

## ***The Mount Zion Messenger of Good Tidings***

**Mount Zion Church + Finksburg, Md. + Since 1856**

*A United Methodist Congregation*

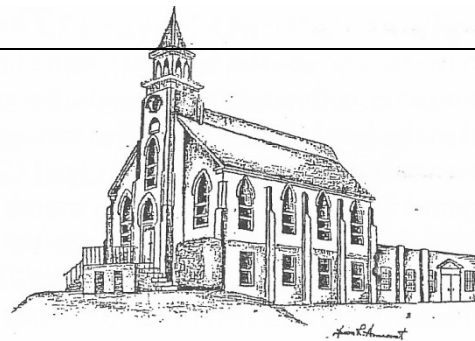
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**+The June 2017 Edition+**

*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!*

## **+ June is a good time to come Home!**

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**Coming! Coming! Coming!**

**+ Celebrate the Day of Pentecost +**

**The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Wear Red)**

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 9:55 a.m. (Holy Communion)**

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**+ Our Annual Anniversary Sunday Worship & Celebration +**

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 9:55 a.m.**

**Stay for Anniversary Lunch! (See Inside)**

### **Our June Church Newsletter**

*Is given to the Glory of God!*

**By Jean Boucher**

**In Loving Memory of her Husband Abbot**

**And In Honor of Her Children Bryant & Grace**

**Sally & Mike and Bruce & Vicky**

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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.*

**At Mount Zion we take seriously the call of Jesus**

**"To go into all the world" spreading God's amazing love.**

**Thank you for supporting "Feeding our Goat" month after month and also**

**Your faithful support of our Community Service Fund which has helped many both in the church congregation and in the local community.**

## **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.

### **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.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **What is the + Finksburg Farmers Market?**

Our Church Council has given the “go-ahead” to Mark Fraser to look into establishing a local Finksburg Farmers Market. Other communities during the spring and summer have this type of market. Mark said our “mission statement” would be that it would offer a community gathering place that would (1) supports our local famers and craft people by providing a place to sell their produce and products (2) provide the community access to fresh local food and specialty products at a reasonable price and (3) promotes revitalization of the old Finksburg Village.

This is a major undertaking.

IMPORTANT! If you would have produce to sell or know of someone who does or if you have craft items, cards, and items to staff a table PLEASE call Mark at 410-871-3214.

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### **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 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the tabernacle? This is the 150 anniversary of his historic Methodist Camp Meeting Grounds just off Butler Road. 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.

**Pentecost**  
**“Celebrating the Gift of the Holy Spirit**

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> with Holy Communion**

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“When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them and a tongue rested on each one of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them ability.”

Acts of the Apostles 2

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**You are encouraged to worship with us as we celebrate the third “person”  
of the Trinity – the Holy Spirit!**

**A meaningful worship experience along with the “breaking of bread”**

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**Celebrating 161 Years + 1856-2017**

**ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY AT MOUNT ZION**

**“Let’s fill the church sanctuary on this very special day!”**

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> Worship 9:55 a.m.**

**Followed by our traditional “Anniversary Sunday luncheon**

**+ Wonderful celebration music! +**

**Guests to Share**

**April Jones, Vice-Principal Arbutus Middle School (Baltimore County)**

**Lynn Jones, Registered Nurse and active at Mount Zion**

**David Scott, Department of Defense, Military Delegation to NATO, Active Churchperson**

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**You are invited to stay for the special yearly luncheon (free)**

**If you would like to bring something for the luncheon call Joan Tighe 410-751-3868**

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**Watch for the special Mailing next week!**

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**You Are Encouraged**

**To support**

**The Annual Church-Wide special offering in support of the Educational Program  
of Mount Zion.**

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**Invite someone to worship with you, family, friends, neighbors.....**

## IN AND AROUND MOUNT ZION-FINKSBURG

### + Send A Greeting in June +

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

**June Birthdays.** 4 Emily Armacost, 6 Doris Brandenburg, 14 April Beall, 15 Joyce Iglehart, 15 Mark Lesky, 16 Charles Beckhardt, 19 William Stahl, 26 Shaylee Beall, 27 Logan Beall, 30 Riley Kirby, 30 Michael Holbert.

