

The Mount Zion Messenger of Good Tidings

Mount Zion Church + Finksburg, Md. + Since 1856

A United Methodist Congregation

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+ The September 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 September!

Summer is Over! Come home to Mount Zion!

Sunday, September 11th Our Annual Rally Day!

Also, "Blessing of the Pack Packs" Sunday

Sunday, September 18th Our Annual Church Wide Picnic

Immediately following morning worship!

It's local! Just down the street!

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

Our September Church Newsletter

Is given to the Glory of God!

By Fred & Ann Hurt

In Memory of Her Parents Clark & Mildred Mason

And His Parents Edgar William & Grace Ellen Ball Hurt

In Memory of Ann's Brother Joseph Harry Mason and Their Son-in-Law William Jackson

And In Honor of Their Daughters

Elizabeth Jackson, Debra Fatula & Susan DeFazdio.

Our appreciation to those who sponsor our monthly newsletter!

Interested in sponsoring a monthly newsletter? See or contact our Pastor!

Come Home to September!
COME HOME TO MOUNT ZION!
COME HOME TO RALLY DAY!

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Sunday, September 11th
Congregational Gathering 9:55 a.m.
The “Official” Start of our Fall Church Program

The Annual Blessing of School Back-Packs!
We urge all of our children & youth
To bring their backpacks
To Morning Worship!

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After a summer filled with many activities
IT IS TIME TO COME HOME TO THE WORSHIP OF GOD
AND CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP!

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Special gifts for all our children & youth on “Back Pack Sunday!”
Invite your family, relatives, friends, neighbors!

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Christian Education Is VITAL!
Learning how our faith and life interact!
We encourage all of our people
Children + Youth + Adults
To Grow in the Faith!

For more information about our Sunday Christian Education
For children and younger youth
Please call Heather Bussard 443-291-6220/443-375-0846

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We Could Use Sponsors for our monthly church newsletter! A wonderful way to honor or remember someone you love. Please see the Pastor. We have several openings in the coming months. Please consider this opportunity!

Parish Nurse Corner:

Back to School Bus Safety: Ideas for better living

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4-to 7-years-old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus.

A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas

Important safety reminders for motorists sharing roads with school buses:

- If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing.
- It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. In Maryland, drivers who pass a school bus while the lights are flashing will receive a citation that carries a maximum payable fine of \$570 and a three-point penalty.
- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children. Stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

Here are some safety recommendations when you're dropping children off at school:

- Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year.
- Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. More children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location, according to the National Safe Routes to School program.
- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10: 13-16 (NIV)

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Have You Read the meaningful words on the "Faith Wall" in our church Social Hall? Take a moment next time you are in the hall and go to the end where the cross is and read.....Meaningful words to inspire your day and your life.

Our appreciation to Barbara Hayes for creating these inspiring words of faith!

Everyone is **URGED** to attend!

Our annual Church-wide Picnic

Sunday, September 18th

Immediately following morning worship!

Always a wonderful fellowship event!

Join your friends and invite your family members, neighbors.

Last year we had a great turnout!

Let's do it again!

Let's fill the pavilion! Our church is providing some of the food basics!!

**At the local Roaring Run Finksburg Lions Club Field!
Just down Old Westminster Pike from our church building.**

If you are coming.....

- (1) If you are coming please let us know so we have enough food. Simply sign up on the sheet in the church Social Hall or**
(2) Or Call Linda King 410-848-84132 or Judy Piel 410-751-9049.

If you are coming and can bring a food item....

- (1) Simply sign up on the picnic food sheet on the table in the Social Hall**
(2) Or call Linda King 410-848-8413 or Judy Piel 410-751-9049

**If you can bring a game to play or some recreational items
Call Peggy James 410-861-6750**



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.

**Thanks to our faithful Members & Friends
OUR EDUCATIONAL FUND CONTINUES TO REACH OUT!**

Our Educational Fund (*Fenby Fund*) was designed to support the educational efforts of the Mount Zion congregation both within our own church for our children, youth & adults. In addition it also is designed to touch lives in educational ways in our growing community and beyond!



The picture above shows Barbara Hayes (Outreach/Mission) of Mount Zion giving a Back to School check to Brenda Meadows of The Shepherd's Staff. It also shows some of the many children in Carroll County who benefitted from this special "Back to School" supplies ministry.

