

The Beacon

Zion United Methodist Church

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“Where Can We Find Comfort?”



Ever feel like the trials and tribulations of this world are way too quick in finding you and causing you grief? I know the feeling! When those times come—and they will come—where can we find comfort? Glad you asked.

The apostle Paul is an example of what can happen to a person's mind and life when they have been touched and changed by the love of God. Paul shows us how rich our lives can be when we learn to find our security and peace in “*the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort.*” He also shows us how much fulfillment we find after we've been changed by the love of God. That's when we become more concerned about the needs of others than we are about ourselves. With this in mind, Paul praises the God ... “*who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.*” (2 Corinthians 1:4-5).

Paul reminds us that God has a special interest in comforting those who are willing to join with Jesus in caring for others. In another New Testament letter, he writes: “*I now rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of this body, which is the church.*” (Colossians 1:24)

In other words, Christ alone has suffered to pay the price for our sins. No one else could do that. The work of the cross was finished once and for all! What the apostle Paul could do (and what we can do with God's help) is to join with Christ Jesus in a willingness to live for the interests of others. Like Christ, Paul put his own temporary well-being on the line to go to the rescue of those who needed help. Where does our comfort come from? It comes from the Lord and it comes so we can share it with others.

As we celebrate this Season of Lent 2018, let's fast a meal and feed someone who is hungry; fast TV and gain time to help others; Volunteer; Visit; Mentor; There is much to do. Simply create a plan and stick to it!

Many Blessings,

Pastor Mike

For the Record

Deaths

G. Edwin Howard, Jr.
January 16, 2018



Birthdays

March

05 Jenna Willey
06 Brittany Crawford
06 Richard Morse
07 Kathryn Collison
07 Craig Duerling
15 Logan Hubbard
15 Lauren Pridgen Zacharko
16 Cami Collison
16 Courtney Peters
17 Amanda Norton
18 Aubrie Lee Kowitski
19 Diane McCarthy
21 Lynn Thomas
22 Kristen Willey
23 Amy Norton
24 Wendy Collins
24 Rebecca Schunick
27 Megan Harp
27 Janice Webster
28 Ryan Fox
29 Alyssa Fox

01 Karen Bowers
01 Brandon Crawford
02 Dorothy Geoghegan
03 Johanna Colburn
05 Josh Turner
07 Emily Jump
08 Barbara Landon
08 Roger Van Dyke
09 Megan Masden
09 Allison Price
10 Susan Matthews
12 Meghan Cleary
12 Leslie Williams
13 Polly Lowry
13 Austin Webster
15 Eulah Lee Legg
15 Richard Meritt
16 Annette Atkinson



Anniversaries March

07 Bruce & Wendy Collins
11 Daniel & Bea Hubbard
11 Sewell & Susan Matthews
13 Austin & Nita Webster
20 Donnie & Joanie Peters

April

22 Richard & Renee Meritt
24 Scott & Lauren Zacharko

April

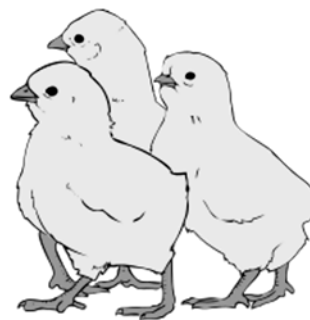
17 Steven Webster
17 Wendy Wilson
18 Leslie Booze
18 Kathy Counts
18 Art Renkwitz
18 Thomas Wilson
19 Nan Duerling
19 Carter Nichols
20 Charles Edmondson
21 Sara Beckwith
21 Cathy Crawford
22 April Ellis
23 Irene Howard
24 J. Clayton Brooks
25 Toby Wilson
29 Hannah Harp
29 Tony McDuffie



Flocks of Chicks for Heifer

Since 1944, Heifer International has worked to bring help, healing, and hope to millions of impoverished families worldwide. With help from donors, in just over 70 years, they have assisted, directly or indirectly, more than 31 million families. Today they are working in more than 25 countries and in areas where hunger and despair once prevailed. Heifer programs have reinvigorated communities through livestock, training, and Passing on the Gift.

During the Lenten season, the people of Zion will again have the opportunity to support Heifer International. As we have done for many years, we are working to donate a specific item for Heifer. In the past, Zion's gifts have included water buffalo, fish fingerlings, bees, rabbits, and actual heifers. This year, we are planning to donate flocks of chickens at a cost of \$20 each.



The protein in just one egg is a nutritious gift for a hungry child. Heifer helps many hungry families with a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks. And since a good hen can lay up to 200 eggs a year, there are plenty of eggs for families to eat, share, or sell. Because chickens require little space and can thrive on readily available food scraps, families can make money from the birds without spending much. Plus, chickens help control insects and fertilize gardens.

A container will be in the back of the sanctuary during Lent for any contributions people would like to make. Our congregation has always been very supportive of Heifer in the past, and will hopefully be just as supportive this year. Please make checks out to Hattie Brooks Circle and mark Heifer in the notation. More information about Heifer International can be found at their website: <http://www.heifer.org>.

GODSPEED

MISS ROBIN



Not really "godspeed" as Robin Dukes is still part of Zion's family and still teaching our children's Sunday School (11:00 a.m.). She is, however, leaving her job as church custodian after several years. We will all miss her bright smile and positive attitude, but certainly wish her well in her new job. Robin will be an educational assistant with Dorchester County Public Schools, where we know she will have a positive effect on the children she serves.

Cold Weather Shelter Update

2017 – 18

Mike and I would like to thank all the volunteers for their help with the Cold Weather Shelter Meals. Your time preparing & serving meals is greatly appreciated. Our Good Samaritan Pantry Funds help with the cost of providing hearty breakfast foods for the first Wednesday each month delivered by Roger Webster. Many thanks for his volunteering to do this service.

The Salvation Army has been the Shelter's location for this winter season. This Mission is truly a hand up for those who find themselves in dire circumstances. Finding jobs and affordable housing are also part of the mission. Coordinating has been made so easy for Mike and I, due to faithful volunteers.

The Mission of feeding those in need in the community gives Zion UMC the ability to show God's Love in action.

Thanks be to God for the wonderful volunteers, who always come through and provide for this need in Cambridge. Two Lady's Circles -Hattie B. Skinner & Eunice Sluyter, Joe Turner and Bobby Willey & family and friends and Zion's Choir, letting God's Light shine and showing the Love of Christ by this service. Again we say thank you!

Sincerely, Mike & Vista Cheesman

Wednesday
March 21st

American Diner
Route 50

Good Timers



Please make a
reservation with
Joan Reinisch at
410-228-9232

Meet at Restaurant at 1:00

Wednesday
April 18th

River View at
The Point

Rt. 50

From the Worship Team

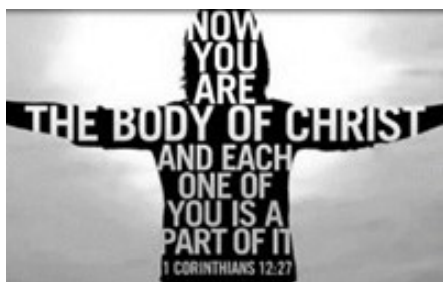
The Worship Team would like to thank Betsy and Mark Eberspacher for their devotion to Communion Stewardship for the past several years. The Worship team is pleased to welcome two families, Ham & Gloria Brake and Sewell & Susan Matthews as Communion Stewards for 2018.

Opportunities for YOU to Serve: We Need YOUR Help!

We need YOUR help with the décor in the sanctuary.

Sanctuary Banners: Our church has a need to repair, create / purchase banners for our Sanctuary. If you are creative, can sew, snip or are willing to help, please contact Robin Dukes or Karla Wilkins.

Christmas Décor 2018: Our Christmas decorations are in need of repair and refreshing. If you are willing to help with this project, please contact Bea Hubbard or Elaine Horseman.



HOLY WEEK 2018

Palm Sunday at ZUMC: 11 AM Procession of believers

Good Friday at ZUMC: Jesus Funeral Service, 7PM

Easter Sunrise Service on the banks of the Choptank River hosted by the American Legion, featuring Pastor Mike and ZUMC Choir

Easter Service 11AM at ZUMC

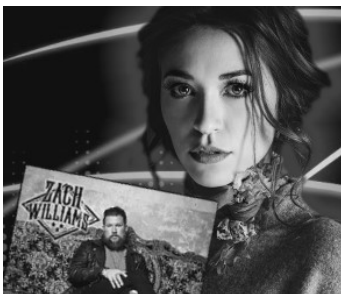
ZUMC Variety Show: "JOY"

April 15, 2018

3PM

Garrettson Hall

Refreshments will be served



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Zion UMC is to provide a loving community to welcome all who seek a Gospel-based commitment with Jesus Christ, through which their relationship with him can thrive and to provide opportunities to serve others in his name.

Our CORE Values

- Worship is the core of our life together.
- We are family.
- We grow disciples.
- We honor God by serving others.
- We live as God's stewards.

Faith
Filled Women

Saturday, March 24, 2018

at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center

88.7 FM
THE BRIDGE

Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 7:30 PM Lauren Daigle is coming to The Delaware State Fair with **Zach Williams!** Welcomed by 88.7 The Bridge the show will start **Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 7:30 PM** at the M&T Bank Grandstand! **General Admission Tickets on sale now!**



The Chancel Choir



The Chancel Choir has enjoyed participating in the Cambridge UMC Combined Choir. Our most recent service at St. Luke's on Ash Wednesday has drawn us even closer in relationship with our Lord and with each other.



*It's never too late to
join our choir family!
Come and see us on
Wednesday's at 7:00*



Please consider joining us for the Spring Season. We look forward to highlighting a men's choir and ladies choir with some special selections. Mark your calendars: April 15th, 3PM—ZUMC Variety Show "JOY"



ZUMC YOUTH CHOIR



The Youth Choir is in full force! We are eagerly practicing "You Make Me Brave" and our praise dance "Fearless." We look forward to sharing our gift with you soon. We have a special surprise for everyone who comes to see the ZUMC Variety Show on April 15th at 3PM. We have a special comedy act that we don't want you to miss!!!

If you have any photos of our youth choir, please share with Miss Robin or Miss Karla.

YOUTH Choir Practice

Sundays after church, 12:15 to 1:15

2nd Floor, Music Room

Oh SNAP!

It's time for Zion's new photo directory!

The Church Council approved the use of Disciplepix, a Ritch Photography company in Salisbury, to photograph and produce our new Photo Directory.

Photo sessions are open to all members and regular attenders of ZUMC. You will be able to instantly preview and purchase prints. Each individual or family that sits for a portrait will receive a free 8 x 10 of the directory image and church directory.

Don't miss this opportunity to update your family photos!

Please mark your calendars! Portrait sessions will be held at ZUMC,

by appointment only, for individuals and families, on

Thursday, May 10 11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 12 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 13 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sign-ups for portrait sessions will be held before and after both services on

April 15, 22, 29 and May 6.

For the homebound members of ZUMC, photos may be submitted.

Any submitted photos **MUST** be received before Sunday, May 13.

More details will be coming soon!

If you haven't updated your contact information,

please use the insert in this Beacon.

Updating the church's files goes hand in hand with producing a new directory.

Your assistance and cooperation are needed and appreciated.

For more information or questions, please contact, Janel Parke:
410-228- 3065 (home); 410-310-8769 (cell); or parke5303@gmail.com



Acolyte Schedule



March (robes)

4- Logan Hubbard
 11- LeYanna Sampson
 18- Katelyn Masden & TeiAmbre Sampson
 25- Logan Dukes & Madison Dukes

April (robes)

1- Logan Dukes & Madison Dukes
 (no robe, Easter best)
 8- Logan Hubbard
 15- LeYanna Sampson
 22- TeiAmbre Sampson
 29- Katelyn Masden

May (robes)

6- Logan Hubbard
 13- LeYanna Sampson
 20- Katelyn Masden & TeiAmbre Sampson
 27- Logan Dukes & Madison Dukes

June- (no robes)

3- Logan Hubbard
 10- LeYanna Sampson
 17- Katelyn Masden & TeiAmbre Sampson
 24- Logan Dukes & Madison Dukes

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 1, 2018

Our large lily cross will be displayed on the altar Easter morning. You can honor your loved ones by donating \$10.00 for each single, individual carnation that will be placed on the cross. This is a wonderful way to recognize our loved ones as well as helping the efforts of Zion's Good Samaritan fund. Everyone being honored will be placed on a special list and added to the Easter bulletin.

If you are interested, please call Elaine Horseman, 410-228-9134, or the Church office, 410-228-4910, or fill out the form below and return it to the office or offering plate.

Please let us know by Palm Sunday, March 25. THANK YOU.

\$10.00 each – Cash or make check payable to "Zion UMC" & mark for "GOOD SAM"

(circle one)

In memory of:

OR

In honor of: _____





From The Trustees

Still working on water issues in elevator room entrance. A.M. Specialitys is working on these issues and has made progress. Room is staying dry and Delaware Elevator is working with us so we do not lose certification on the elevator. Delaware Elevator is going to clean and refurbish the elevator well at a cost of \$1650, which must be completed to keep elevator certified.

Would like to thank Tom Wilson and Joe Turner for their continued support and help.

Gene Williams,
Trustee Chairman



The SPRC is working on personnel items as well as working on hiring a new custodian and updating job descriptions.

Thanks!

Alyssa Nantt
ajnantt@email.com

Report from Nan



Good morning, friends. I had intended to send a personal note to each one who contacted me, but when I turned on my computer and saw the reams of messages, I realize that I'm not going to be able to do that. Even though this is a form note, I want you to know how much I appreciate your loving kindness! What a joy to have each one of you in my life!

I have been surrounded by love, prayer, very competent and caring medical professionals at Easton Memorial Hospital, which is part of the University of Maryland Shore Health System. There was nothing I wanted or needed that wasn't immediately provided. The food was amazing! You got a complete menu with a number to call the chef. You placed your order and told them when you wanted it and voila, it arrived right on time. I've never been in a hospital that did anything like that before.

Very impressive!

Mom's regular caregiver, Heather, rearranged her schedule so that she could be here Monday and Tuesday, rather than having someone Mom didn't know come in on Monday. Heather is such a blessing to us.

Pastor Mike Hurley visited Mom on Monday and me on Tuesday. What a blessing that was to all of us!

Craig has been caregiver par excellence! He's done everything that needs to be done and much more. Actually, he's almost single-handedly been caring for Mom for weeks now. Mom is not bed-ridden and she can feed herself (and she definitely knows how to get the foil off of the Hershey Kisses!), but she needs significant help with everything else. Craig has done an amazing job, just as you would expect.

I have a three month recovery ahead. The first three weeks I cannot drive. And the first two weeks I'm supposed to rest and relax. That will be a challenge for me! I don't do "sit and stay" well! But I will definitely abide by doctor's orders. So far, so good, and I don't want to create any complications.

Thank you so much for everything!



March

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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NAME _____ GENDER _____

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

M/F

ADDRESS: (mailing & residential if different) _____

PHONE NUMBERS: CELL _____ HOME _____

WORK _____ EMAIL _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ AGE: _____

MARITAL STATUS: Please circle one: MARRIED SINGLE DIVORCED WIDOW/WIDOWER

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM? _____ ANNIVERSARY: _____

ENVELOPE# _____ OCCUPATION _____

PREFERRED NAME/NICKNAME _____

CHILDREN (Under age 21):

NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____ AGE: _____

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If you are not a member, but attend regularly, and are interested in becoming a member, please check here _____

If you are a member, interested in transferring your membership to another UMC, please check here _____

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March 14 is Pi Day! (3/14.Pi. Get it?)

Ok, so the thinking behind Pi Day is to celebrate that magic number and all the digits beyond the decimal—but can you blame us for taking it as a cosmic high sign to bake a pie? Think pecan!

PECAN Pie Sale



The Eunice Sluyter Circle of Zion United Methodist Church is making and selling pecan pies on
Friday, March 16, 2018.

A 10 inch pie is available for \$12.00.

Orders should be returned to the church office no later than Sunday, March 11.

Pies will be available for pickup in Garrettson Hall on Friday, March 16 from 12:30 to 3:30.

If unable to pick up at the time, call 410-463-0493 or the church office to make arrangements for pickup.

ORDER FORM

Name _____

Telephone _____

_____ pecan pies @ \$12.00 each

Total Due _____

Make your check to Eunice Sluyter Circle and mark it for pies.

COMING SOON



ZION UMC ANNUAL INDOOR YARD SALE

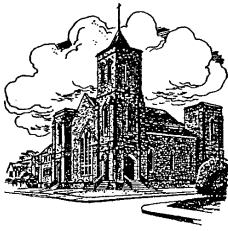
612 Locust Street In Garrettson Hall

Saturday ZION, May 5, 2018

7:00 am to 10:00 am



Zion United Methodist Church
612 LOCUST STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND 21613



Return Service

Requested

Non-Profit Org.
U. S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 119
Cambridge, Md.
21613

**Wednesday
February 28
April 11**

SOUP DAYS RETURN



Zion U. M. Church
612 Locust St., Cambridge, MD

11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

***Soup, Biscuit & Dessert
Beverages***

\$4.00

**Vegetable Beef
Chicken Noodle
Pea & Dumpling**

**Quarts
Available
\$8.00 Each**

**Carry-Outs & Deliveries Available !
No Beverages with Carry-Outs**

**Deliveries please call between 9-11am
Call 410-228-4910**