

The Mount Zion Messenger of Good Tidings

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A United Methodist Congregation

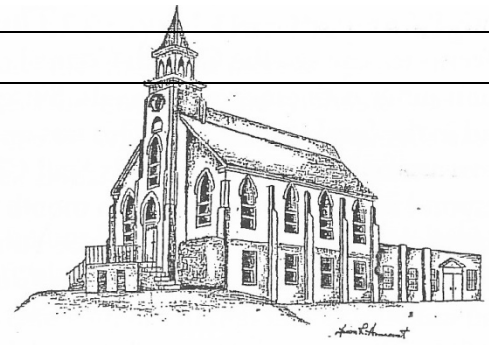
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+The July 2017 Edition+

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!

+ 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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Special music plus both traditional & contemporary worship songs

Summer worship messages

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Spread the "good news!"

Summer is a wonderful time to invite your neighbors, family & friends to come and worship with you.

Our July Church Newsletter

Is given to the Glory of God!

In Loving Memory of Their Mother Anne Armacost

By Her Children

Nanci, Mary Anne, Dan, Jason, Daphne

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Our appreciation to those who sponsor our monthly newsletter!

Interested in sponsoring a monthly newsletter? See or contact our Pastor for more information.

Parish Nurse's Corner: Summer Health Tips

1. **Stay cool and hydrated.** Drink plenty of fluids: avoid alcohol and caffeine. Wear light-colored, light-weight clothing. Use hats with brims and sunscreen for more protection. Stay out of the direct sun. Seek shaded or air conditioned areas such as libraries or malls. Schedule outdoor activities early in the morning when it's cooler and the air quality is better.
2. **Sun Safety:** Protect yourself from exposure to the sun's rays and reduce your risk of sunburn, skin cancer, and heat stress. Apply sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher and both UVA and UVB protection before you go outside, even on cloudy days. Reapply sunscreen after swimming or sweating or after staying outside for more than two hours.
3. **Enjoy Nature's bounty** –Consuming foods that are cooling and light -- fresh fruits, vegetable juices, raw veggies and salads, and lots of water.
4. **Food Safety:** Food-borne illnesses increase in warmer weather. Keep food safe during cookouts and picnics by handling, preparing, and cooking it properly.
5. **Time for vacation:** This is the season to slow down and absorb the light that stimulates your hormonal message center. Summer vacations outside the United States may require or recommend certain shots. Travel clinics can get properly immunized: check CDC website.
6. **Nutritional supplements** can support you with a greater amount of physical energy, enhancing your summer activities. The B-complex vitamins are calming to the nervous system and helpful for cellular energy production, while vitamin C and the other antioxidants protect your body from stress, chemical pollutants, and the biochemical by-products of exercise.
7. **Swim Safely:** Swimming is a great way to beat the summer heat and it is a fun way to get exercise. Never swim alone. Even experienced or strong swimmers might need help. Do not leave young children or non-swimmers unattended. Encourage children and other non-swimmers to use life jackets or other approved flotation devices.
8. **Prevent exposure to bug bites:** Lyme disease: Ticks are most active in late June and early July. Prevent Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses by avoiding ticks and tick bites. West Nile Virus: Mosquitoes are most active in the summer months. Protect yourself against West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses by using bug spray with DEET.

“Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.” Song of Songs 2:12-13 New International Version

Lynn M Jones RN

This summer please support our “new” Finksburg Farmers Market every Saturday morning, on the church parking lot From 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m. Let’s make this new start a “go!” Call Diana or Mark for more information 410-871-3214.

Carroll County + Sustainable Communities Program Meeting

The work group met for the first time on Monday evening, June 12. Mount Zion served as the host for the meeting and Judy Piel graciously provided a variety of tasty snacks and refreshments.



The planning staff of Carroll County government and the Finksburg Planning and Citizens Council (FPACC) invited representatives of Mount Zion Church and local area businesses to participate in a work group to apply for Finksburg to be designated as a Maryland Sustainable Community. Nokomis Ford, Planning Technician, and Andrea Gerhard, Comprehensive Planner, both from Carroll County government, led the meeting.

Pastor Lou attended as a representative of Mount Zion. Bonnie Moores, representing Dan's Body Shop, Diana Fraser, representing the FPACC Board, Mark Fraser, and Guest Cliff Yingling also attended. Other attendees included local business owners, other members of the FPACC Board, and several representatives of the Carroll County government.

