

September 1, 2019

Labor of Love



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. Traditional Service

Gathering Music	<i>Prelude</i>	Chris Fox
Lighting of the Candles		
Welcome & Opportunities to Serve		Rev. Debbie Burgio
*Greeting & Opening Prayer		Shugo Tanaka
Summer Hymn Sing	Three Selections with Two Verses Sung	
*Passing the Peace		
Hymn	<i>Awesome God</i>	TFWS #2040
Sharing of Joys & Concerns		Rev. Debbie Burgio
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Gary Sheffield-James
Hymn	<i>Awesome God</i>	TFWS #2040
God's Tithes and Our Offerings and Gifts		
Musical Offering		Mark Dubbs
*Doxology		UMH #95
*Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Gary Sheffield-James
First Lesson	Philemon 1-21	Shugo Tanaka
*Gospel Lesson	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Shugo Tanaka
<i>Elementary-age children are invited to the Children's Table at the back of sanctuary.</i>		
Sermon	<i>"A Labor of Love"</i>	Rev. Gary Sheffield-James
Song of Preparation	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	UMH #618
The Great Thanksgiving		
The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Closing Song	<i>Help Us Accept Each Other</i>	UMH #560
*Sending Forth		Rev. Gary Sheffield-James
Postlude		Chris Fox

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 – *Lord Reign In Me, Chain Breaker*

Children's Time

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Worship Through Our Giving

*Offering Music – *That's Why We Praise Him*

*Prayer of Dedication

First Lesson – Philemon 1-21

*Gospel Lesson – Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

Sermon – *"A Labor of Love"*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Song of Preparation – *Remembrance (The Communion Song)*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Song – *You Say*

*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 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.

Pioneer Class (Adults) will resume September 22.

Young Adults Class (Young Adults 18 – 35): Staff Conference Room

Drop-In Bible Study: Conference Room 3

Events Schedule: September 1 - 7

Submit announcements for the following week by noon on Tuesday.

Sunday, September 1 12:30 pm Stephen Ministries/CR1	Thursday, September 5 9:00 am Carpet Cleaning/Sanc
Monday, September 2 10:00 am Bible Study/CR2	5:00 pm Preschool Parent Orientation/FH
7:00 pm Md Search & Rescue/FH	7:00 pm UMW/CR2
Tuesday, September 3 2:00 pm Winter Grace/CR2	7:00 pm Praise Band/Sanc
7:00 pm Worship and Arts/CR1	Friday, September 6 8:30 am Preschool Meet & Greet/ Nursery, Classrooms
7:00 pm Finance/CR2	6:00 pm Preschool Parent Orientation/ FH, Classrooms
7:30 pm Mary Martha/Offsite	6:30 pm CBT Setup/Sanc
Wednesday, September 4 9:30 am Seated Exercise/Chapel	Saturday, September 7 8:30 am CBT/Sanc & all CRs
9:30 am Preschool Board/Nursery	2:00 pm Organist/Sanc
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop/FH	5:30 pm CBT/Sanc
6:45 pm Chancel Bells/Sanc	
7:00 pm Adult Ed/Offsite	
7:45 pm Chancel Choir/Sanc	

Shepherding Team 4 on call September 1 - 7. Contact Margaret and Jerry Rose.

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.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry. Join us on Sept. 11 at 10 am. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, text or call Bettye Ames.

The Shepherding Ministry is a wonderful way to reach out and serve others. We provide meals, transportation, calls, cards, and coordination of refreshments after a memorial service. Members can be involved in only one area or all of the ministries. Each of the nine teams has a leader and several members are on-call one week at a time on a revolving system. We would love to have you join us in this deeply rewarding ministry. To learn more, call Betty Cashmark, Lead Shepherd and Team Coordinator.

A collection of left-behind plates, pans, and more are piled on a table in Fellowship Hall. Please claim any item that belongs to you by Sept. 1. We will donate unclaimed items to the Thrift Shop. Thank you, Margaret Rose.

The Educators' Luncheon (60-70 ladies) served by the UMW is coming up on Sept. 14 and I am requesting help for Friday, the 13th, from 1 to 3 pm and on Saturday from 8 - 11 am and 11 am to 2 pm. If you will be willing to help, please email Margaret Rose.

