

The Mount Zion Messenger of Good Tidings

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A United Methodist Congregation

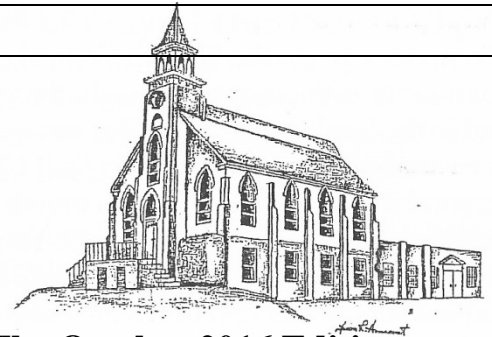
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+The October 2016 Edition+

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 to October!

Summer is Over! Come home to Mount Zion!

**JESUS IS ALIVE AND WE CELEBRATE HIS PRESENCE
EVERY-TIME WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP!**

**Many exciting things happening + Karaoke Night + Fellowship Supper + Community Family Movie +
+Meaningful worship + Reformation Sunday Worship + and much much more!!**

Our October Church Newsletter

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Our appreciation to those who sponsor our monthly newsletter!

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Parish Nurses Corner: Getting Ready for Flue Season

Try these tips to prepare for cold and flu season.

1. Stock up on supplies. Be ready before cold and flu season starts. Load up on tissues, hand soap, hand sanitizer and paper towels.
2. Check your medicine cabinet. Make sure it contains pain relievers, fever reducers, and any other medications like decongestants or cough syrups. Test your thermometer to make sure the batteries still work. Clean your humidifier.
3. Be strict about washing hands. Washing your hands is the best prevention to keep from spreading the flu virus and it involves five simple and effective steps (Wet, Lather, Scrub, Rinse, Dry). Germs can live on any surface for two hours or more.
4. Set up sanitizer stations. Important recommendation by the CDC: Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to reduce the number of microbes on them in most situations. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60%. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of microbes on hands in some situations, but sanitizers do not eliminate all type of germs.
5. Disinfect. Disinfect some heavily touched items -- like doorknobs, remote controls, and phones.
6. Switch to paper goods. Use paper towels instead of hand towels in the bathroom. Switch out glasses for paper cups, and toss them after one use.
7. Avoid close contact: When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too. Avoid shaking hands: It's very important to realize that the cold and the flu viruses are transmitted from hand to hand or through sneezing and that you don't shake hands with people or cough or sneeze on them inadvertently.
8. Stay home when you are sick: If possible, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading your illness to others.
9. Get your flu shot. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend against the use of FluMist for the 2016-2017 flu season. This decision was made based on studies that showed that the FluMist did not work as well as the flu shot in recent flu seasons. The CDC studies the flu vaccine every season to see how well it worked. This year, the CDC believes that the flu shot will provide the best protection from the flu. The CDC recommends the flu shot for everyone 6 months and older.
10. The flu vaccine is being offered free in Baltimore County: October 22 from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m at the following location Randallstown Community Center 3505 Resource Drive Randallstown, MD 21133.
11. The Carroll County Health Department website are referring people to the following website for a location offering the flu vaccine: www.flu.gov
12. Antiviral medications are used if have the flu and want to shorten the duration of the symptoms. The medication must be started within the first 48 hours of symptoms to be effective.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isiah 41:10 NIV).

Lynn Jones RN

+ The Wonderful Month of October +

Worship

At the center of our life as a Christ-following community of faith is our faithful worship of the God who created us and is still creating. At Mount Zion Sunday morning worship is vital and foundational to our life together. It is true that you can worship God anywhere BUT as a community of faith we gather to worship God and fellowship with one another. Worship at 9:55 a.m.

Ladies Breakfast

Our annual Mount Zion ladies breakfast on Saturday morning, October 1st will feature not only a great breakfast but also two good speakers about life and faith and mission. Representatives from the Mission of Mercy program and also the Shepherd's Staff. Time is 9⁰⁰-11:00 a.m. The breakfast and program are free but reservations are helpful.

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of October features the "longest Communion Table in the world." In partaking of the bread and wine we pause not only to remember and give thanks for our Lord Jesus but also appreciate the amazing diversity of the Christian community around the world. Bread for the morning comes in many different colors reminding us of that diversity. This year we have a special liturgy for Sunday worship. Worship at 9:55 a.m.

Disaster Special Appeal

By action of the Church Council in the month of October we will take a special mission/outreach Disaster Offering for both the destructive flooding in West Virginia and also in Ellicott City (Howard County). A special offering envelope is provided. Working through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in West Virginia and a local UM congregation in Ellicott City you will have the opportunity to say "I care." A special mailing will be sent out.

Friday Evening Fellowship

Our first church-wide fellowship supper on Friday evening, October 14th with a special night of karaoke with R. J. Hileman. Our "pot luck fellowship supper begins at 6:30 p.m. If you can bring something to share with another family please do it BUT remember even if you do not bring food we always have enough for all. Karaoke music with musician (one of our own) "R.J." will be a lot of fun. Join us!

