

The Mount Zion Messenger of Good Tidings

Mount Zion Church + Finksburg, Md. + Since 1856

A United Methodist Congregation

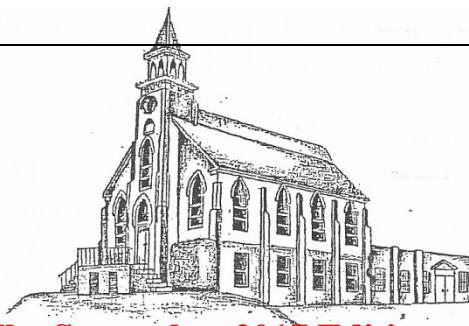
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+The September 2017 Edition+

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!



+ It's Fall at Mount Zion + Join Us! +

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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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Welcome Back Sunday + Sunday, September 10th

"Blessing of the Back Packs"

Church Wide Picnic + Sunday, September 17th

"Immediately following morning worship just down the street!

Everyone welcome! Let us know you are coming 410-751-9049)

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Our September Church Newsletter

Is given to the Glory of God!

Presented by Al & Willa Johnson

In Loving Memory of

Bea Johnson and John L. Kensinger, Jr.

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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: What to do in a medical emergency!

Recently DJ and I witnessed a friend having a medical emergency.

The first thing you do is call 911. There are a lot of guidelines and algorithms that tell you the steps to take. Direct one person to call 911 and that person is to meet the ambulance crew and escort them to where the patient is: the sooner you get help the better.

Leave the person where you find them: don't rush to take them to the floor. Leave them sitting in the chair allows for better airway management. Remember: if the face is red raise the head, if the face is pale raise the tail (elevate the legs). Check to assure they are breathing and have a pulse. Take them to the floor only if you have to do CPR. Direct another person to get the AED and have it available. If you have to take them to the floor and the person is breathing and has a pulse, place the person on the right side with head supported by right arm and monitor the airway. It is harder to monitor the airway with someone lying flat and do not place anything in their mouth to keep the airway open.

Monitor for symptoms: if they are hot: get ice packs wrapped in tissue: place on pulse points: back of neck, wrist and axilla. If they are cold get a blanket. While attending EMT school, all the EMTs said "record everything". Get paper and pen and record all that is happening with time of the event starting, name of person, date of birth or age, weight if possible (this dictates dosage of meds), allergies, medications and medical history (in this order). Carry a copy of this information in your wallet and in your spouse's wallet. Remain calm and do not give a diagnosis. Nurses are never allowed to diagnose and doctors give a diagnosis when lab results or radiology results are available. Do not personalize this experience with something that happened to you in the past: that isn't important. If you are in group setting clear the room and have everyone leave that is not providing care. Those rubberneckerers on the side of the road looking at the accidents or people looking at the medical emergency is very disrespectful to the person and their family member. Provide privacy.

Once the ambulance crew arrives report off to them and let them do their job unless they ask for help. And finally allow time of reflection and prayer. It is very important to not only pray on the spot for the individual but this also allows time for those involved to decompress and focus on God.

Know t-hat the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. – Psalms 4:3

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. – 1 John 5

Lynn 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.

+SEPTEMBER AT MOUNT ZION! JOIN US! +



Sunday, September 3rd

On this holiday weekend we celebrate the Lord's Supper!
The regular Community Service Fund offering goes to disaster relief in Houston

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Sunday, September 10th



Welcome Back Sunday! Come home to Mount Zion!

All children & youth invited + Blessing of the Back Packs!

Bring your school backpack with you to worship.

Congregational Worship 9:55 a.m.

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Sunday, September 17th

Congregational Worship 9:55 a.m.



Immediately following morning worship we go down the street to the Roaring Run Lions Club Field for fellowship, food and games.

It would help us prepare food for everyone so please let us know you are coming

410-751-9049 or register in the church Social Hall.

Could you bring a "side-dish" or dessert to share with others? Let us know!

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Sunday's are always important at Mount Zion!

It is the time when the "family of God" gathers!

It is a time when we celebrate the "goodness" of God!

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Worship, fellowship and family are at the foundation of our church at Mount Zion!

JOIN US! CELEBRATE GOD WITH US!

+ In and Around Mount Zion +

On into September!

Our Finksburg Farmers Market

+ Please come out on Saturday mornings in September from 9:00 am until Noon and experience fresh

produce, home-made crafts, music and much more

On the church parking lot.

+ Our thanks to Mark & Diana Fraser for getting this new community project going and for all of those who have contributed to this new adventure. Our appreciation to Bob Hayes who coordinated Saturday mornings while Mark & Diana were away.

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+ Our Community Service Fund +

We continue to give thanks to everyone who financially supports our Community Service Fund which has helped many both within the congregation and in our community with emergency needs. We not only take an offering on the first Sunday of the month but many of you are giving beyond that special day. Thank you for thinking of others less fortunate.

