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A United Methodist Congregation

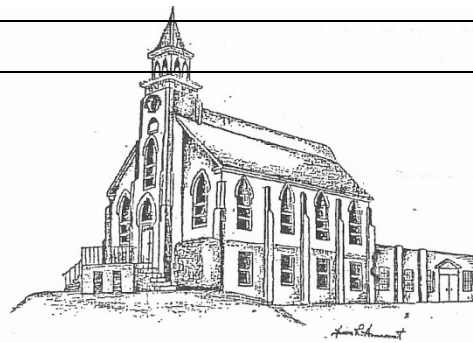
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+The August 2017 Edition+

I love this church!

I love its history and heritage! I love its vision and future!

I love the spirit of Jesus which is in the hearts and lives of our members and friends!

We aren't perfect but we are pressing on to be more

"Christ-like" every day!

I love this church!

+ August + Summer at Mount Zion +

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Sunday worship every Sunday at 9:55 a.m.

Special updated activity bags for small children are available!

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We continue our summer Bible study on the Parables of Jesus.

Read ahead in your own Bible.

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Plan now to worship with us on Mount Zion night at the historic Emory Grove Campgrounds on Sunday evening, August 13th.

More details in this issue!

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Our August Church Newsletter

Is given to the Glory of God!

Presented by Donald Hennessee

In Loving Memory of His Wife Mary Charlynn Hennessee,

His Son, Keith Donald Hennessee

And In Honor of His Son & Wife Robert & Elizabeth Hennessee

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Our appreciation to those who sponsor our monthly newsletter!

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+ AUGUST AT MOUNT ZION +



August Sunday Morning Messages

We continue to learn more about the teachings of Jesus through his use of stories called Parables. Please read ahead.

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Sunday, August 6th

“The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats” Matthew 25.11-32

Guest Mike Ritter

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Sunday, August 13th

“The Parable of the Loving Father and his two Lost/Prodigal Sons”

Luke 15.11-32

Holy Communion will be administered this Sunday! Note the change!

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Sunday, August 20th

“The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builder” Luke 6.46-49

“The Parable of The Lamp on a Stand” Matthew 5.14-15 & Luke 8.16-18

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Sunday, August 27th

“The Parable of the Persistent Widow” Luke 18.1-17

“The Parable of The Pharisee and the Tax Collector” Luke 18.9-14

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Finksburg Night at Emory Grove

Sunday Evening, August 13th

Mount Zion at the 150th Anniversary of Emory Grove

Worship 7:00 p.m. in the Tabernacle in Glyndon. Read about it in this issue!

Join us! Come early and walk around the grounds!

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Important August Mission/Outreach Project

Every member & friend of Mount Zion is reminded of the importance of the

“Back to School” program of the Christian Shepherd’s Staff.

Please read about it on the page in this issue of the church newsletter.

Could you make a donation in some form to help?

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New Large Print Sanctuary Hymn Books Are Coming!

Have problems reading the words in our regular sanctuary hymn-books?

In the very near future we will provide large print hymnals, one in everypew!

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A New Wooden Holy Communion Set is Coming!

In addition to our present Communion set we will soon have another set made out of beautiful wood. We hope to dedicate both the new hymnals and the Communion set in very near future. Watch for more information!

“A Small Church with a Very Big Heart “
The outreach/mission program reaches out locally and beyond!



For many years Mount Zion-Finksburg through the generous financial giving of its many members & friends has supported Christian outreach programs helping those both within our local community and beyond.

At a special summer July meeting of the Church Council we voted once again to support a local school program at Sandymount Elementary School for children and families with school related needs. At the same time we voted again this year to donate \$1,000 from the church education fund to the “back to school program” of The Shepherd’s Staff donating back-packs and other school needs and also supporting the “Shop with a Cop” program helping needy children in the Carroll County area.

After the Baltimore City riots we voted to support the Sharp-Leadenhall Elementary School in Baltimore City. The \$1,000 grant again this year will help provide educational opportunities like field trips for city children. We are very pleased that Vice-Principal Brian Blake will be with us in congregational worship on Sunday morning, August 13th to share briefly about some of the projects made possible last year by our grant.

Barbara Hayes from Mount Zion and Brenda Meadows Executive Director of the Shepherd’s Staff are shown as Barbara presents the check to Brenda on behalf of the Mount Zion congregation.

+ Our Boy Scout Troop Has Openings for Boys +



Our church Rt. 140 sign tells the story. Our Boy Scout Troop #1750 has openings for new boys to sign up. We meet on Tuesday evenings in the church Social Hall at 7:00 p.m. For more information about our Scouting program and the value scouting has for boys please call our Scoutmaster David Yingling 443-340-5578. Bill Tighe, Chair of the Church Trustees represents Mount Zion on the Scout Council.