**June Anniversaries: None Listed.**

*Did we miss anyone? If so, call 410-751-9049 or email [julo1@verizon.net](mailto: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!) for the month of June. June 4 Bonnie Graham & Joyce Iglehart, Anniversary Sunday June 11 (Sign up today), Sunday, June 19 Father’s Day Ladies of the Congregation to bring something, Sunday, June 16 Lynn & Dwight Jones.

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

**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.*

### The Finksburg Cemetery Committee

Members of the Finksburg Cemetery Committee are reminded of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee on Monday evening, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Sunday school room. For more information please call Sam Mann 443-789-9732. We need a good turnout at this annual meeting.

### Celebrating Pentecost and the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Without the Holy Spirit:  
God is far away  
Christ stays in the past  
The gospel is a dead letter;  
The Church is simply an organization;  
Authority is a matter of domination;  
Mission is a matter of propaganda;  
The liturgy no more than an evocation;  
Christian living a slave mentality.

(Bishop Ignatius of Latikion at a Council of Churches meeting at Upsala)

## **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.



**THIRD**, the pictures on the left & below. Major work on the front of the church around our 1897 foundation that was leaking. This was the first time many of our people saw the “original” foundation. Dwight “DJ” Jones (Trustee) is shown holding the “time capsule” that was buried when the foundation was uncovered. Ask Dwight when it will be uncovered. Bruce Carson along with many of our Trustees continues to save the church a lot of money by doing some of the work ourselves. We love our church volunteers! Thank you!



### **+ Other Maintenance Work that is Planned to Be Done In the Near Future +**

New handrails will be installed this spring/early summer along the front steps of the church where construction has taken place. We will also point up many of the bricks on the front of the church building (a long term project) where the cement has come out through the years. On the inside of the church along the interior steps leading from the Social Hall to the Sanctuary we plan to take out the bad/rotten wood and replace it with painted wall-board which should make the steps brighter and even safer. For more information on future plans (and there are many) please call Bill Tighe, Chairperson, Trustees 443-677-2150. Thanks to everyone who supports these important projects.

## **“Springfest” begins the months of Spring at Mount Zion!**

After months of planning we held our first “Springfest” at the church on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. From Mother’s Day crafts for children, to fun bingo, to wonderful vendors, to kitchen cooked food, a visit from the Carroll County Sheriffs Department, and the list goes on. Even rain showers could not stop the day!



Pictures only tell part of the story. Peggy James (one of the coordinators) provided Mothers Day crafts for the children. Diana & Mark Fraser was just one of the many vendors that sold produce along with crafts and some of the most creative “greeting cards” you will ever see. Joyce Mirfin (center-one of the coordinators-along with her daughter who also was a coordinator ) is shown with Brenda Meadows and Velma Green from the Shepherd’s Staff which benefitted in the amount of \$770.00.



### **“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.

**+ In and Around Mount Zion +**

**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.

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**Our Pastor will be attending the 233<sup>rd</sup> session of the United Methodist Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference from Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel (Woodley Road) in Washington, D.C. This is the oldest conference in American Methodism dating back to the Christmas Conference held in Baltimore in 1784. Please extend your prayers for this annual gathering of both laity and clergy.**

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**Our June Volunteers**

**Our June Church Newsletter** is given to the Glory of God by Jean Boucher in loving memory of her husband Abbot and in honor of her children Bryant & Grace, Sally & Mike and Bruce & Vicky.  
**The June Regular Worship Bulletins are given to the Glory of God** by Thelma Otto in loving memory of her son Chuck Otto + And those members and friends of Mount Zion who have put a strong spiritual foundation under our congregation through the years as we celebrate another church Anniversary Sunday, 1856-2017 – 161 years!  
**June Ushers.** Kathy Rixham & Don Hennessee. 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.  
**Our Thanks** to those who have signed up to coordinate "after worship refreshments in June & July See Linda King for more information if you would like to simply put out refreshments and clean up following our fellowship time.  
**The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide for May & June** is given by (1) George & LaDonna Schemm in Memory of our Parents, (2) By Bruce & Suzann Carson in Honor & Memory of our Parents and (3) Becky & Jerry Knop in loving Memory of Duane F. Fuller.  
**Holy Communion Supplies for May & June** are given by Mary Ellen Barnes in memory of her husband Kenny and supplied by the Worship Committee

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