

The Mount Zion Messenger of Good Tidings

Mount Zion Church + Finksburg, Md. + Since 1856

A United Methodist Congregation

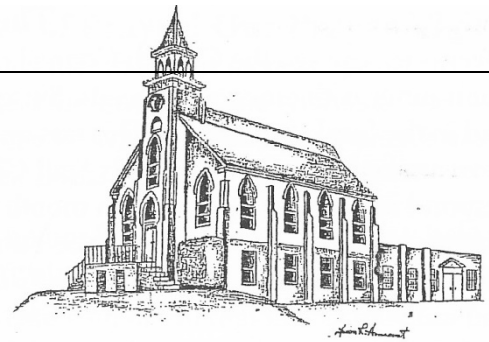
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+The May 2017 Edition+

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!

+ Come Home! For May! +

+ Celebrate the Holy Communion with Us ! +

Sunday, May 7th 9:55 a.m. Worship

+ Celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home & Mother's Day +

Sunday, May 14th

A Special gift for all women in worship

+ Celebrate with the Fair Mountain Bluegrass Band in Worship +

Sunday, May 21st. Worship 9:55 a.m.

John Bosley, Linda Hale, Ted Phillips, Chuck Hatfield

A special Sunday with faith based "Bluegrass Music"

+ Sunday, May 28th Memorial Day Weekend +

The Ascension of Jesus Sunday and also *We Pause to Remember* on this special weekend.

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Coming! Coming! Coming!

Celebrate the Day of Pentecost – The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Wear Red)

Sunday, June 7th

Our Annual Anniversary Sunday Worship & Celebration – Stay for lunch!

Sunday, June 14th

Our May Church Newsletter

Is given to the Glory of God!

By Becky & Jerry Knop

In Loving Memory of Duane F. Fuller

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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.

**+ Celebrating Easter at Mount Zion +
With Resurrection Flowers
Easter Day 2017**

Presented by George & Pat Beck in Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. George & Florence Beck and Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Helen Bender.

Presented by Marc Binkley & Robin Hadel in memory of Jean & Harry Binkley and Daughter Katie Ann Hadel

Presented by Clarence Bosley in honor of Chloe Conrad and in memory of Nancy Bosley

Presented by Jim Bosley in memory of Franklin & Hilda Bosley

Presented by Bruce & Suzann Carson in honor of Laverne Harden and in memory of Alex & Margaret Carson and Gordon K. Harden

Presented by Nancy Cross in memory of Charlie Cross, Hattie Heffler, Judy Fendlay and Dorothy Granese

Presented by Ted Frantum in memory of Katherine Frantum

Presented by Mark & Diana Fraser in honor of Bill & Mary Flury and in memory of Robert & Nancy Fraser

Presented by Laverne Harden in memory of Gordon K. Harden, Sr.

Presented by Donald Hennessee in honor of son & wife Robert & Lisa Hennessee and in memory of Wife Mary Charlynn, and Son Donald Keith Hennessee

Presented by Joyce & Karen Iglehart in memory of Isaac Iglehart, and Brent & Bernice Sauter

Presented by Linda King in honor of sons and grandsons

Presented by Becky & Jerry Knop in honor of Dana M. Fuller Ostrow

Presented by Al & Willa Johnson in memory of Bea Johnson and John Kensinger, Jr.

Presented by Ray & Joyce Lowe in memory of Ella Lowe and Lawson & Arlene Hammond

Presented by Chris Piel in memory of Brenda Luesing, Angela Kelly, Lyndsey Hockett, and James Hockett and in honor of Debbie & Jimmy Hockett and family, Craig Luesing, Suzanne & Christina Moscati

Presented by Judy & Lou Piel In memory of our Parents, Harry & Nan Boyd and Roland & Martha Piel and in honor of our Children, Chris & Elizabeth and Grandchildren Emma & Rebekah.

