

The Mount Zion Messenger of Good Tidings

Mount Zion Church + Finksburg, Md. + Since 1856

A United Methodist Congregation

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+The Noember 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!



+ Our November of Gratitude +

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

Special updated fall activity bags for small children are available!

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All Saints Sunday – We Remember – Sunday, November 5th

We Pause to Thank our Military Veterans – Sunday, November 12th

Also - Our kick off for our UM Board of Child Care

Cottage Gifts

Consecration Sunday – A New Commitment - November 19th

Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Wednesday, November 22nd 7:30 p.m.

Invite a friend, family member, neighbor to worship with you!

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Our November Church Newsletter

Is given to the Glory of God!

In Honor of Lois Sichau

By Her Family, Neighbors & Friends

Lois was the neighbor of our Pastor & His Wife. Lois recently moved in with her daughter.

Our Pastor officiated at the wedding of Lois's granddaughter

Kristen Sichau & Jason Losover

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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 Article: Emergency Preparedness

All of us face the possibility of natural disasters, accidents, power outages or intentional acts to disrupt our daily lives. We cannot control the weather or prevent disasters from happening, but there are steps you can take to minimize risks from known hazards.

Planning now can help save lives later!

Prepare a disaster kit and store items in airtight plastic bins.

- 1 Water – one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation. Water purification kit or bleach (use eight drops of regular bleach per gallon of water).
- 2 Food - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Juice and enhanced waters in boxes and plastic bottles. Powdered milk. Crackers and cookies. Fruit: Single-serving fruit cups and applesauce. Granola bars, Fruit Roll-Ups, dried fruit, rice cakes, nuts and trail mix. Canned soups, chili, vegetables, and stews: They can be eaten cold but can also be heated in a pot on the grill. Vitamin-fortified cereal can be eaten dry or with boxed or powdered milk. Preserved meats: Beef jerky is high-protein, low-carb and good for diabetics. Canned tuna, chicken, even Spam, also provide protein. Remember manual can opener.
- 3 Supplies: Garbage bags and ties, paper towels, wipes, fuel (charcoal, lighter fluid, matches) or a full propane tank for the grill, hand sanitizer. Plastic wrap or storage containers. Tableware: Paper plates, napkins and paper or plastic cups; plastic forks, knives and spoons; a couple of serving spoons.
- 4 Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- 5 Flashlight with extra batteries
- 6 First aid kit including 3-day supply of all medicines, at a minimum. Medical supplies like syringes, a walking cane, or hearing aids with extra batteries.
- 7 Whistle to signal for help
- 8 Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape
- 9 Gloves: medical gloves as well as heavy duty work gloves.
- 10 Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- 11 Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- 12 Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery (solar battery)
- 13 Prepare your paperwork and keep it inside a waterproof bag Driver's license, photo ID, Emergency contact list or address book (even if contacts are stored in a smartphone), insurance policies (health, home, auto), vital documents (birth certificates, passports, wills), bank account information (account numbers, passwords), photocopies of credit and debit cards (front and back) and ****cash****.
- 14 For Pets: Food, water, leash and carrier for pets: at least a 3-day supply of food and water for each pet. A cat or a dog will generally need 1 gallon of water for three days.

By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith. Hebrews 11:7 +

Written by Lynn Jones, R.N.

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.

Join Us This Friday Evening, November 3rd

6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



Fellowship Meal

OUR NOVEMBER CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

If you can bring a dish to share with another family please do so,
but if not, then simply come. We have food for all.

We welcome back to Mount Zion guest musician Charlie Im!!

Everyone is invited! Everyone is welcome!

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“One of the most important Sundays of the Christian year!”



*On this very important Sunday + November 5th + we pause to remember
those who have gone forth before us.*

Congregational Worship at 9:55 a.m.

Worship Part One “What does the Bible say a ‘saint’ is?”

Worship Part Two “We pause to remember those who have gone on before
us and we light candles to celebrate their lives.”

Worship Part Three “We Break Bread in the Holy Eucharistic Meal”

*This is one worship experience that all believers in the Lord Jesus
should come together to remember and give thanks!*

*At Mount Zion we extend the invitation of Jesus that “all” are welcome at the Table
of the Lord. The Table is ready! Jesus is ready to receive you!*

Come and eat and drink!

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.

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November Meetings

Finance Committee Tuesday, November 7th 7:30 p.m.

Trustees, Tuesday, November 14th 7:30, p.m.

Church Council, Tuesday, November 21st 7:30 p.m.

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Mount Zion Financial for October

A Quick Word about Our Financial Foundation.

