin at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall with a simple supper (at a nominal cost), followed by our study at 6:45 pm. A morning study will also take place at our Monday morning Bible Study and on Wednesdays from 11 am to 12:15 pm.

Pastors Gary and Ken are leading the Wednesday studies only. March 13, 20, 27, 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 let us know that you will be present for supper.

Through Our Presence & Gifts

Week Ending Sunday February 17, 2019	Worship	Sunday School
<i>Attendance</i>	9:00am: 128 11:00am: 50 Total: 178	Adults: 0 Youth: 0 Children: 0 Total: 0
Weekly Receipts	13,298	8,831
Financial Summary as of February 17th	2019	2018
1YTD Operating Receipts	75,876	84,289
YTD Operating Disbursements	67,045	82,203
Operating Surplus (-Deficit)	8,831	2,086
Legacy Summary as of Feb. 3rd	End of Month	Total to Date
Total Campaign Funds Received	650.00	988,061
Transfers: Missions	65.00	90,528
Transfers: Facilities for the Future	65.00	90,528
Mortgage Principal Curtailments	520.00	724,357
Mortgage Loan Balance per UMDF as of 1/08/2019		11,850.00

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

Upcoming Events

at Mount Zion United Methodist Church

March 3-10 - Winter Shelter

Sign up for volunteer opportunities

If you have any questions contact Rod Barr

March 3 - Note Burning Celebration

One Service at 10:00 am

Soup, Salad and Sandwich Buffet

in the Fellowship Hall at 11:15

Mortgage burning outside at 12:15

March 6 - Ash Wednesday Service 7pm

at Hopkins 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

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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