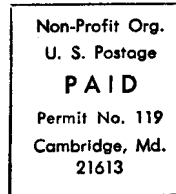


Zion United
Methodist
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Return Service Requested



We are the Church

I remember a rhyme I learned in Sunday School, complete with hand motions. It is called "Here is the church". Face your hands toward each other, palms out. Lock your fingers together facing down with the thumbs out. "Here is the church." Now, you take your index fingers out and put them straight against each other and say, "This is the steeple." Next, you say, "Open the doors." You move your thumbs out. With this you say, "Look inside and see all the people." At this point you turn your hands to face you so that you can see your fingers and wiggle them. We did this very often during Sunday School. It taught us the importance of church being in connection with God and others.

Some years later, I came across this true story. Mary and her family had just moved into the neighborhood where the church was located. One day Mary's mom went to the church and met with the Sunday School teacher. The Sunday School teacher showed Mary's mom the beautiful Sunday School room complete with posters, drawings and artwork of Jesus, the disciples, Noah and the ark, and the list goes on. Mary's mom explained to the Sunday School teacher that Mary had been born with only a left hand. The teacher then prepared the lessons and activities so as not to bring attention to Mary's difference.

Everything was going well in class. Mary was joining in with the lessons and the activities. She was getting to meet all the students in the Sunday School class, and Mary was having a wonderful time. The teacher went to close the class by doing something that they did all the time. They would say and participate in the little rhyme "Here is the church." The teacher began and she got all the way through when she said "Look inside at all the people." She turned white as a ghost, she stopped herself in mid-sentence. Her face had an expression of dismay. That is when Tommy, realizing the situation, turned to Mary and said "Let's do this rhyme together!" Tommy took his right hand and interlocked it with Mary's left hand. They both repeated the rhyme with the actions. Everyone rejoiced in the end.

We are the church. We are moving to reopen Zion's church building for worship. The church never closed. The building may have been closed, but the church never closed. Jesus said in Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Worship of God continued. It continued through the online service either on Facebook or YouTube. It continued at the drive-in service. It continued in various other ways, through DVDs or written transcripts or on the radio.

I want to thank you all for filling out the surveys. If you didn't, that is okay. Based on the surveys that were returned, we have 50% of the congregation that would like to worship in the building and 50% that have chosen not to worship in the building. I want you to know that this is okay. Your decision is completely up to you. You are still part of this congregation. You are still the church whether you are worshipping in person or through other means.

We will continue the alternate means of allowing you to be able to be a part of worship at Zion. Those other means are the same that we have now: Facebook, YouTube, DVDs, written transcripts, or the radio on the fourth and fifth Sundays. When the building is re-opened for worship, we will stop our drive-in service. At this time, a date has not been determined. Watch your email, Facebook, website, or our other means of communication for more information about when that will happen.

You are the church. If I can ever be of service in any way, such as a need to talk to someone, a need for prayer, or if you need help in some other way, please contact me.

Always remember that just like Mary and Tommy are the church, together, we are the church.

God bless you all,

Pastor Dave

Back to School Tips

by Ashton Mooday and Stephanie Dunnock

- 1) Designate a space for your child(ren) to do virtual learning. This could be at a table, at a desk, etc. Create a learning space or a few learning spaces. Sometimes kids do better at learning reading on the floor or couch but when it comes to math, sitting at a table is better.
- 2) Remember kids may still have homework. They may still need your help, but make sure they are also talking to their teacher about their needs, when they are stuck, or need more help.
- 3) Have your kids wake up and go to sleep at the time they normally would if school were in-person. Virtual learning is going to be a lot more demanding than it was in the spring. When your child(ren) go back to school face to face, their bodies need to be ready for the "normal" schedule.
- 4) Give your kids breaks to rest their eyes and keep good posture when looking at screens. Brain breaks are important. Things such as stretching, guided dances, and Gonoodle.com seem to be a fun outlets for kids.
- 5) Make it fun! Pack a lunch. Encourage them to get dressed and shower. Have "recess". Go on a "field trip." Remember to have your kids get outside. Have designated times where your child(ren) can video chat with their school friends. Remember, school is academically important but also socially. Make sure they are able to keep in contact with their school friends.
- 6) When you know in-person school is going to start, have your child practice wearing a face mask for a few hours during the day to help them get used to wearing it for an extended period of time.
- 7) And finally give teachers, your kids, and yourself grace. All teachers teach differently, kids learn differently, and parents parent differently. This is a different scenario, and everyone is on a learning curve. Help others where you can and when you can.