Mount Zion does not have any secret financial bunds for our ministry and witness alive in the community. We simply depend week-by-week on the faithfulness of our members and friends. We give thanks to God for each one of you who take seriously your commitments to your vows and to the ministry and programs and outreach of this congregation in name of Jesus.

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

In October our average Sunday giving was \$1,968.40.

The Maintenance/Building Fund received in October was \$1,145.00.

The Mount Zion congregation has contributed \$2,205.00 in disaster relief for Houston and the Gulf Coast through our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Our goal was \$1,500.00. Thank you faithful followers of Jesus!

Our present drive is directed toward Puerto Rico and the incredible disaster on that island. We have raised \$1,279.00 to date. You can still contribute!

Your 2018 Mount Zion Church Calendars Are Ready!

They will be distributed on Sunday, November 5th to all worshippers. If you would like to have your copy dropped off or by mail please call 410-751-9049.

Our thanks to George & LaDonna Schemm for making them again this year available to our congregation.

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A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" to Joyce & Jim Mirfin and Diana & Mark Fraser for setting up, providing popcorn and cleaning up after our church-wide Friday night movie on October 27th. The movie was "Hidden Figures" an amazing true story of three African-American women who were part of the US space program in the 1960's. We look forward to another movie night in the future.

Mount Zion is blessed to have so many committed volunteers!

**+ Coming In December +
We Prepare for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus!**



**+ A special Advent daily devotional guide will be available
on the last Sunday of November. Please get your free copy. +**

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Sunday, December 3rd – The First Sunday of the Christian Season Called “Advent.”
Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning “coming”. The color at Mount Zion is “blue.”

Sunday worship theme “How do you get ready for Christmas & the Nativity when it comes every year?” The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered.

+ Church-wide Christmas Caroling. Meet at the home of Barbara & Bob Hayes & Melissa Johnson by 1:30 p.m. to go caroling (1142 Deer Park Road). Come back for hot chocolate and light refreshments.

Sunday, December 10th – The Second Sunday of the Christian Season Called “Advent.”

Sunday worship theme “We often speak of the “good news” at Christmas! What is the “good news” and why is it relevance for my life today?”

+ Our Annual Women’s Advent Breakfast. Free for All! Reservations requested. We begin at 8:15 a.m. in the Social Hall. All women of the church and guests are invited. Advent sharing and a special short worship experience. Don’t miss it!

+ The Annual Strawbridge Shrine Candlelight Service 4:30 p.m. in the Log Meeting House on the campus of the Shrine off Wakefield Valley Road. Watch for more details. All are welcome!

Sunday, December 17th – The Third Sunday of the Christian Season Called “Advent.”

+ Our Church Choir will present as a musical gift to the congregation *“Two-Thousand Decembers Ago.”* You will find the words and music of this lovely musical presentation meaningful as you prepare for your Christmas celebration

Sunday, December 24th – The Fourth Sunday of the Christmas Season Called “Advent.”

Sunday worship theme “Do you believe that Christmas can change the world?”

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP +Sunday December 24th
6:40 a.m. Songs of Christmas
7:00 p.m. Candlelight worship service
(Small child care provided)

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**This maybe the most important year for our people, members and friends,
to make a new “commitment” to our Lord through the church.**

Sunday, November 19th.

- + A new commitment to faithful worship attendance**
- + A new commitment to person and corporate prayer**
- + A new commitment to service**
- + A new commitment to witness of the faith**

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Did You Know that you can “sign up” to bring something for our annual Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas dinner? You can do it this coming Sunday morning on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Our annual special dinner is scheduled for Friday evening, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. A short worship service is built around the three “seasons.” Check out the list or talk to Joan Tighe 410-751-3868.

Please Prayerfully Consider.....!!

**If you love the ministry and outreach of your church at Mount Zion in life
please consider supporting its ministry after you have gone!**

**You can continue your love of the church and what it stands for
simply by putting Mount Zion in your personal will. Why not have
a personal/confidential meeting with our Pastor and learn how your
Christian love can continue? A will is important in that you can direct
how your money is used not the state. Thank you for your consideration.**

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“Because We Care for One Another!”

*“If one member suffers , all suffer together with it; If one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.”
I Corinthians 12.26*

**We continue to thank the faithful people of Mount Zion for supporting
The Mount Zion Community Service Fund!**

Helping people with emergency needs because we care!

**Support this monthly offering on the first Sunday of the month
or make a donation any time!**

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DID YOU KNOW?