Tell the scouting story to your children and grandchild and all those in the community. Come and join and fellowship with us.

**+ A Much Needed Repair +
Damaged brick on the front steps and building are repaired!**



Thanks to the financial donations to our new Maintenance/Building Fund we are now doing much needed major repairs on the front steps of the church building (*upper left*) and on several key places on our historic church building. The stones on the left & right front of the building, along with repairs to bricks (*upper right*) on various other locations are now being re-calked. Through the years wear and tear have taken their toll on our building. The Trustees hope that within a week or so we will be able to install new railing on the front steps . Along with financial support for our Operating Budget our Maintenance/Building Fund continue to make much needed major repairs and upgrades.

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+ Our Finksburg Farmers Market +

Our local Finksburg Farmers Market started with the hope that in our growing community we would be able to have a local market for fresh produce and local crafts. We appreciate the leadership of Mark & Diana Fraser in getting this project started. Although we have a lot of growing to do we have made a start. Fresh local produce has been popular. We also have home-made crafts from Bonnie Moores and also from Small Farms Crafts operated by Barbara & Bob Hayes along with Melissa Johnson. Last week R.J Heilman came along with Kathy Rixham to provide local music for those on the church parking lot.



+ In And Around Mount Zion +

Mount Zion Finances for June and part of July!

A Quick Word about Our Financial Foundation

Mount Zion does not have any secret source of funds in which to keep our witness alive in the community. We simply depend directly week by week on the faithfulness of our many friends and members. We give thanks to God for each one of you who take seriously your commitment to your vows and to the ministry, programs and outreach of this congregation.

We need \$2,021.18 every Sunday morning to meet our conservative Operating Budget (Current Expenses.)

In June our average Sunday giving was \$1,890.25

Thus far in July (four Sundays) our average Sunday giving is 2,019.75

The Maintenance/Building Fund received in June \$2,239.00 In July \$1,587.00

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The Power of Prayer + Our Prayer Ministry

Our Mount Zion Prayer Ministry is one of our church foundational blocks of faith. Lives are touched through the power of prayer. We encourage all of our people to pray. We list prayer concerns in our worship bulletin every Sunday morning. We also have "Prayer Warriors" who believe in and practice *intercessory prayer*.

For more information call Barbara Menchey 410-861-8827. Bob Hayes keeps our email prayer list up to date. 410-857-8461. If you know of someone that needs a personal contact from our Pastor please call Rev. Piel 410-751-9049 immediately! If you would like to put someone on the Prayer Chain please call Barbara Menchey.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- (1) Support our United Methodist Women** at Mount Zion by purchasing a \$5.00 shopping pass good at Boscors in Westminster and you will receive 25% off at the store. A wonderful way to support the outreach and mission program of the United Methodist Women and save yourself some money. See Linda King, Judy Piel or Joan Tighe.
- (2) Paws & Pajamas!** Support Girl Scout Troop 1348 in a service project to help the troop earn a Bronze Award. Free list of dog and cat food items needed by the Carroll County Humane Society is at the church in the Social Hall or call Barbara Hayes 410-857-8461 and one will be mailed to you. They are also collecting for the Women's & Children's Shelter pajamas, socks and underwear and plastic containers. They will also receive cash and the Girl Scouts will do the shopping for you.

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The New In-House Mount Zion Church Directory is Now! Available. If you did not get your copy it is available at the church on Sunday or one can be mailed to you simply by contacting our Pastor 410-751-9049 or email julo1@verizon.net. Our thanks to Peggy James for putting this directory together. If you find any omissions or needed corrections please contact Peggy peggyjames08@comcast.net or call her at 410-861-6750. Updates and corrections will appear in the monthly church newsletter.

Mount Zion-Finksburg has been asked to help celebrate the 150 anniversary of the historic Emory Grove Camp Grounds in Glyndon, Md. Mark down Sunday evening, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. Plan to be with us! – Invite a friend to come with you!



Emory Grove is an historic old Methodist Camp Meeting Ground that has held religious services every summer since its beginning in 1868. Yet many of our people don't know about it. This is your opportunity to worship with us and learn more.

Picture above left The entrance gates off Waugh Avenue, picture above right, The historic Emory Grove Tabernacle.

Some of our church musicians along with our Pastor and the evening congregation will have the opportunity to worship in this beautiful out-of-door setting. Plan to come early and walk around the 47 cottages some have been handed down over several generations.

Easy directions: From the Mount Zion Church building go south (toward Reisterstown) on Rt. 140. Take the right turn onto the Reisterstown/Hanover exit and follow Butler Road to the next traffic light. Make a left on Butler Road and follow it into Glyndon. You will go over the bridge, past the Fire House on the left, past the Glyndon UM Church on the right and then turn left onto Waugh Avenue. Follow Waugh Avenue and bear left to the stone pillars that lead into Emory Grove. You can park on the right. Or if you have a problem walking bear left and this will take you directly to the Tabernacle where the worship service will be held. Any problems call 301-351-6689. SEE YOU THERE!