The Sustainable Communities Program is an initiative of the State of Maryland that offers various benefits to designated communities. The program seeks to improve the quality of life in designated communities by offering a toolbox of financing programs and tax credit incentives. There is no downside to the Sustainable Communities designation – it does not limit business or property owners in any way – and it can help provide partial funding for various projects. Once designated, businesses and residents in a small area of Finksburg (a 600-acre region surrounding the old village of Finksburg) would be able to access a variety of state programs including:

- Support for projects that make the community more attractive to businesses
- Grants for renovation, energy efficiency, and acquisition for public benefit
- Support for businesses, including job creation tax credits
- Homeowner incentives to reduce vacancies
- Green improvements, lighting, streetscapes, and signage
- Strategic demolition of derelict buildings
- Financing to rehabilitate older properties

The work group has been asked to assist with elements of the application, including quality of life, economy, transportation, and housing issues, and coming up with ideas for improving the community over the next five years. The group will meet at least monthly until the application is submitted.

(Our thanks to Diane Fraser for taking these notes for our church newsletter)

Our Community Service Fund

Established by our Church Council over eight years ago, this emergency fund has helped many people both within our congregation and in the community with emergency needs. Thank you to everyone who supports this fund and reaches out beyond themselves to help others in need.

Our July Volunteers

Our July Church Newsletter is given to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of their mother Anne Armacost by her children, Nanci, Mary-Ann, Dan, Jason and Daphne.

The July Regular Worship Bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Bill Tighe in honor of his wife Teresa, my soul mate.

July Ushers. Doug Bosley, 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 July & August 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 July & August. 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.

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

+ Send A Greeting in July +

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

July Birthdays. 1 Joan Tighe, 5 Jeff Fitzwater, 8 Eric Tighe, 13 Adam Crock, 19 Peggy Wade, 22 R.J. Hileman, 23 Clifford Yingling, 254 Shirley Cox, 28 Barbara Diaz, 29 I.M. Duck, 30 Doug Bosley, 30 Lisa Canterbury, 30 Peggy Norris, 31 Virginia Hoy, 31 Beverly Stansbury.

July Anniversaries: July 26 Doug & Peggy Bosley

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.;

Thank You! For Our after worship fellowship coordinators!

We thank those of you who accept the responsibility of being a Sunday morning "coordinator!"

Important! After Worship Fellowship. *Please remember that if you are a "coordinator" at "After worship refreshments" you do not have to bring food. Simply do two things. (1) Put out the food we have on hand and (2) Clean up after the fellowship time.*

The Following People have agreed to be coordinators (Thank You!), Sunday, June 25 Lynn & Dwight Jones and Mary-Ellen Barnes, for the month of July, Sunday, July 2 Linda King, Sunday, July 9th Judy Piel & Nancy Cross, Sunday, July 16 Joan Tighe, Sunday, July 23 Bonnie Graham & Joyce Iglehart, Sunday, July 30 NO ONE.

To sign up for the month of July and August please call Linda King 410-848-8413.

Going on Vacation? Bring back a worship bulletin from where you visited!!

**During the summer months
.....your worship attendance and
.....your faithful financial support of Mount
Zion is very important!**

Congratulations!

Our congratulations to Hunter McFadden

On his graduation from Westminster High School

He plans to attend the College of Charleston in South Carolina

Our greetings and congratulation to a very fine young man!

Did You Know?

Did you know that Mount Zion has been invited to lead the Emory Grove Camp Meeting in Glyndon on Sunday evening, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the tabernacle? This is the 150th anniversary of his historic Methodist Camp Meeting Grounds just off Butler Road. (Take Rt. 140 south and get off at the Reisterstown exit – make a left on Butler Road and follow into Glyndon and turn left on Waugh Avenue and follow through the stone gates into Emory Grove). Please put the date on your calendar and plan to attend this “out of doors” worship time. We are looking about having a church picnic right before the worship service so keep in touch.

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 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.

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DID YOU KNOW? Did you know that Mount Zion is one of the places parents and children can register for “Back to School Supplies” from the Shepherd’s Staff program of Carroll County? Free back to school supplies and much more! Registration dates are Saturday mornings July 8th and 15th inside the Social Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Pick up is in August at the church. Please pass this information on to families that you know who might be interested in this very find outreach program. There is no cost for children to register.

**1856 + Anniversary Sunday + 2017
THE ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL OFFERING**

Up To Date as of Sunday, June 25, 2017 (You can still contribute)

Where Does My Anniversary Sunday Special Offering Go?