Presented by Bill & Teresa Tighe in memory of Rita & Bud Wetzel, Bill & Sharon Mullinex, John & Frank Tighe and Cass Rosenstock

Presented by Clifford Yingling in memory of Claretta Yingling

SPRING FEST

Food K-9

Benefit Shepherd's Staff

MAY 6 10:00 – 2:00

Mt. Zion Parking Lot & Indoors

Vendors
Flea tables

Adults



Adults

11:00 – 12:30



Arts & Crafts for Kids!!
Make Mom a present for
Mother's Day

Games! Games!
At the Activity Tent

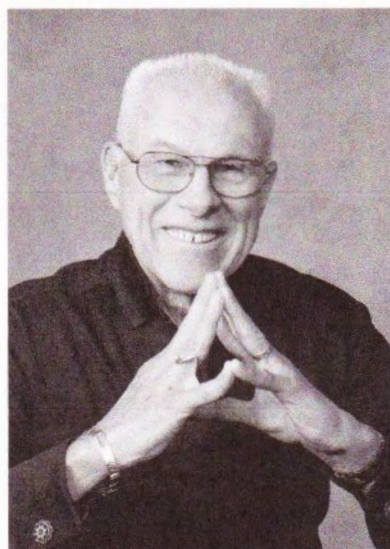
FOR KIDS

FREE!

Magic Show

12:30

The Magic of
Roger Lindsay



Music by.....
RJ the DJ
All Day

BRING YOUR KIDS, GRANDKIDS & GREAT- GRANDKIDS!!!

Important Reminder to the MEN of Mount Zion!

Men! You are reminded that “Mother’s Day” is fast approaching (Sunday, May 14th) and the men of Mount Zion always take responsibility for the “after worship refreshments.” We encourage each man that morning to share. PLEASE coordinate what you are going to bring with one of our “coordinators.” Call Charles Beckhardt 410-833-6881, or Carlton Gabler 410-876-9181 or Dwight Jones 410-861-8464. The women of Mount Zion look forward to the amazing variety of food items provided for Mother’s Day. Let’s not disappoint them this year. Plan now! Plan ahead!

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OUR NEW MOUNT ZION CHOIR ROBES AND ACCESSORIES. On Easter morning our church choir wore their new choir robes. Thanks to the support given to the choir under the direction of Leslie Gabler we were able to “retire” our old robes with new ones. The picture on the left does not do

justice to the choir in their new robes. Our special thanks to Suzann Carson who helped coordinate this effort and to Barbara Menchey who hand-made the stoles which are now in the colors of the various church seasons and to Virginia Hoy who embroidered each stole with a Christian symbol that matches the season.

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The Women of Mount Zion & Guests Gather for Spring Breakfast Fellowship

On Saturday morning, April 22nd nearly twenty-women of the congregation and their guests gathered in the Social Hall for a light breakfast and fellowship. The guest speaker was Diane Macklin, (*see pictures below, Diane on the lower left and some of the ladies at table lower right*), a professional story teller who delighted the audience with her ability, wit and enthusiasm. We heard comments that “she was wonderful – invite her back again!” We are looking to have another women’s fellowship breakfast in the fall of this year along with the annual Women’s Fellowship Breakfast sponsored by our United Methodist Women in Advent. Our special thanks to Linda King who helped coordinate the program, Judy Piel, Joan Tighe and others who provided support and labor. Also our appreciation to those who planned the morning, set up tables and chairs, provided the morning breakfast food and cleaned up.

Let’s do it again!



Where Does My Money Go?

We are grateful and give thanks to God for a fine Committee on Finance and a very committed Board of Church Trustees.

One of the reasons that “dollar for dollar” the money you give to Mount Zion goes a long way is because we have many dedicated volunteers who accept the responsibility for the church of Jesus the Christ. They donate hours and hours of volunteer labor. Match those hours with your financial support and it is “amazing what we can do together!”

One example is the work now currently underway to stop the water leak from the front exterior of the church building into our foundation. Take a look at the picture *lower right* and you will see stones from the original building foundation that have not been seen for over one-hundred years. Through the years water will find a way and it has. Before more damage is done thanks to those of you who support our “*maintenance/building fund*” we are going to fix the leaks. The Trustees took the lead and supported by the Church Council received estimates on waterproofing the foundation and make a decision to move ahead.