Mt. Zion will re-start our **Sandwiches for the Homeless** outreach at 10 am on Wednesday, Sept. 11, and will thereafter make sandwiches monthly on the second Tuesday. Since we started this mission more than 26 years ago, Mt. Zion has delivered almost 350,000 sandwiches to Martha's Table. Please come by Fellowship Hall to help on any second Tuesday of the month. Set up at 9:15 am, sandwich making at 10 am. Contact Rod Barr.

The Pioneer Class is on vacation until Sept. 22. Please join us Sept. 22 at 10:10 am in Conference Room 1 as we begin an in-depth study of the Old Testament book of Exodus. Bring your Bible or use one of ours. No previous Bible study experience is necessary!

SAGE Brigade. On Friday, Sept. 13, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, Barb Jacques will present Dignity Memorial's *"Your Life, Your Legacy"* seminar. This interactive and informative program addresses the importance of making final arrangements in advance and outlines the steps in the process. While most of us plan for major life events such as weddings, vacations, and retirement, few of us have thought through how we would like our lives to be remembered and celebrated. Losing a loved one is one of life's most stressful events. Prearranging is one of the greatest gifts you can give your family and ensures your final wishes are honored. Come and learn how easy preplanning can be!

Stephen Ministry Retreat at Bon Secours, Oct. 6, 12:30- 5:30 pm. Calling all Stephen Ministers! In lieu of our regular Continuing Education for October, we will have an offsite retreat at Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center, Marriottsville, MD. The program topic is *Self-Care*, led by Barb Jacques. There is no cost to our Stephen Ministry Team, but an RSVP is required by Sept. 18. Lunch and snacks provided. Contact Belinda Norton to register. Those participating in this year's Stephen Ministry Training are also welcome.

The Rick Johnson Missions Fund honors Rick's many varied and major contributions to the Mt. Zion missions program. The fund will be used to support Volunteer In Mission (VIM) trips, such as Camp Hope which involves Mt. Zion youth, with an emphasis on helping Mt. Zion members, family and friends 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 Mullinix. Questions concerning how to apply for a grant of these funds can be referred to Rod, Wayne, or Belinda Norton, Chair of Missions.

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. Rev. Gary Sheffield-James, Chair of Lay Leadership.

September 8 is "Back to Church" @ Mt.Zion. School-Year Children's & Youth Ministries will resume with Kidzone Worship during both services, Sunday School @ 10:10- 10:50 am between services, Trinity Youth Choir @ 5:00 pm and Youth Group from 6:15 - 7:30 pm. We will also be "Blessing the Backpacks" at both worship hours as we celebrate children, young people and teachers embarking on a new year of learning & growth!

Fall Children & Youth Ministry Leadership. Accompanying young people on their journey of discipleship and spiritual growth is some of the most awesome work we get to engage in as the Church. Mt Zion has opportunities for you to answer God's call to serve in ministry with kids through Sunday School, KidZone and Sunday Evening Youth Ministry. Leadership is team-based and schedules are flexible. Contact Carol Wunderlich at youthandchildren@mtzionhighland.com to find out more.

Through Our Presence & Gifts

Week Ending Sunday, August 25, 2019	Worship	Sunday School
Attendance	9:00 am: 140 11:00 am: 55 Total: 195	Adults: 0 Youth: 0 Children: 0
Financial Summary	2019	2018
Weekly Receipts	13,445	8,303
YTD Operating Receipts	387,457	456,090
YTD Operating Disbursements	370,512	449,714

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

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, Connie Kolpack, Nancy Lindquist, Ruby Beaver, Hank Wainwright, Chuck and Laurie Norwood, Sue Powers, Charlene Fitzpatrick, George Stephens.*

Our Homebound Members: *Frieda Youngblood, Eva Bryant.*

Members' Family & Friends: *Stephen Hobbs, Cindi Hobbs, Suzanne, Ginger Woods, Vi Jessee, James Carroll Mc Cranie, Jr, 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, Bob Bacon, Brenda Evers, Ted Evers, 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, Stephen Harrison, the Bryan Family, Jacob. Kirk Fitzpatrick, Kamden Harriott.*

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, Lt. Mitch C.*