Approved at the August Church Council meeting

- + \$1,000 to the Shepherd's Staff Christian Ministry "Back to School Program." Over 1,100 children were helped last year and Lois Guiles of the Shepherd's Staff program said over 1,200 this year with school supplies, shoes and much more.
- + \$1,000 in support of the "Shop with a Cop" Back to School program by the Westminster Police Dept. They have established a charitable fund within the Community Foundation of Carroll County known as "The Supporters of the Westminster Police Department Fund. "
- + \$1,000 Sandy Mount Elementary School, to be used by the Principal & Guidance Counselor For needy children/families primarily in the Finksburg community. The money will be kept in our church fund and they can draw from it as emergencies arise at the school.
- + \$1,000 Sharp Leadenhall Elementary School in Baltimore City. Working through Assistant Principal Brian Blake. Inner city school helping to provide experiential learning for their special needs children. Assistant Principal Brian Blake was one of our Anniversary Sunday's speakers this past June. After the Baltimore riots last year the Church Council voted to support a school in the city to help children in need. One of our church persons is connected to this fine elementary school.

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The Church Anniversary Sunday (*Second Sunday in June*) special offering is basic to the Educational Fund of our congregation. A list of donors was published in the August church newsletter.

Thank you for thinking of others!

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Foundational to our church is the Sunday worship of God!

Welcome to God's World + Caroline Ann Stahl !

Born on August 9th 2016.

Congratulations to the Stahl Family

Aaron & Erin Stahl and their children Julia, William and Caroline!

Send a greeting: 3223 Coon Club Road, Hampstead, Md. 21074

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

Did you know that more people come to the church for worship and for fellowship by personal invitation than any other way?



Looking into Feeding Those in Need!

At its August Church Council meeting the Council authorized Mark Fraser, a member of the Council to look into some form of community food pantry in the Finksburg area. The picture (above right) shows Mark visiting the food pantry of the Lutheran Church in Silver Run, Md. where Brenda Meadows, Executive Director of The Shepherd's Staff, is a member. He received valuable information on how they set up a community food pantry. He will also make contact with the Maryland Food Bank and other agencies and programs in the Finksburg community and bring back a report at the September Council meeting. Our Scriptural foundation is Matthew 25.31-46. *"When did we see you hungry and gave you food and when did we see you thirsty and gave you something to drink. And the Son of Man will answer when you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family."*

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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. A meat based can of soup with the easy open top is appreciated.

**Our Blessing of the Back-Packs is Rally Day Sunday, September 11th
Invite a child or youth to worship with us and bring your backpack!
Share the love of Jesus! Invite someone!**

+ **This September Month at Mount Zion** +

Our Regular September Church Meetings

Committee on Finance, Tuesday, September 6th 7:30 p.m.
Trustee Meeting Tuesday, September 13th 7:30 p.m.
Church Council Tuesday, September 20th 7:30 p.m.

Our September Volunteers

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The September Worship Bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Lou & Judy Piel in honor of all Those who keep in touch with our homebound & shutin members and friends. You are providing a wonderful outreach ministry in the name of our Lord.

September Ushers. Peggy James & Thelma Otto. 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 September & 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 Monday Evening 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 September**

September Birthdays, 1 Jason Armacost, 6 Anne Armacost, 7 Nora Beaver, 8 Teresa Tighe, 10 Bobby Graham, 16 William Bakewell, 19 Dylan Bussard, 19 Jean McDonough, 20 Leslie Gabler, 22 Rob Kirby, 22 Ben Tingler, 23 Zach Stranix, 24 Erin Stahl, 25 Kathy Rixham, 29 Edgar Kirby

September Anniversaries: 14 Rob & Elizabeth Kirby, 22 Al & Willa Johnson, 23 Dan & Bonnie Moores.

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.;

ADDRESSES OF SOME OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Send a greeting!)

Justin Bussard, Salisbury University, 1101 Camden Ave. Campus Box 1897, Salisbury, Md. 21801-6860.

Nathan Armacost, 3671 South 2245 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84109 (Westminster College)\

Eric Tighe, 636 Pearl Street, #203A, Denver, Colorado 80203 (Grad. Of U of Maryland)

Emily Armacost, 2726 South 500 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84106 (Grad of Westminster College, Utah)

IF YOU WANT IT TO SUCEED

The semi-annual pancake brunch Church Council for Saturday "all church" event is now under reminds each one of us that if involved. The most important folks to come out the week of set the tables AND show up who attend in the hall-wait tables on the sheet in the

410-861-8758/443-226-2948 +lht123@comcastnet+ It is important to know the hours (6:00-11:00 a.m.) that you are willing to volunteer that important morning. For more information please call Dan Armacost 410-861-5988. As Dan has pointed out *"the money we raise for our building fund is important but what is more important is the Christian fellowship we have working and serving together."*

To make that happen we need everyone in this year of change.