**That our people have filled seven “purple bags” of essential items for women in shelters and
those who because of abuse have been forced to leave their homes.**

**There are additional bags on the table in the Social Hall. Filled bags have been turned into
“Terry’s Title & Tag” which is collection point.**

See Barbara Hayes for more information on this important community outreach.

**+ Lou & Judy Celebrate Ten Years With Us at Mount Zion! +
August 2007 to October 2017
Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 8th**



After “retiring” from Grace Church in Gaithersburg in 2016 having served for 16 years as lead pastor, Lou and Judy moved to Westminster. Lou then served for six months at St. John’s UM Church in Hampstead and was then appointed to Mount Zion in Finksburg. Our thanks to Peggy James who coordinated the recognition (along with Mary-Ellen Barnes) and the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Lou and Judy received a number of “congratulation” card” and well wishes.

We couldn’t resist showing this picture of Dan Armacost (who chaired the Pancake Brunch). Would you like to share some words as what he was thinking at the moment this picture was taken? Share them with us so we can attach them to the picture.

Our annual church-wide Charge Conference was held on Monday evening, October 16th. Four UM congregations took part in this meeting which is required by the Discipline of the denomination. Our thanks (*lower right*) to Suzann Carson, Dan Armacost, Judy Piel, Sarah Jane Taylor and Bob Hayes who represented Mount Zion at the meeting. Our new District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Ann Laprade (*lower left*) presided at the meeting. Church business including setting the Pastors salary for the coming year. For more information please see Suzann or Dan.





“OUR “ANNUAL FINKSBURG COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE”

Wednesday Evening, November 22nd

Congregational Worship begins at 7:30 p.m.

Come early (7 p.m.) or stay late for fresh cider and scrumptious donuts!

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“A very special worship experience on our “National Day of Thanksgiving!”

Guest Dean L. Minnich, *story-teller, former Editor, Columnist , Author.*

Pat, his wife is a retired school teacher. They are both United Methodists.

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Every dollar from this special service goes to purchase Christmas gifts for boys and girls in one of the cabins on the campus of the award winning UM Board of Child Care. Please use the special offering envelopes. Invite someone to worship with you!

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“If you are too busy to worship on our national day of Thanks-giving you may be too busy!”

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A Burning Question!

**When was the last time you invited someone to worship
or have Christian fellowship with you.**

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Our November Volunteers

Our November Church Newsletter is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Lois Sichau by her family and friends. Lois was the neighbor of Lou & Judy Piel. She recently moved to live with her daughter.

The November Regular Worship Bulletins are given to the Glory of God by (1) Thelma Otto in loving memory of her son, Chuck (2) By Cliff Yingling in loving memory of his wife Clarette and in honor of his Son David , his wife Tracy and their sons Logan, Matthew and Daniel.

November Ushers. Tom & Melanie Stranix. Substitute Ushers Bobby & Bonnie Graham, Pam 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 November & December 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 November. 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 November &December is given by(1) Linda King in memory of Alic King (2) Debbie Hockett in honor and memory of all those who have served their country both in the military and as police officers (3) Jean & Lee Mc Donough in memory of our Fathers Joe McDonough and Jerry Papke.

+ Send A Greeting in November +

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

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.;

November Birthdays. 2 Ruth Sedicum, 14 Peggy James, 16 Jim Mirfin, 18 Tom Stranix, 19 James Kirby, 22 Evelyn Biden, 25 Nathan Armacost, 25 Melanie Stranix.

November Anniversaries: 5 Bill & April Beall

OUR ANNUAL COMMUNITY PANCAKE BRUNCH AND SILENT AUCTION! – Saturday, October 21st.

“A blessing on how well our people worked together on this special community day!”



From 4:30 a.m. in the morning when the first kitchen crew volunteers showed up until 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon when the clean-up was done Mount Zion hosted what some have called the “best church breakfast in the area!”

Although finances are always important – in this case – profits from the Pancake Brunch go to our Maintenance/Building Fund - profits from the Silent Auction go to our outreach Community Service Fund – the real blessing is to hear those we served say simply “the hospitality and good food make this a memorable semi-yearly event.”

Our thanks to Dan Armacost who again this year chaired the Pancake Brunch (*see Dan's picture with outstretched arms" on the back of this page*) and his crew and also to Diana Fraser (*picture below left*) who again this year chaired our Silent Auction along with her workers. Other pictures – upper right the Women's Bake Table and lower right some of the kitchen crew in action (*it was hot in there!*).

If you are marking down dates mark down Saturday morning, March 24th 2018 for another Pancake Brunch and our annual Book Sale. If you have books, audio items, video games etc. please call Diana at 410-871-3214.

+ THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS DAY SPECIAL +