Originally this special offering was called our “Sabbath Offering” and it went to support our “Sabbath School” or what we now call the Sunday school. It is really a special offering to support Christian Education both at Mount Zion and in our growing community.

It has supported special mailings to our young people who live away from home providing both monthly newsletters & worship bulletins along with Christian materials, the filling of the “worship bags” for younger children in congregational worship with worship activities, the support of our annual Women’s Breakfast Fellowship (guest speaker) and our annual Men’s Prayer Breakfast (guest speaker), Christian materials like the recent “Holy Communion & United Methodists” brochure handout, Advent/Christmas/Lent/Easter seasonal congregational handouts, supplementary financial help for congregational reading/study books, financial support of The Shepherd’s Staff “back to school” program for needy children, support of a fund at our local SandyMount Elementary School to help children in need, after the Baltimore City riots support of the Sharp-Lendenhall city special-education city school for library books, and the list goes on and on.

You can still contribute to this annual special educational offering!
Every dollar you give supports the Mount Zion
educational Christian ministry.

Mary-Ellen Barnes in memory of loved ones past and present.

Charles Jr. & Inez Beckhardt in honor of Charles’ 80th birthday June 16, 2017

Evelyn Biden in memory of her husband J. Randle and her son Gary Lee.

Clarence Bosley in memory of his wife Nancy Bosley.

James F. Bosley, Jr. in memory of his parents Frank & Hilda Bosley.

Charles and Virginia Harvey in memory of the Bowen Family.

Bruce and Suzann Carson in loving memory of her father Gordon Harden, Sr.

Nanci Armacost Crock, Tyler, Adam and Amanda in loving memory of Anne Armacost, Ed Armacost, Eddie Armacost, and in honor of Nora Gabrielle Crock.

Tyler Armacost Crock in memory of Ed & Anabelle Armacost and their son Eddie Armacost.

Nancy Cross in loving memory of her husband Charlie Cross.

Ted Frantum in loving memory of his wife Kay Frantum.

Bobby & Bonnie Graham to the Glory of God.

Laverne Harden in honor of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Wm. Donald Hennessee in loving memory of his wife Charlynn Hennessee and his son Donald Keith Hennessee.

R.J. & Vicki Hileman to the Glory of God.

Visa Houseknecht in honor of Jim & Janet.

Bill & Virginia Hoy to the Glory of God.

Peggy James in honor of her granddaughters Aria Ravyn Wood and Talia Ember Wood.

The Jones Family, Dwight and Lynn to the Glory of God.

Linda King to the Glory of God.

Gene and Coral Kipe in memory of Bill & Catherine Wagner

Rob and Elizabeth Kirby in memory of loved ones.

Becky and Jerry Knop in honor of our grandchildren Kirstin, Jordan, Trevor, Sarah, Garrett, Mica, Mya and Mikey.

Barbara Menchey in loving memory of her husband Donald E. Menchey.

Dan and Bonnie Moores in memory of Raymond Martin, Robert Martin and Jack Moores.

Bill and Millie Muse in memory and honor of the Muse Family.

Thelma Otto in memory of her son Chuck Otto.

Bea Patz to the Glory of God.

Jane Phenicie to the Glory of God.

Lou & Judy Piel in memory of their parents Roland & Martha Piel, Harry & Valarie Boyd, and in honor of their children Chris & Elizabeth Piel and grandchildren Emma & Rebekah.

Grace Pipes in loving memory of Rev. Dr. Buddy R. Pipes, former Pastor of Mount Zion.

Ruth Pitroff in loving memory of her parents, Clifton & Flora Flora.

Lois Pulket in memory of her grandson Brandon Peele.

Kathy Rixham to the Glory of God.

Evelyn A. Schaeffer in memory of her parents, Charles & Leona Armacost and sister Louise K. Armacost.

George & LaDonna Schemm in loving memory of our parents.

The Stahl Family to the Glory of God.

Tom and Melanie Stranix in honor of our military veterans.

Sarah Jane Taylor to the Glory of God and in memory of her husband Bob.

Bill and Teresa Tighe in memory of Loved Ones.

William and Teresa Tighe in honor of Joan Tighe, “the glue that holds our family together.”

Peggy Wade to the Glory of God in memory of loved ones.

Clifford Yingling in loving memory of his wife Claretta Yingling.

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*The goal of this years Anniversary Educational Offering was \$3,000.00
To date we have raised \$3,600.00 + We give thanks to God for you!*

Our New Finksburg Community Farmers Market is Open!