Movie Night

Our second community "movie night" will be held on Friday evening, October 28th. The movie is "Oliver's Ghost" and comes highly recommended for all ages. Time is 7:00 p.m. in our church Social Hall. Light refreshments will be available. This is something to share with the community. Hope to see you there.

Sunday of the Reformation and Reforming!

The Protestant Reformation of the 16th century was important both Biblically and spiritually but it is more than a historical moment. The church of Jesus the Christ is called to be in a constant state of "re-forming." On Sunday morning, October 30th we worship with our emphasis being on the Christian faith and how it needs to be relevant to how we live our lives today. Worship with us. 9:55 a.m.

+ some important things you should know +_

Our Annual Church-wide Cleaning Saturday.

Saturday morning, October 8th beginning at 8:00 a.m. We need as many committed volunteers as possible. Our annual fall clean-up day. We will be washing windows, doing general church building cleaning along with taking out the window air-conditioners. Please seriously consider donating at least one or two hours. Many easy jobs are available. Call Judy Piel 410-751-9049 for more information or to let us know that you are coming.

Some Financial Information You Should Know.....October 2016 +

In order to meet our Operating Budget (which some call "Current Expenses" we need \$1,990.12 each week. **We give thanks to God for the faithfulness of many of our members and friends who take seriously their financial giving.** We are also very grateful for our retired supporters who continue to go the extra mile in their giving and those who live away (and out of town) from the church building who are strong supporters of Mount Zion. In the month of August we gave an average each week of \$1,832.00 and in September we gave an average of \$2,308.00.

According to our Church Treasurer our United Methodist Baltimore-Washington Conference "connection" which is \$9,434 for 2016 and we are up to date in our payments of \$8,100.00. The Mount Zion congregation has paid in "full" the requested amount for the past seven years.

The Building Fund which is used for repairs, maintenance and upkeep received \$1,192.00 in the month of September.

Important Note: The Mount Zion Church has no "secret sources of financial income." Rather we depend directly on the faithfulness of our friends and members. We give thanks to God for each one of you.

+ SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO PLAN TO ATTEND +

A Special Date in October Saturday, October 15th The annual historic Strawbridge Shrine Annual Meeting host by the Stone Chapel UM Church in New Windsor. Worship & Business at 10:00 am At 11:00 a.m. Guest speaker Rev. Dr. Emora Brannan will present a talk on Robert & Elizabeth Strawbridge. It is free. If you plan to stay for the luncheon it is \$15.00 and you "must" have advance reservations. Please see Pastor Piel for more information.

A Special Date in November, Tuesday "all day" November 2nd 11:00 am to 10:00 p.m. Mount Zion fund raiser at the J & P Pizza Restaurant in Finksburg. Simply stop in and identify yourself as a friend of Mount Zion and we will receive 15% of whatever you purchase. Thank you.

A Special Evening in November Wednesday, November 23rd 7:30 p.m. Our traditional Thanksgiving Worship Service in the sanctuary. Light refreshments of cider and donuts before and after the worship service. Mark down the date.

A Special Day in December Sunday, December 4th Our annual church-wide Christmas Caroling. We gather at the home of Bob & Barbara Hayes no later than 1:30 p.m. We ride around in a big yellow school bus and do Christmas caroling. Return for light fellowship at the Hayes on Deer Park Road.

A Special Day in December Sunday, December 11th the annual Candle-light worship service in the historic Log Meeting House on the campus of the Strawbridge Shrine in New Windsor. 4:30 p.m. with light refreshments to follow in the Visitors Center.

Our Annual Church-Wide CHARGE CONFERENCE held on Saturday, September 24th

By action of the "Discipline" of the church every year every United Methodist Congregation is to hold a "Charge Conference." This year our District Superintendents Rev. Dr. Laura Easto conducted the meeting. Our thanks to (left to right) Dan Armacost, Suzann Carson, Pastor Piel, District Superintendent Rev. Laura Easto, Bob Hayes and Sarah Jane Taylor who represented our church.



Don't Miss It! Coming to Mount Zion on Friday Evening, October 14th 6:30 p.m.

If you like to have a great evening and enjoy music and a lot of fun this is for you! Let's have a good turnout on Friday evening, October 14th (Note: Change of Date) for our first fall "covered-dish-pot-luck" supper and then plan to relax and share in the music. Our own R.J. Hileman is bringing all his Karaoke equipment and you can simply sit back and relax or you can sing along. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and if you can bring a dish to share with your family and one other please do so. If you can't bring something don't worry – we always have enough food for all. For food information please call Joan Tighe 410-751-3868. For information on the music call "R.J" 410-526-0213. We look forward to having you with us.

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.

Feed Our Goat! Sometimes It Gets Hungry!

Make sure you know about a "new" or "revised" list of Items that have been assigned to Mount Zion by the Shepherd's Staff of Carroll County.

The "most needed" items are: Toilet Paper, powdered laundry detergent, deodorant, shampoo, trash bags, dish soap, Pine Sol, paper towels, Diapers and Pull-ups of all sizes. Our "new" suggested list for Mount Zion includes many of the same items, toilet tissues, paper towels, powder soap for clothes, small bottles of shampoo, bars of soap, diapers for children (any size). You now have the most needed items. Bring them the first Sunday of the month or any Sunday and simply put your items in the (wooden) goat in the Social Hall. A meat based can of soup with the easy open top is also appreciated.