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+ Our Homebound and Those Unable to Get to the Church Building +

We value all of our members and friends especially those who are unable to get to the church building on Sunday mornings. Please see the Pastor for a list of names and address of those on this special listing so you can send a card from time to time or even make a personal call.

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+ Coming October Celebrations +

+ World Communion Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday in October. On this special Sunday we will have some guests reminding us of what it means to be “world communion Sunday” and a meaningful ritual to celebrate “The Table of the Lord” that stretches around the world.

+ October will also be a special month for those in Mount Zion and beyond because it is the “official” 500th anniversary of the religious reformation of the 16th century. There are many names 500 + years ago who called the Christian church to change and follow the teaching of Jesus and especially the Bible but the name most of us know about is Martin Luther. Although the last Sunday of October is traditionally called “Reformation Sunday” we will spend time throughout the month on key elements of our faith. A special Reformation Anniversary handout will be made available to our congregation also during October.

+ A Friday evening movie night is coming also in October. Our thanks to Joyce Mirfin and Diana Fraser for working once again on this project. A meaningful “family movie” and free popcorn. Watch for more information. Invite the community to join us.

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“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).

We encourage you to make Sunday worship a vital part of your life.

This is especially true as we move toward the fall with so many activities around us. Worship is foundational to our faith.

The People of Mount Zion “care!”

Our response to disaster relief!

If you would like to join those at Mount Zion in response to disaster relief in Houston and related areas you have several opportunities.

(1) On Sunday morning, September 3rd our “Community Service Fund” offering will be dedicated to his disaster relief. (2) If you are making out a check on Sunday or mailing it to the church (Post Office Box 755, Finksburg, Md. 21048) please make out the check to “Mount Zion UM Church” and clearly mark it “Disaster Relief.” We recommend putting it in a separate envelope so it does not get mixed in with the regular church offering. We will be working with the award winning outreach program UMCOR United Methodist Committee on Relief. (3) You can also give on line UMCOR Domestic Disaster Advance #901670.

Thank You for thinking of others in need!

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Our September Volunteers

Our September Church Newsletter is given to the Glory of God by Al & Willa Johnson in loving memory of Bea Johnson and John L. Kensinger, Jr.

The September Regular Worship Bulletins are given to the Glory of God by Joan Tighe in loving memory of Loved Ones.

September Ushers. Thelma Otto & Ruth Pitroff. 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 September & October 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 September and October. 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 September & October is given by Joyce Iglehart in memory of Loved Ones and also by George & Pat Beck in memory of Loved Ones.

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SEPTEMBER CHURCH MEETINGS

Finance Committee, Tuesday, September 5th 7:30 p.m.

Trustees, Tuesday, September 12th 7:30 p.m.

Church Council, Tuesday, September 19th 7:30 p;m.

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Our Annual Church-wide Charge Conference will be held on Monday evening, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Carmel UM Church (17036 Pretty Boy Dan Road, Parkton). Our new District Superintendent The Rev. Ann Laprade will preside. We would like as many church members to attend as possible.

+ Send A Greeting in September +

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

August Birthdays. 1 Jason 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.

August Anniversaries: 14 Rob & Elizabeth Kirby, 22 Al & Willa Johnson, 22 Adam & Amanda Cobb-Crock.

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.;

+ In and Around Mount Zion +

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.

Mount Zion Financial for the Summer and in August

A Quick Word about Our Financial Foundation.

Mount Zion does not have any secret source of funds in order to keep 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 August our average Sunday giving was \$1,612.91

In the summer months of June-July-August our average giving was \$1,797.00

The Maintenance/Building Fund received in August was \$1,389.00

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New Large Print Sanctuary Hymn Books Are Coming In October!

Have problems reading the words in our regular sanctuary hymn-books?

On the first Sunday of October we will provide large print hymnals, one in every pew! They are given in memory of Anne Armacost by her daughter Nanci Armacost Crock.

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A New Wooden Holy Communion Set is Coming in October!

In addition to our present Communion set we will soon have another set made out of beautiful wood. We plan to dedicate both the new hymnals and the Communion Set on World-Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October.

It is given in memory of Don Menchey by his wife, family and friends.

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AN OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

- (1) Support our United Methodist Women at Mount Zion by purchasing a \$5.00 shopping pass good at Bosc's in Westminster and you will receive 25% off at the store. A wonderful way to support the outreach and mission program of the United Methodist Women and save yourself some money. See Linda King, Judy Piel or Joan Tighe.**

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+ BOY SCOUT TROOP #1750 +

Our Boy Scout Troop #1750 has openings and is now receiving new boys. They meet on Tuesday evenings in the Social Hall. Need information? Call Scoutmaster David Yingling 443-340-5592. Bill Tighe, Chair of the Church Trustees represents Mount Zion on the Scout Council.

