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The Church

In Sunday School, I remember being taught this wonderful ditty: “Here is the church. Here is the steeple. Open the doors and see all the people.” We are living into a tough reality. I do agree with our leaders that we need to take precautions. I do agree that social-distancing is necessary to slow the advance of this deadly virus. Even though this is hard to admit, I do agree that we needed to close our worship service, to prevent our congregation from being affected by this virus. We are a close-knit family.

When Jesus said to Peter and the rest of the disciples, “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it” (Matthew 16:18). Jesus did not tell us that He would build a building for us. Instead, Jesus told Peter that he would be the church. Jesus told the Samaritan woman in John 4, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem... Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth” (John 4:21, 23). Jesus did not say to the Samaritan woman that God wants people to worship in the building with a steeple and stained-glass windows.

The earliest church gathered to worship in people’s homes. The earliest church building was built in A.D .229. It is located in Dura-Europos, Syria. It started out as a house and later on became a church. They know that this

was a church, because the archeologists found Eucharistic prayers on fragments of scroll, beautiful frescoes showing the Gospel stories and a baptistry. So, using some mathematics, if the date of Christ’s death is A.D. 33, then this church was not built until 196 years after Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension. Before the building was built, the people were worshipping Jesus. The people did not need a building to worship Jesus.

If a tomb could not contain Jesus, then certainly a building is not able to contain Jesus. You are the Church. I am the Church. We are all the Church. Jesus is present with us. “For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them,” (Matthew 18:20). So, even if you are living by yourself, you still are the Church and there are three others gathered with you: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I will continue to preach from the pulpit for our worship service on the YouTube channel. When I look out in the audience, I see each of you sitting there, because you are the Church and I am blessed to be part of this wonderful family of Zion UMC. I look forward to the time when we can all gather together again in person to worship God.

Stay Safe, Church.
 God bless you all,
 Pastor Dave



Roast Beef/Turkey Sandwiches

The Hattie Brooks Skinner Circle will hold a Sandwich Sale with Catering by Jamie on **Thurs., April 30 from 11:00 a.m.—until sold out (1/1:30 p.m.).**

The sandwiches will be sold at the intersection of US 50 and Maryland Avenue.

Pit beef or turkey sandwich, chips and a drink for \$8.00!

Watch your email and bulletins for information on pre-ordering sandwiches.

If you’re interested in helping deliver sandwich orders, please contact:

Susan Robinson (410-228-6154) or Janel Parke (410-228-4910).

Proceeds from the sale will be used for mission projects.

During the Coronavirus Pandemic

On the fourth (and if there is one, fifth) Sundays of the month, you may listen to Zion’s worship service on WCEM 1240AM or www.sportsradio1240.com. Every week, you can see Zion’s worship service on our YouTube channel. The link to it is at the bottom of our web page (www.ZionUMCCambridge.org). Also on our web page are links to the order of worship, hymns, and Communion service for that week. We will be celebrating a traditional Communion service each week; Communion is another way to help us stay connected. Please use whatever elements are available to you, whether it’s toast and coffee; crackers and juice; PopTarts®, tea, milk, water, etc. We are planning for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter services. Information will be shared in the coming weeks.

2020 - Zion's 240th Anniversary Year

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

April 8, 1780 - The British attack begins against Charleston as warships sail past the cannons of Fort Moultrie and enter Charleston harbor. Washington sends reinforcements.

April, 1780 - George Washington censured Benedict Arnold for his misdeeds as governor of Philadelphia.

April News of the 1800s

From the Cambridge Democrat and News

April 20, 1872

TEMPERANCE - The friends of temperance must be greatly encouraged with the prospects of its popular advancement in Cambridge. One year ago the four hotels in Cambridge were selling all kinds of stimulating drinks to their customers; now only two of these have a bar attached to their hotel and one of these two emptied all his whiskey and brandy in a slop tub during the recent revival of religion in Cambridge, but still keeps a little on hand again for court. But after May 1st, 1872, not a single hotel in Cambridge will license to sell ardent spirits, and we are informed that the other bar rooms are doing no business if we except their "foreign trade." That is what they style their trade to persons not citizens of Cambridge.