Our Christian Outreach to Children In Need!

As part of our Mount Zion educational fund outreach we have supported the Sandymount Elementary School as well as the "Back to School Program" of the Shepherd Staff. Again this year we have also included the Sharp-Leadenhall Elementary School in Baltimore City.



“Dear Pastor Piel and the Congregation at Mount Zion in Finksburg, I would like to personally thank you and your wife Judy for coming to our school’s annual Back to School night. It was nice to have you and LaDonna Schemm in the company of our staff and students. Our school appreciated your congregation’s generosity in taking a special offering (\$1,000) on Anniversary Sunday to support our students and staff at Leadenhall Elementary School. God bless you for advocating for helping us support our special needs students at our school. Please keep me posted of any upcoming church events. My wife Leslie and I wish and pray that you and your church family at Mount Zion continue to be a blessing in all that you do in your future endeavors. Please take care. + Brian Blake, Assistant Principal.

Boy Scout Troop #1750 Moves to Tuesday Evening Meetings

(Below right) Starting two weeks ago our Boy Scout Troop #1750 which is chartered by Mount Zion Church has moved to meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. For information on this troop please contact Scoutmaster David Yingling 443-340-5592 or our Church liaison Bill Tighe 443-677-2150.

The Shepherd’s Staff “Back to School Program” served over 1,200 children in need this fall!

(Below left) Our special “thanks” to those who financially contributed to our June Anniversary Sunday Educational Fund offering. You have made it possible for us “in your name” to help not only our local Elementary School at SandyMount but also the “Shop with a Cop” Westminster program and the Shepherd’s Staff “Back to School.” Children in need are a vital part of our Christian educational mission outreach.



OUR ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC! A SUCCESS!

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, September 18th we gathered at the local Finksburg Roaring Run Lions Club field for a afternoon of fellowship, good food and games.

Thank you to everyone who arranged their schedules so they could support this annual event!



A special thanks to the Roaring Run Lions Club for the use of their lovely facility.
Christian fellowship is vital part of our life as a Christian community of believers!

+ Maintenance, Repairs and Improvements +

Question: Where does my money go?

Repairs, maintenance and improvements never stop with a building that dates back to before the 19th century. Above left Trustee Bruce Carson is getting an estimate in repairing water leaks on the front wall of the church building. Above right church member Gene Kipe is installing a new water heater in the church kitchen. New and needed projects are planned for this fall and the coming spring.

The New Building Fund

Many of our people, members & friends continue to go the "extra-mile" and support our church "building fund." Actually it is more of an improvement/repair/maintenance fund. Our old building continually needs repair and up-grades. Your financial support means the work does not have to be put off. Share with the Trustees (Bill Tighe, Chairperson) and building or property concerns that you might have. Did you know that special "New Building Fund" offering envelopes are available free of charge simply for the asking.

Our annual work-clean-up day is schedule for Saturday morning, October 8th Volunteer Now!



Disaster Relief Fund

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our special disaster relief offering for those caught in the floods both in West Virginia and Ellicott City. In West Virginia we work through the award winning United Methodist Committee on Relief and in Howard County we work through a local UM congregation that is coordinating church efforts. Watch for more information this coming week in the mail and be as generous as you are able. Our congregational goal is \$1,000 to be divided equally between the two! This a one month drive only so please do your very best. Thank you!

Our October Volunteers

Our October Church Newsletter is given to the Glory of God by Dwight & Lynn Jones in the memory of their cat, Natasha.

The October Worship Bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Joan Tighe in Loving Memory of Loved Ones.

October Ushers. Evelyn Biden & Peggy Wade. Substitute Ushers Pan Roos, Ruth Pitroff, Sarah Jane Taylor, Dwight Jones, 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 September. See Linda King for more information if you would like to simply put out refreshments.

The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide for September & October is given to the Glory of God It is given by Joyce Sauter Iglehart in loving memory of her husband Isaac.

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

+ 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.

+ Send A Greeting in October

October Birthdays, 2 Mark Hemler, 4 Linda King, 6 Lynn Jones, 8 Adam Zepp, 9 Jim Bosley, Jr. 12 Jerry Knop, 13 Beth McFadden, 14 Ruth Pitroff, 15 Shelby MacFarlane, 16 William Bakewell, 16 Sarah Jane Taylor, 21 Bruce Carson, 22 Becky Knop, 24 Chad Zepp, 25 Susan Douglas, 31 Joyce Mirfin.

October Anniversaries: 7 George & LaDonna Schemm, 9 Roger & Sandy Bicksler, 17 Lee & Jean McDonough, 23 Jerry & Becky Knop.

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.;

Coming Events.....

Sunday, October 30 Reformation & Reforming Sunday

Sunday, November 6th All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion

Wednesday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day Worship 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 27 The First Sunday of the Season of Advent

Sunday, December 11th Church-Wide Christmas Caroling. We gather at 1:30 p.m.