+ Send A Greeting in August +

Did we miss you or a church friend of yours? Let the Pastor know immediately!

August Birthdays. 2 Helen Vogt, 3 Michael Schemm, 6 Laverne Harden, 16 Inez Beckhardt, 16 Tyler Armacost Crock, 20 Nanci Armacost Crock, 21 Bill Muse, 21 Zach Hunter, 25 Ken Bakewell, 28 Bonnie Moores, 30 Chloe Conrad, 30 Dan Armacost, 30 Suzann Carson

August Anniversaries: 20 Tom & Melanie Stranix

Did we miss anyone? If so, call 410-751-9049 or email julo1@verizon.net. Thank you) (Important Note. Who did we miss? We are always trying to keep our listing of birthdays and wedding anniversaries up to date. If we have missed anyone please report it in writing to the Pastor or email him . Thank you.;

CONGRATULATIONS !

The Rose on the Altar on Sunday, July 9th was in recognition of Paige Elizabeth Fazio.



Welcome to the world! + July 6th +Paige!

Paige (upper left) will join her brother Michael and sister Payton in a loving family. Weight 7 lb 3 Oz. to Jeannette (Tighe) Holbert and Nick Fazio. Congratulations! They live at 279 Jenny Drive, in Westminster 21228! Send a greeting!

We offer congratulations on behalf of the Mount Zion Church family to Jeannette, Nick, Michael and Payton and of course,

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WE ALSO CONGRATULATE OUR OWN LORI LESKY (upper right) was one of five recipients in the United States receiving the award from Macy's for outstanding customer service. Among other things she befriended a customer who had suffered loss in her family. She won a three day trip in February to New York City and received various gifts including a photo-shoot and had an interview on what is important for customer service.

Our August Volunteers

Our August Church Newsletter is given to the Glory of God by Don Hennessee in loving memory of his wife Mary Charlynn Hennessee, his son Keith Donald Hennessee and in honor of his son & wife, Robert & Elizabeth Hennessee.

The August Regular Worship Bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Tom & Melanie Stranix in memory of our fallen military veterans.

August Ushers. Substitute Ushers Bobby & Bonnie Graham, Pan Roos, Ruth Pitroff, Sarah Jane Taylor, Mark Fraser, Carlton Gabler, Bruce Carson.

First Sunday Communion Ushers are Doug Bosley, Jim Bosley.

Holy Communion Supplies for August & September are given by Mary Ellen Barnes in memory of her husband Kenny and supplied by the Worship Committee

Our Thanks to those who have signed up to coordinate "after worship refreshments in August & September. See Linda King for more information if you would be willing to simply put out refreshments and clean up following our fellowship time.

The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide for July & August is given by (1) Al & Willa Johnson in loving memory of John Kensinger and Beatrice Johnson and by (2) Ron & Joan Resch in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Our Annual Church-wide Charge Conference will be held on Monday evening, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Carmel UM Church (17036 Pretty Boy Dan Road, Parkton). Our new District Superintendent The Rev. Ann Laprade will preside. We would like as many church members to attend as possible.

Parish Nurse's Corner: Understanding Opioid Abuse



Definition: Opioids are a class of drugs chemically similar to alkaloids found in opium poppies. Historically they have been used as painkillers, but they also have great potential for misuse.

According to CDC: The majority of drug overdose deaths (more than six out of ten) involve an opioid. Since 1999, the number of overdose deaths involving opioids including prescription opioids quadrupled. From 2000 to 2015 more than half a million people died from drug overdoses. 91 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose.

A report, released by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), puts Maryland at the very top of the national list for inpatient care. A state report showed that opioid-related deaths in Maryland had nearly quadrupled since 2010 and overdose deaths have increased 300 percent since 2010. Overdose deaths now outnumber deaths from auto accidents and guns; only heart disease, stroke and cancer account for more deaths. Eight of every 10 drug-related deaths are due to opioids. Prescription opioid drugs now account for more deaths than illicit ones. According to 2016 stats: the devastating impact of the opioid epidemic in Maryland resulted in 2,089 overdose deaths, a 66 percent increase from the year before and opioids account for an average of four deaths per day in the state. June 2017 report of all unintentional deaths by opioid use based in Carroll County jurisdiction:

https://bha.health.maryland.gov/OVERDOSE_PREVENTION/Documents/Maryland%202016%20Overdose%20Annual%20report.pdf

Opioids are those drugs that are made directly from opium such as morphine and codeine. Drugs that are man-made with similar chemical composition are pain medications with a type of opioid drug as the main ingredient such as codeine (Tylenol # 3), oxycodone (OxyContin or Percocet), hydrocodone (Lortab or Vicodin), hydromorphone (Dilaudid), meperidine (Demerol) or fentanyl (Duragesic). Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid pain reliever. It is many times more powerful than other opioids and is approved for treating severe pain, typically advanced cancer pain.