Thank You!

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Your Help is Requested for the Silent Auction!

We're collecting donations for the Silent Auction at the Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, October 22. Please consider purchasing items or gift cards to donate for our gift baskets. Although complete gift baskets are welcome, you do not need to donate a complete basket. We will be asking area businesses for donations of products and services as well. Please contact Diana or Mark Fraser at 410-871-3214 or DianaFraser@earthlink.net with your ideas and donations.

Advertising opportunities! Again this year, we are offering opportunities for local businesses to advertise in the Pancake Breakfast placemats. If your business or a company you know would be interested in advertising, please contact Diana or Mark Fraser at 410-871-3214 or DianaFraser@earthlink.net.

*Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts
Forevermore let His love fill the air and let there be praise.*

Joining the choir is an excellent way to serve the Lord.

We have already begun our 8:45 a.m. Sunday morning rehearsals and 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening rehearsals will begin Sept. 8th.

Consider becoming a part of a new church family and

Let music be your way to minister to others.

It helps to be able to read music...but it's not required.

We provide special music for Sunday worship, Thanksgiving Eve and

Are starting to prepare our Christmas musical, One Holy Night.

If you are interested, or would like to join but have some reservations,

Please call me at 410-876-9181 in the evening.

Remember... *"Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord"*

Ladies! Have you registered your attendance at the October 1st Church-wide ladies breakfast? Do it today!!!



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Some Financial Information You Should Know.....September 2016

In order to meet our Operating Budget (which some call “Current Expenses”) we need \$1,990.12 each week in a very conservative budget. 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 many of our retired supporters who continue to go the extra mile in their giving and those who away (and out of town) from the church building who are also strong supporters of Mount Zion. In the month of July the average giving each week was \$2,216.00 and in August it was \$1,835.00. With September upon us and our church schedule is full we need every one of us to continue to support the ministry and outreach of our congregation.

***Congregational Worship is At the Center of What it Means to be the Church!
Be faithful in your worship attendance!***

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PLEASE mark down the date of our annual Church-wide Charge Conference. It will be held on Saturday morning, September 24th at 10:00 a.m. Again this year it will be hosted by Mount Carmel UM Church + Mount Carmel UM Church –Falls Road, 17036 Pretty Boy Dam Road, Parkton, Md. 21120-9690. **It would be good to have several members/friends of the congregation attend along with our Pastor. Last year we had four persons attending.** See the Pastor for more information.

We believe there are two other congregations along with ours. Our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Laura Easto will preside. We will need a recommendation for the Pastor’s salary and benefits recommended by the Staff Parish Relations Committee and approved by the Church Council at their September meeting to be presented to the Charge Conference meeting.

Movie Night is Coming! When was the last time you and your family could enjoy a free evening out together? Mount Zion UM Church is excited to announce it “second annual Free Movie Night.” Mark down the date + Friday evening, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. We will be presenting the Hallmark Channel’s production of “Oliver’s Ghost.” Kids are encouraged to dress in Halloween costumes! There is absolutely no charge so bring the whole family. This is a very friendly movie and a great way to kick off the Halloween weekend. Share this information in the community where you live. For more information please call Joyce at 443-798-1293.

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Our After Worship Fellowship Time

You don't have to provide the food!

Simply put out whatever is in the food closet!

The Following People have agreed to be coordinators as follows, Sunday, September 4th Lynn & D.J. Jones. Rally Day Sunday, September 11th Kathy Rixham, Sunday, September 18th Church-picnic, Sunday, September 25th Linda King, October 2nd United Methodist Women, Sunday, October 9th NO ONE, Sunday, October 16th Bonnie Graham & Joyce Iglehart, Sunday, October Judy Piel.

September and October Have Open Sunday Dates !!

+ Please call Linda King 410-848-8413 if you will help put out after worship

After Worship Fellowship. *Please remember that if you are a "coordinator" at "After worship refreshments" you do not have to bring food. Simply put out the food we have and clean up after the fellowship time. See Linda King if you are willing to say "yes!" and help!*

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Update! The "New" Building Fund of the Congregation remains an important priority of our people. Many of you are going the extra mile even giving financially beyond the regular Operating Budget offering. We thank you! Even though we have put some "maintenance" money in the Operating Budget we cannot do all the needed repairs, upgrades and maintenance that is needed especially in the coming year. Many of you continue to go the "extra mile" in your giving not only to the Operating Budget but also to the "new" Building Fund. This is critically important. Did you know that we have free special "Building Fund" offering envelopes available? They are in the church pews and a packet of them can be mailed to you simply by calling 410-751-9049.