As we go to press, on two Saturday mornings on our church parking lot we have the start of what we hope will continue – our own Community Farmers Market. From fresh produce from Diana & Mark’s gardens, to another local farmer, to creative crafts from Melissa Johnson & Barbara Hayes to Shortcake’s (Bonnie Moores) handmade creations we have a wonderful start. Please stop by on a Saturday morning (open all summer) every Saturday morning from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m. For more information call Diana or Mark at 410-871-3214.



Please 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.

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.

Celebrating 161` Years of Faithful Service to our Lord and to our Community!

Anniversary Sunday, June 11th

Guest Speakers: April Jones *“The Faithful Servant,”* Lynn Jones *“Remembering an Anniversary.”*

David Scott *“The Future of the Church and the None’s.”* Nanci Crock shared some history moments and Linda King & Jerry Knop along with our church choir shared in the worship service.



A meaningful worship service featuring new musical words to familiar tunes, and the “Old Timers” sharing musical songs. Our traditional Anniversary Luncheon featured wonderful foods brought by worshippers and coordinated by Joan Tighe and many others. Kathy Rixham who coordinates our church web page invites everyone to check out the messages from our three speakers which you will find along with other church information on www.mountzion-umc.org. A special thanks to those who supported our annual Anniversary Sunday educational offering.

Anniversary Sunday of Long Ago!

Anniversary Sundays of long ago were quite different then they are now. Women wore hats, white gloves, hose and high heels to church. Children wore their “Sunday Best.” Men wore suits and ties. In the pews of the sanctuary were hand-held fans as there were no air conditioners. Bea Patz (Tuti Crum) and Dolly (Tingler) Norris shared memories they had on Anniversaries at Mt. Zion M. Church. Dolly’s parents (Ralph & Lenda Tingler) had a dozen church newsletters they had saved over the years, My Aunt, Ellen Taylor, was the Editor and Anne Armacost had written about the Anniversary Sunday of June 21st 1964. This was celebrating our 95th Anniversary. Carroll Hetrick was our pastor at that time. Dr. Harry Denman of the Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church (from Nashville, Tennessee) was the guest speaker. There were two services back then, one at 10:30 a.m. and one at 2:30 p.m. Dr. Denman spoke at both services that day.

The wooden lit cross, in the front of the sanctuary was dedicated that morning. Mr. & Mrs. W. Martin donated the velvet behind the cross and Mr. Edwin Armacost made and erected the cross. This was done in memory of Mr. Cover Stocksdale.

The “Little” (children’s) Choir consisted of ten girls and one boy. They sang “So Does God, Our Father” and “Somebody’s Knocking at My Door” and “I want to be a Christian.” These choirs or groups sang at the first service.

The Adult Choir sang at both services. The song “I have found My Lord” was first, followed by “His Mercy Endured” and “Open My Eyes” at the latter service.

The Teen Choir offered “Hear Thou Our Prayer” and “Ride the Chariot” accompanied by Bobby Warehime, Jr. on the piano. The morning service piece was “His Glory Shines Through.” There was a Men’s Chorus back then in 1964 and they led the congregation in “How Great Thou Art.”

Sheelley (Armacost) Ruby sang “The Lord’s Prayer,” accompanied by Doris Armacost. The first service was entitled “Fathers” and the second service was entitled “Self.”

There was a wonderful luncheon served in the Social Hall between the two services.

Respectfully Submitted By Mary-Ellen (Gassman) Barnes

The next two meetings for the Finksburg Sustainable Community Workgroup have been scheduled for July and August.

The meeting for July is scheduled for July 10th 7-9.

The Meeting for August is scheduled for August 21st 7-9.

Both of these meetings will be at Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Finksburg.

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Mount Zion Finances at the End of May

+ *We Had Two low offering Sundays in May but we are still ahead for the year +
On two "low-financial giving Sundays we fell \$1,792.04 below our weekly need*

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

In May our average Sunday giving was \$1,685.50

(We are still ahead of our weekly need by \$1,162.54)

The Maintenance/Building Fund received in May \$1,732.00

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.

Even If You Are Not Responsible for After Worship Refreshments, please bring something for" light" after worship refreshments. A bag of chips, pretzels, crackers/cheese, soft drinks. We depend on snack donations! Make a financial donation for the cost of coffee and paper supplies.

Please tell me about the "new" Maintenance/Building Fund

The FIRST thing is that we have a new name for the fund. It is now called our Maintenance/ Building Fund. This reflects better the maintenance/repair work that is on-going at Mount Zion. SECOND, is that we have been blessed with the financial support of our many members and friends of Mount Zion.

"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.