+ The People of Mount Zion reaching out to help children in need! +

+ By the way, did you see our new church railing? +



The Sharp-Leadenhall Elementary School + Baltimore City Public Schools

August 15, 2017

Dear Mount Zion Church and United Methodist Church Family

I want to thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000 to help our school and staff promote successful learning opportunities for our “special needs students” at Sharp-Leadenhall Elementary School.

These funds will allow our students to go on experiential field trips that will help them make connection to the curriculum they are taught in the classroom. Leslie and I want to also thank you for the love you have shown each time we come and worship with our congregation.

It is truly a blessing to be able to come together and worship with a group of individuals who have kind hearts and loving dispositions. Please keep in touch and I pray that God will continue to show favor towards everyone in the Mount Zion congregation.

Sincerely, Brian Blake, Assistant Principal

Sharp-Leadenhall Elementary School, 150 West West Street, Baltimore, 21230

(Note: Brian and his wife Leslie worshipped with us on Sunday morning, August 10th. Our Church Council voted to support this outreach right after the city riots to show our love. One of our congregation taught in this special education school. In addition we also support our local Sandymount Elementary School and the “Back to School” program sponsored by the Shepherd’s Staff of Carroll County.)

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+ Our New Church Railing + Thanks for your support!

Another important project completed by our church trustees due to the financial support of our faithful members and friends for our “Maintenance/Building Fund.” .

Projects included repair of our 1897 church foundation where we had water leaks, repair of bricks both along the entrance steps and the landing. Repair of bricks on the back of the church building. New (and good looking) railing along the front of the church and along the steps. New entrance floor mats both in the foyer of the church and also the entrance way into the Social Hall.

Thank you for going the extra mile!

CHOOSE THOSE WORDS THAT HEAL NOT HURT

Where did he/she learn such hateful ideas and language? I would suggest that in today's world most hatred is learned, not from table talk or from groups that talk and preach hate, but rather from the impersonal, all-powerful Internet. Unfortunately things that appear on the Internet are accepted as fact rather than opinion, and, once one goes to a particular website, it presents and references only one point of view and then leads the reader to a network of sites sharing the same point of view.

Contrasting points of view are almost never considered or acknowledged on most of the social media websites. This is in contrast to table talk, group interactions, newspapers, etc. that often share different points of view and usually contain at least one member willing to argue almost any point of view.

Also, unlike talk among friends and family, ideas filled with hatred, once placed on the Internet, are read and shared by an unlimited number of individuals. Unfortunately this includes persons whose minds, for many different reasons, are fertile ground for hate, racism, violence, etc. These individuals, in turn, usually feel compelled to share their hatred with as many other persons as possible.

Unlike "table talk", individuals who can hide behind the cover of the Internet feel free to use the most inflammatory forms of communication. This, in turn, encourages more extreme language and behavior.

For all the above reasons it is most important that we all (including out leaders) take care to insure that we choose words that HEAL NOT HURT, not only in our daily talk but also perhaps even more importantly in our written communications. This is especially true of the Internet with its capacity to influence both the good and the bad in and among us.

Let us resolve then to make all forms of communication, be it verbal, written, hand jesters, flags or symbols, not weapons for spreading more hate, distrust and misunderstanding but rather as the means for furthering understanding, cooperation and love.

George H. Thomas

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George & Betty Thomas attend Mount Zion. George has his PhD in Bio-Chemistry, in the field of medical genetics, and worked at Kennedy Krieger Institute, John Hopkins Hospital. Betty taught second grade in the Howard County school system They live in Westminster.

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You are invited to support the special offering to help those with the "catastrophic flooding" in the Houston area. The Communion offering on Sunday, September 3rd will be directed through the award winning United Methodist Committee on Relief. Personal donations are invited!

+ “Come On In! This is My (Our) Happy Place!” +



**Our “Happy Place” sign greets everyone who comes through our Social Hall doors!
Happy to be with one another! Happy to be with the presence of Jesus!**

***Our church choir gets ready for another fall musical sharing!
Music is important to those who worship at Mount Zion!
All kinds and types of music that brings glory to God!
Thank you – Choir – for leading us in singing and sharing the joy of music!***

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+ HAPPINESS ! +

**“Our definition of “happiness” does NOT mean riding up & down like on a racer-dip at a carnival!
Happy one day and unhappy the next! No!**

We are speaking about a “spiritual” happiness when the Spirit of the Living Lord enters your heart and life and no matter what you face each you know that God loves you and is always with you!

We are asking every member, every friend, everyone who enters to open your heart to God’s love and treat one another in the same way!

Our Saturday Morning Finksburg Farmers Market!

**Bonnie Moores (lower left) with her home-made-creations. Judy is holding a Maryland design wind-flag that she just purchased
R.J. the DJ comes on Saturday mornings and supplies great music!**