Mechanism of Action: Opioid drugs work by binding to opioid receptors in the [brain](#), spinal cord, and other areas of the body. They reduce the sending of pain messages to the [brain](#) and reduce feelings of pain. Opioids are used to treat moderate to severe pain that may not respond well to other pain medications. Opioids are a powerful respiratory depressant.

Heroin is a powerful opiate drug. It is diluted with other drugs or with sugar, starch, powdered milk, or quinine before injecting, smoking, or snorting. Some of the physical symptoms of heroin are euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils, nausea, and dry mouth.

A heroin overdose causes slow and shallow breathing, blue lips and fingernails, clammy skin, convulsions, coma, and can be fatal.

Treatment for overdose from an opioid drug: Naloxone hydrochloride (Narcan) is a life-saving medication that can stop or reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

Evidence-based medical approach to treating opioid addiction, which is the use of one of three medications — methadone, buprenorphine/Suboxone or Vivitrol — in conjunction with intensive counseling and therapy. Medications replace an [opioid](#), such as [heroin](#), with a longer acting but less euphoric opioid such as [methadone](#) or [buprenorphine](#) which are taken under medical supervision. Where to get help:



Operation Save a Life – Naloxone Training

Operation Overdose Rescue

If you are concerned that you or a loved one is at risk for overdosing on heroin and prescription pain medication, this training is for you.

Naloxone is a prescription medication that reverses an opioid overdose

Classes are FREE, Call 410-876-4800 to register. Class is held 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30-7:30 pm.

Treatment Information:

Carroll County residents with alcohol and/or drug addictions call **410-876-4800** or Access Carroll at **410-871-1478**.

Treatment Facilities

Carroll County Youth Services/dual diagnosis 410-848-2500 + Shoemaker Center 410-876-1990

Catocin Counseling Center Main Street 410-848-9091 + Mountain Manor 410-876-2425

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' Luke 5: 1-6 (NIV)

Lynn M Jones RN

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SUPPORT THE ANNUAL "BACK TO SCHOOL" PROGRAM OF THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF. READ INFORMATION IN THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER ON HOW YOU CAN HELP! THANK YOU!

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Feed Our Goat! Sometimes It Gets Hungry!

Remember every time you go to the grocery store!!

The "most needed" items are: Toilet Paper, powdered laundry detergent (they divide it up into smaller units for distribution), Small sizes of deodorant, shampoo, also trash bags, dish soap, Pine Sol, paper towels, diapers and Pull-ups of all sizes. All items go to the Blessings Closet at the Shepherd's Staff Christian Ministry. Thanks for thinking of others.

Mount Zion has a "long-time special relationship with the Christian outreach called the Shepherd Staff. This award winning outreach program does not receive Federal or State funding. It is up to those who believe that Jesus calls us to reach out to those in need!

Our "goat" receptacle is located just inside the Social Hall door.

Carroll County + Sustainable Communities Program Meeting

What is the + Finksburg Sustainable Community Workgroup?

The Finksburg Sustainable Community Workgroup (Bureau of Comprehensive Planning Carroll County Department of Planning) is (about) 25 selected number of residents including Mark & Diana Fraser and our Pastor who are concerned about the future of our community. It was established by the Carroll County. Mount Zion will host its first meeting on Monday, June 12th from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in our Social Hall. We are proud to be asked to host this important meeting since we are concerned about the community where our congregation has witnessed since 1856.

When was the last time you invited someone To come to worship with you?

New Communion set

New Large Prin Hymnals

We give thanks for those faith members and friends who keep up to date with the financial support of our congregation even if they miss a Sunday morning. The Committee on Finance with the approval of the Church Council has established a very conservative budget yet one that meets the needs of our congregation. *We especially thank those who are faithful in support of Mount Zion which includes those who are retired and those who live away from the church building including those "out of town."* We appreciate your prayers and your support. Worship attendance is important although if the weather is bad give a "second thought" to see if you should go out on the road. If you need to know if we have to cancel a Sunday morning worship service please call 410-751-9049.

"Not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some"

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10.24-25).

The worship of God is not "optional" for believers in the Lord Jesus.

We are called to meet together as "family" to worship God. In our 24/7 society "worship" has often become a second thought. Biblically speaking we are called to "be one in the Spirit" and to be with one another as the "family of faith."

We encourage you to make Sunday worship a vital part of your life.

This is especially true as we move toward summer with so many activities around us. Worship is foundational to our faith.