Not only religion, but also courting seems to have been greatly revived in our town recently, if we are to judge of the large number of ladies and gentlemen promenading in pairs every evening after prayer meeting and other church gatherings. The editor would like to know if they expect to find paradise on earth as well as in heaven.

April 9, 1877

Zion's Committee on Iron Fence reported that they had purchased and put up a good fence at the expense of \$120.50. Committee on roof reported that it would cost \$125.00 to re-shingle the church.

April 10, 1880

The music committee of Zion M. E. Church has decided to abolish choir singing and return to the ancient custom of the fathers—congregational singing. In this progressive age, and in this go-ahead town this action may well be regarded as retrogressive.

April 11, 1885

The question "Are Skating Rinks Beneficial?" will be debated at Zion M. E. Church this Friday night. From the fact that Revs. Messrs Moorman and Bryan last Sunday cautioned the members of their flocks against attending this novel institution, the debate will doubtless be interesting and nothing short of a miracle, we imagine, could get an affirmative decision from the chair. The circus was also condemned by the ministers and from observation we believe that the members of both Zion and Grace Churches obeyed the wise advice of their able and learned ministers.

April 1, 1899

Accidents from runaway horses are becoming too numerous in Cambridge and those who handle teams should certainly exercise greater care. Not only are the occupants of a carriage or wagon in grave danger behind running horses, but the general public, back in the streets and on the sidewalks, is exposed to serious harm. Those horses that are safe on the county roads see a great variety of ghosts in town, and it may not be untimely to state that parties driving out of the alleys leading to the liveries on High Street should go slowly otherwise parties on the sidewalks passing them may be injured.



We mourn with her family and friends while celebrating the life of faithful servant Ellen Hanlin, who went to be with the LORD on March 12, 2020.



We welcome Zion's newest member, Miranda Elizabeth Lednum. She was born March 1, 2020 at 9:30 am. She weighed 6 lbs, 0.06 oz. and was 20.5" long. We celebrate with her proud parents, Charley and Christy Lednum.



Acolytes at work with Pastor Dave (L-R) Spencer, Vaughn, and Clayton Brooks



Gloria and Ham Brake Extinguish one of the Lenten Candles during a worship service

HATTIE B. SKINNER CIRCLE'S 2020 LENTEN MISSION PROJECT

The Hattie B. Skinner Circle is once again sponsoring a Lenten mission project in support of Heifer International.

This Lenten season, the HBS Circle is raising money to purchase alpacas. At home in rough, mountainous areas of Latin America, alpacas are a blessing to families with limited resources. Alpacas provide invaluable sources of income and wool, which is prized for making blankets, ponchos, carpet, and rope. Alpaca fiber is almost three times warmer than sheep or any other kind of wool. They have soft feet that are gentle on the soil where they graze, so they don't damage the crops. Their soft wool can be sold at market and provide income to a struggling family.



For more information, please visit:

www.heifer.org/blog/how-its-made-alpaca-knits.html

The alpacas cost \$150 each. The HBS Circle's goal is to purchase 10.

Please make checks payable to *The Hattie B. Skinner Circle*, mail them to the church office, and note "Heifer" in the memo line.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Mission Minute

March 2020

It all began in The Garden. God created Adam and placed him in The Garden to work it.

There is a Community Garden at Waugh Chapel Church. A mission of outreach, helping and providing. It came about in 2015, a vision of then-minister Rev. Emanuel Johnson. The garden has become a focal point in the area. Fifty raised beds that a diverse group of gardeners' plant and harvest. Forming a bond with each other and the land as they learn, teach and share.

Cambridge has had a troubled past, but this Community Garden has done much to repair the damage. It has been recognized by city, county and state officials, as well as University of Maryland Extension and the NAACP for its outstanding accomplishments. Many thanks to members of Zion and other local churches who have helped make this mission successful. A mission at exceeded Rev. Johnson's dream.