Over the past eight to ten years we have made regular improvements to our historic church building. When the water-proofing is completed we will repair some of the step concrete and add new railing along the steps and building.

Although we “love” and “value” our historic building and our rich heritage that dates back before the American Civil War, we fully realize that our Christian “hope” and “salvation” does not lie in a building no matter how important it might be.



Through congregational worship, educational and fellowship opportunities we continue to grow in the faith. Our faith is constantly challenged by a changing culture and the fact that we live in a 24/7 society. But we take our faith seriously and realize that with God we can face the days ahead.

We look back and appreciate the sacrifices who went before us have made. With hope in God we look forward to the future! This is a “living” congregation!

Thanks be to God!



IN AND AROUND MOUNT ZION-FINKSBURG

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.

+ Send A Greeting in May +

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

May Birthdays. 1 Roger Bicksler, 3 Walter Diaz, 4 Lori Lesky, 6 Millie Muse, 8 George W. Schemm, 9 Tracy Yingling, 13 Michele (Mikie) Conrad, 16 Matthew Yingling, 18 Chris Canterbury, 30 David Yingling.

May Anniversaries:4 Dwight & Lynn Jones, 5 Aaron & Erin Stahl, 16 Bill & Teresa Tighe, 19 Bruce & Suzann Carson, 21 Bill & Millie Muse, 28 Charles & Inez Beckhardt,

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!) for the month of May. Sunday, May 7th NO ONE. Sunday, May 14th Mother’s Day – The Men of Mount Zion – Contact Coordinators Charles Beckardt, Carlton Gabler, Dwight Jones, Sunday, May 21st NO ONE, Sunday, May 28th NO ONE.

To sign up for the month of May 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.*

You Can Still Turn In your 2017 Lenten/Easter box whenever you desire. Every dollar given supports our outreach by purchasing food voucher gift cards for a person or family in need. If you did not get a box please call 410-751-9049 and one will be sent to you. Thank you for thinking of others.

Our Pastor will be attending the 233rd session of the United Methodist Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference from Wednesday, May 31st through June 2nd at the Marriott Woodley Park Hotel 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.

Parish Nurse's Article:

The health benefits of loving yourself: A new beginning.

Last month, I wrote about the health benefits of forgiveness. Easter and the resurrection of our Lord leads us to part 2: the health benefits of a new beginning after Christ died for our sins and resurrected so that we can have new life in Him. A new beginning, a new life and loving yourself.

The Bible was written by three murderers:

1. Moses: he had to flee from Egypt because he murdered an Egyptian soldier who attacked an Israelite.
2. King David: Was a warrior and led his nation into battle and had blood on his hands when he killed Goliath and had Bathsheba's husband: Uriah killed. David wrote many of the Psalms.
3. Saul: he persecuted and killed the Christians and after conversion he became Paul who wrote part of the New Testament.

It is simply this: your salvation is not dependent on your behavior: if God saved and forgave these people he also saves and forgives you because He loves you. This goes to show that God can give anyone His grace, and use them for His purpose. So the purpose of this article is the health benefits of loving yourself as Christ loves you. When you look in the mirror you should see Christ looking back at you.

As you begin to love yourself, your life falls into place, and you design your life around events that make you healthy and happy.

1. Using mindful practices such as meditation, you accept yourself and you value your existence. Exercises and activities where you care for your body and mind help you to love yourself. They also provide additional mental and physical health benefits such as reduced stress and increased stamina.
2. With mindfulness, you begin to care about and satisfy your physical, psychological, and spiritual needs. You will take better care of yourself, finding health and peace.
3. As you work and give to others, you develop respect for yourself as a valuable individual within a community. You see the interconnected relationships that you have with other people.
4. When you feel the emotions that others experience, their pain and pleasure, you learn how to love someone else. Empathy draws you close to people, making it possible to truly know them. You love other people because you care about their emotional wellbeing and happiness.
5. Directing your love from your center outward to the world, you find the secret that all humans search for. Loving and serving other people gives you fulfillment and makes happiness possible. You act out of love for yourself and others, and at this point you can accomplish anything you desire.

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Paul writes in **Romans 5:8** “*but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*”

And finally from 1 John 4:9-11: “*This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*”

Lynn M Jones RN

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.

Walking for Diabetics in May!

On Saturday, May 21st Melissa Johnson & Barbara Hayes are walking!

Walking to support Diabetics research!

If you would like to support their walk please give Barb a call

Or see her or Melissa in congregational worship!

410-857-8461 + Thank you!

Coming in Congregational Worship

The Fair Mountain Blue Grass Band

Bluegrass and Old Country

Sunday morning, May 21st

9:55 a.m. Worship

Welcome John Bosley, Linda Hale, Ted Phillips,

Chuck Hatfield to Mount Zion!

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At Mount Zion-Finksburg we like all types of sacred music. From traditional to contemporary, to gospel and folk. Join us on this special morning! Invite a friend or family member to worship with you!

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Happy Easter From All of Us at the UM Board of Child Care!

**Dear Friends at Mount Zion! Thank you very much for your generous support and prayers throughout the year. Easter Joy to all of you! May God bless you with hope and new life as we celebrate our Living Saviour
Peace+ Rev. Stacey Nickerson**

THIS MONTH AT MOUNT ZION-FINKSBURG

Mount Zion Finances in April

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

(Note: Figures below do not reflect Sunday, April 30th)

In April our average Sunday giving was \$2,199.52

The Maintenance/Building Fund received in April \$1,817.00

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.

+ Your faithfulness is deeply appreciated +

+ Every Week at Mount Zion In the Social Hall +

Every Tuesday Evening (Note change of day) Boy Scout Troop #1750 meets at 7:00 p.m. This fine group of young men are part of the scouting program that has been so effective in moral training. For more information on the Scout program please call Scoutmaster David Yingling 443-340-5592.

Every Thursday Evening the Alcoholic Anonymous program has a meeting. It is open to all. For more information please contact our Pastor.

Every Saturday & Sunday Evening the Narcotics Anonymous program meets. It is open to all. For more information please contact our Pastor.

Notice someone missing? Give them a call! Stay in touch with one another!!

Our May Volunteers

Our May Church Newsletter is given to the Glory of God by Becky & Jerry Knop in Loving Memory of her son, Duane F. Fuller

The May Regular Worship Bulletins are given to the Glory of God by (1) Melissa Johnson in loving memory of her mother Michelle (2) By Doug Bosley in loving memory of his wife Nancy (3) By Anne Armacost in loving memory of their (Ed & Anne) son, Edwin II.

May Ushers. Bobby & Bonnie Graham, Substitute Ushers Pan Roos, Ruth Pitroff, Sarah Jane Taylor, Mark Fraser, Carlton Gabler, Bruce Carson. Our appreciation to our April ushers Bobby & Bonnie Graham, Joyce Iglehart and Lew Wimmer.

First Sunday Communion Ushers are Doug Bosley, Jim Bosley.

Our Thanks to those who have signed up to coordinate "after worship refreshments in May & June 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

A Special Easter Flower Thank You!
A special Easter flower “of appreciation”

- + To our congregation Worship Committee (Joan Tighe & friends) who went out their way to make our Lenten program, Holy Week Services especially on Holy/Maundy Thursday & Good Friday and Easter Day meaningful for all of our people.
- + To our Church Choir, Organist & Choir Director Leslie Gabler for making music a vital part of our congregational worship services. We are grateful to our Church Choir who Sunday after Sunday provides us with special music and helps lead us in the worship of God!
- + To Jerry Knop for his music and video worship presentation on Good Friday.
- + To our church Trustees and the many volunteers, members and friends alike who work together to make the Mount Zion building and our property the special place that it is.
- + On this Easter Day we pause to give thanks for all the “Saints of God” who have gone on before us providing us with a strong spiritual foundation on which we build today.
- +To everyone who is involved and supports our mission & outreach program reminding us that “love really isn’t love unless we are able to give it away.”