2020 - Zion's 240th Anniversary Year

What Was Happening The Year Zion Was Formed?
240 Years Ago - September 1780

September 21, 1780 - American General Benedict Arnold meets with British Major John Andre to discuss handing over West Point to the British, in return for the promise of a large sum of money and a high position in the British army. On September 21 of that year, Arnold met with Major John Andre and made his traitorous pact. However, the conspiracy was uncovered and Andre was captured and executed. Arnold, the former American patriot, fled to the enemy side and went on to lead British troops in Virginia and Connecticut. He later moved to England, though he never received all of what he'd been promised by the British. He died in London on June 14, 1801.

September News of the 1800s

Trustees of Zion Chapel—September 4, 1876—On motion Dr. Kurtz was authorized to embody the views of the Trustees in regard to the desecration of the church by tobacco chewers.

The Cambridge Era—September 28, 1878—The music committee of the M. E. Church have recently purchased a \$750. Estey organ.

Democrat & News—September 27, 1884—THE OLD CHURCHYARD - I am having the old church yard cleaned up, fenced and repaired. Those having friends and relatives buried there and especially interested, and feel disposed to contribute toward the expense, will confer a favor by leaving any amount they may please with Thomas H. Medford at the post office, or with the undersigned, will be duly acknowledged and applied. J.E. Bryan, Pastor ME Church

The Item—September 1894—Finding it impossible to run the public ferry over Cambridge harbor at the price allowed him by the county commissioners, Mr. J. A. Jordan had to throw up the contract. He is running the ferry, however, as an individual enterprise. The fare is only one cent for passengers, each way, and 5 cents for teams. Day passes are issued for 5 cents, allowing the holder to cross and recross as often as he wishes.

Democrat & News—September 19, 1896—Mr. J. B. Baker has put a telephone in his oyster house at the foot of Choptank Ave. and those who desire some of his excellent oysters for family use can give their orders without being compelled to go down there. Mr. Baker delivers all oysters ordered. His number is 61.

A Zion Memory

by Gloria Brake

In September of 1976, Gloria Brake (nee Richardson) graduated from the Eastern Shore Hospital Center Nursing Program. The ceremony was held at Zion United Methodist Church at night with candlelight. I remember thinking what a beautiful church! At the time, little did I know, that years later I would start attending that church and become a member.



ANNIVERSARIES
in September

8 Kate and Andy Bloodsworth
23 Eva and Ora Bartrum
30 Bambi and Howard Stevens

BIRTHDAYS
in September

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|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Phil Reed | 11 Anthony Wingfield | 21 Nancy James |
| 3 Connie Tubman | 12 Darius Tilghman | 21 Leslie Schunick |
| 3 Ted Waldsachs | 12 Melvin Turner | 21 Tucker Stevens |
| 4 Joe Turner | 13 Carol Ann Parks | 22 Martha Todd |
| 5 Debbie Thomas | 14 Paul Stouffer | 24 Jack Brooks |
| 6 Robin Herman | 16 Zachary Howard | 26 Amy Insley |
| 7 Jack McCarthy | 17 Ham Brake | 27 Bailey Dukes |
| 7 Arlene Peters | 17 Marjorie Hull | 27 Ryan J. Hubbard |
| 7 Carol Ann Williamson | 17 Layne Williams | 28 Paige Thomas |
| 11 Mary Etta Creighton | 17 Peyton Williams | 30 Tammie Willis |
| 11 Hudson Ellis | 21 Kim Elliott | |

Joined Zion in September:	Daniel Ciekot 1967 Ann T. Moore 1967	Sara M. Beckwith 1968 Belinda L. Kowitski 1991	Donna Lloyd 1991
Baptized in September:	Amy Norton 1986 Carrie Price 2001	Nathan Meekins 2018	

UPDATE: Re-Opening for Worship

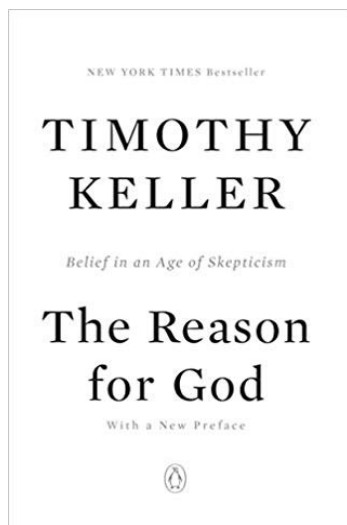
After reviewing the Re-Opening Survey Results Summary, the Church Council voted to re-open for one worship service on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in Garretson Hall. At press time for this issue of *The Beacon*, a starting date had not been finalized. Please watch your email, mailbox, our website, and Facebook page for more information. In the meantime, please remember, that once we re-open for worship, we will continue following CDC, state, and local guidelines as well as those from our insurance company.

Additionally, once we re-open for indoor worship:

- ◆ First and foremost, if you are not comfortable returning to worship inside, don't. God will not judge you, nor will your church family. As Pastor Dave said, "You are still the church whether you are worshipping in person or through other means."
- ◆ It's not too late to volunteer. Please contact Janel (office@zionumccambridge.org or 410-228-4910 (office) or 410-228-0365 (home), if you're interested. While the drive-in service will end when the indoor service resumes, our Facebook Live and You Tube services as well as the weekly mailings with DVDs or printed messages will continue.
- ◆ Masks/face coverings will be required at all times, including during the service.
- ◆ Hand sanitizer will be provided upon entry.
- ◆ Social distancing will be practiced.
- ◆ If you do not feel well, or have any cold or flu-like symptoms, please stay home.

More specific information will be provided once a date is finalized to re-open for indoor worship.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE AND COOPERATION.



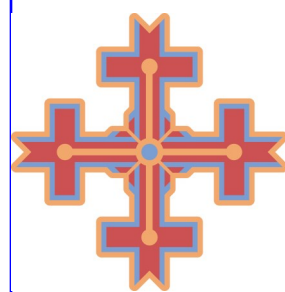
Bible Study: "The Reason for God."

by Pastor Dave

We are going to pick up our Bible Study on "The Reason for God" by Timothy Keller. We have done lessons 1-5 and 7. We will pick up with lesson number 6 and continue through the remaining seven lessons.

We will have Bible study on Thursdays, via Zoom, starting on September 17. There will be an afternoon group at 2:00 p.m. and an evening group at 7:00 p.m. Choose whichever is most convenient for you.

Please contact the office to sign up for the Bible Study by September 10. If you need a book, this can be ordered on Amazon, Christian Book, or other book retailers. I look forward to you joining with me as we grow as disciples.



Cross Crosslet

This cross is formed of four smaller Latin crosses joined at their overlapping bases. The cross as a whole represents the spreading of the gospel to the four corners of the earth. This cross is often used in connection with missions.



We mourn with her family and friends while celebrating the life of member Diane Godfrey who went to be with the LORD on August 12, 2020 .



We mourn with her family and friends while celebrating the life of member Faye Turner Gravitt, who went to be with the LORD on July 17, 2020



We are looking for someone interested in helping with editing together the recordings of our worship service each week for YouTube and DVDs. Pastor Dave, the Choir and Praise Team provide their recordings each week. These need to be edited together to form the electronic version of our Worship Service. The final product needs to be completed no later than Thursday mornings so that the DVDs can be burned and mailed.

If you're interested, please contact Pastor Dave (pastordave@zionumccambridge.org) or Janel (office@zionumccambridge.org).

If you are looking for a job, the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce has some suggestions for you:

On their Facebook page, the Chamber lists jobs that member organizations have posted:
<https://www.facebook.com/DorchesterChamberOfCommerce>

The Maryland Workforce Exchange has both job listings as well as other tools for job seekers:
<https://mwejobs.maryland.gov/vosnet/Default.aspx>

Chesapeake College has listings for both jobs and internships. Just scroll down to about the middle of the page and click on the appropriate link.:
<https://www.chesapeake.edu/students/career-services>



Dorchester Goes Purple 2020-Awareness Starts at Home

Dorchester County is joining all the Counties on the Eastern Shore this September by going purple to raise awareness of the ever-increasing opioid epidemic.

Talbot County led the way as the first county on the shore to go purple. The project was spearheaded by Lucie Hughes, then the President of the Tidewater Rotary Club and Talbot County Sheriff Joe Gamble. The project got broad engagement throughout Talbot County. The effort is based on a program created by the Herren Project and is best describe by this excerpt from their website:

“THP Project Purple is an initiative of The Herren Project, a non-profit foundation established by former NBA basketball player, Chris Herren that assists individuals and families struggling with addiction. The THP Project Purple initiative was launched to break the stigma of addiction, bring awareness to the dangers of substance abuse and encourage positive decision making to navigate life’s challenges.”

Each group that takes on the effort of Going Purple defines their goals and programs a little differently but ultimately the primary objective is to increase awareness. The goal of the program in Dorchester is quite simple but also very challenging at the same time. We want to increase awareness across all facets of our County’s population, from elementary school aged students to retirees that are set to enjoy their golden years. This is important as this problem knows no age, race, geographical, social, education level or financial status boundary. Everyone is at risk for being affected by this epidemic, either by struggling directly with an addiction, being the loved one of someone struggling or being the employer of someone struggling.

Our tag line is “**Awareness Starts at Home**”. Home can take on a lot of different meanings in this context. It can be the literal meaning of the structure within which one lives (house, apartment, etc). It can be a more general reference to the town/community in which you were born, or you have resided for a long time. It can be a headquarters or home base for operations. It can be an institution that cares for people. It can be a place of business. **It can be a place of worship.** For purposes of this project home is all of these things.

We want to turn all the “Homes” defined above purple acknowledging their awareness. This is a joint effort being led by the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce and the Dorchester County Sheriff James Phillips with the help of many organizations that have been engaged in the fight against this problem for a long time. Under the leadership of our Chairman, Mike Starling of WHCP Radio, we will be providing education options for all facets of the community in varying formats from in person presentations to printed literature to on line content. Once you have reviewed the material and increased your awareness the ask is for you to turn your “home” purple: it can be purple lights, purple signs, purple plants, purple food, purple clothes, purple stickers on your vehicles. Don’t forget your purple masks/face coverings.

We want to see the entire County in PURPLE by the end of September.

*Feeling connected to family, school, church and community
protects young people from risky behaviors.*

- ◇ Between January and June of this year, Dorchester County had 56 opioid overdoses, of which 12 were fatal.
- ◇ We had a total of 10 opioid deaths in 2019, meaning we have surpassed last year's deaths in only half of the amount of time.
- ◇ Half of the 2020 Dorchester County overdoses, including fatal and non-fatal, are among individuals in their 30s.
- ◇ Approximately 70% of the overdoses are among individuals in their 20s to 30s.

Cambridge Community Conversations

Live on Facebook and YouTube.

You will be able to ask questions of the panelists.

Check the [Dorchester Goes Purple](http://dorchestergoespurple.org) website (dorchestergoespurple.org) or the Facebook page as the events get closer for more details and connection links.

Wed., September 2, 2020 7:00—8:00 p.m.

Join us for a live broadcast to kick-off the month.

Wed., September 30, 2020 7:00—8:00 p.m.

Join us for a live broadcast to wrap-up the month and to talk about what is needed going forward.

If you need assistance or know someone who does

Use #IWishIKnew

We can help link you with the right local resource when you're ready. If you're in crisis please call 888-407-8018. If you have an emergency please dial 911.

Looking for information on how to access treatment? Or perhaps how to properly store or dispose of medications? Maybe you need tips on how to talk to your doctor or pharmacist... www.iwishiknewmidshore.org is the MidShore's resource for that, and more. Use our online treatment information tool to determine who to call if you or a loved one needs treatment. Find your local drop box. Get connected with a local family support group.

If you've got questions, we've got answers. And we're ready whenever you are.