What a difference from Adam to now! The work Adam was given to do, was to Defend and Protect his Soul, through prayer and relationship with God. In the Hebrew word for Defense – Garden is found in the center. It is also part of the word for Shield – a form of Protection.

Our job of working a garden is much more difficult. It requires constant vigilance against predators and weeds, and just like Adam we too need to Defend and Protect our Souls. Gardens are wonderful, peaceful places, places that help us find the way to our Savior. It is all about relationships. This Community Garden brings people together for a great cause.

Another Fire!

Only a few minor improvements were made to the church until March 1940, when a much-needed Social Hall costing \$14,000 was completed and plans began to be laid for the redecorating of the sanctuary in the near future.

In 1942, subscriptions were begun toward raising funds for the remodeling of the interior of the sanctuary, and cash pledges were received for several years toward the financial goal of \$30,000 for this purpose. The committee named for the rebuilding were the pastor, Rev. J.B. Dickerson, and the Trustees: L. Thurman Phillips, Granville Hopper, Edgar S. Hubbert, Benjamin S. Insley, Albanus Phillips, Jr., and Robert T. Christopher.

Completion of the entire rebuilding took much longer than anticipated due to changes in plans for a more complete renovation, including refurnishing, totaling \$80,000. It was not until Sunday, May 1, 1949, that the Consecration of the Sanctuary was held. The new Allen Organ was also consecrated at the evening service and services continued on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Early on Sunday morning, January 1, 1950, a devastating fire totally destroyed Zion Methodist Church building which was still carrying a debt of \$37,000 on the rebuilding and refurnishing of the Sanctuary, completed only six months earlier. This time, the only assets were the stone walls, the lot, and \$148,000 insurance. However, the indebtedness on the recent improvements amounted to approximately \$50,000.



Though shocked and saddened by such a tremendous loss, the congregation had the determination to go forward and at 11 a.m. that morning gathered in large numbers in the Cambridge Armory (310 Gay Street) for the Communion Service which had been scheduled. The congregation also returned for the 7:30 p.m. service.

Expressions of sympathy and offers of assistance came from the whole community as well as from across the nation and were a testimony of oneness in Christ as believers in Him, who is the Father of All, binding us together in the great family of God.

Church and Sunday School services continued at the

Armory until January 15, 1950 when the Board of Education of Dorchester County granted the use of the Cambridge Junior High School on Glasgow Street for Sunday meetings until the Educational Building of the Church was completed on October 4, 1953. For a while other meetings were held in homes and other Churches of Cambridge, until the family of the Pastor moved to the second floor of the Parsonage at 106 Locust Street (now 706 Locust Street) and made the first floor available for religious, business, and social gatherings.



Post card of the "new" Zion M.E. Church. Note that the education wing was a single story with a pitched roof.

ANNIVERSARIES
in April

10 James and June Welsch
22 Richard and Renée Meritt

24 Scott and Lauren Zacharko

BIRTHDAYS
in April

01 Karen Bowers
01 Brandon Crawford
02 Dot Geoghegan
05 Josh Turner
07 Emily Jump
08 Barbara Landon
08 Roger Van Dyke
09 Meghan Masden
09 Allison Price
09 JoAnn Rumbley
10 Susan Matthews
12 Meghan Cleary

12 Lesley Williams
13 Polly Lowry
13 Austin Webster
15 JoAnn Kelley
15 Richard Meritt
17 Steven Webster
17 Wendy Wilson
18 Kathy Counts
18 Art Renkwitz
18 Tom Wilson
19 Nan Duerling
19 Carter Nichols

20 Gloria Brake
20 Jessica Dukes
20 Charles Edmondson
21 Sara Beckwith
21 Cathy Crawford
22 April Ellis
22 James Welsch, Jr.
23 Irene Howard
24 J. Clayton Brooks, III
25 Toby Wilson
29 Hannah Harp
29 Tony McDuffie

Baptized in April:

1976 Jill Welsch
1982 Carla Edmondson
1982 Alison Warfield
1982 Kelly Webster
1983 Guy Willey
1984 Elizabeth Schunick

1984 Rebecca Schunick
1987 Meghan Cleary
1988 Brandon Crawford
1991 Brittany Trickey
1997 Colin Mace Webster
2000 Tony McDuffie

2001 Dalaney Mackert
2003 Meghan Masden
2003 Megan Price
2003 Brooke Windsor
2018 Carl Dunnock V

Confirmed In April

1980 David Lamparter
1981 Mary Ellen Lamparter
1982 Carla Edmondson
1982 Kelly Webster

1992 J. Clayton Brooks, III
1992 Jason H. Matthews
1994 Winford J. Elliott III
1994 Caroline Hudson

1994 Amanda Norton
1994 Alison Warfield

Joined Zion in April

1944 Betty Lou Reid Pridgen
1945 Betty Wright
1945 Sybil Jones
1947 Joyce Turner
1947 Robin Farnell
1947 William J. Parks
1950 Dorothy Geoghegan
1952 Albanus Phillips, III
1952 Kenny Thomas, Jr.
1952 Laurence Waldron
1952 Wayne Bromwell
1953 Joyce Bromwell
1954 Theodore Robbins, Jr.
1954 W. Melvin Turner, Jr.
1955 Charlotte Booze
1955 Donna James

1955 John Matthews, III
1955 Mary Lynn Karsh
1955 Thomas Kuhn
1957 Robert Creighton
1957 Tom Wilson
1957 William Parks
1960 Barbara Marshall
1960 Constance Cantwell
1960 Diane Hoge
1960 Robin Herman
1960 Susan Robinson
1962 Austin Webster
1962 Helen A. Smith
1962 Mary Ann Hollen
1963 Deborah Brookhart
1963 Harry D. Stoker

1963 Olivia Schunick
1965 Diana Brooks
1966 Catherine Cannon
1966 Dona Lou Rhodes
1966 Donald Webster
1966 Elaine Horseman
1966 Ernest E. Eskridge, Jr.
1966 Philip Reed
1966 Stephanie Bloodsworth
1966 William W. Harrington
1968 Allen Hoge
1968 Carol Ann Parks
1968 Evelyn Renkwitz
1968 Grason Eckel
1968 Janet Gambaroni
1968 Joe Turner

Joined Zion in April (Cont'd.)

1968 Nita Messick
1968 Steve Dodd
1968 Susan Henry
1968 William W. Fitzhugh
1973 Cynthia Booze Richardson
1973 Wayne Bromwell Jr.
1977 Andrew Atkinson
1977 K. Michael Thomas
1977 Walter G. Willey
1981 Arthur Renkwitz, Jr.
1981 Bruce Herman
1981 Carol Masden
1981 Charles Payne
1981 Edward Howard Sr.
1981 Gregory E. Leverage

1981 Helen Thomas
1981 Katherine Elliott Kern
1981 Kenneth W. Majors
1981 Renée Meritt
1981 Ryan Hubbard
1981 Susan Groch
1982 David Ciekot
1982 Eileen Downey
1982 Kate Herman
1982 Susan Owens
1984 Bambi Stevens
1984 Maggie Windsor
1984 Robin Mackert
1984 Winfred H. Lipsius
1985 Joyce Turner
1992 April Ellis

2000 Tony McDuffie
2002 Dickie Lowry
2002 Polly Lowry
2004 Connie Tubman
2004 Dan Hubbard
2004 Dawn Fox
2004 Jane Turner
2004 Lance Bramble
2004 Ryan Fox
2004 Wendy Collins
2007 Edwin Robbins
2007 Jesse Bartrum
2007 John Lee
2007 Lesley Williams



Believe it or not, **SPRING IS HERE!**

Think about Zion when you start that Spring cleaning.

The Hattie B. Skinner Circle is sponsoring this year's annual yard sale on

Sat., May 30.

Donations will be accepted as soon as the church building reopens.

(NO large furniture, computers, or TVs, and **ONLY** gently used or new clothing).

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW