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## Mother's Day

One of the Ten Commandments that we studied during Lent was the fifth commandment, "Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." (NIV, Exodus 20:12)

One of the days that we celebrate in the month of May is Mother's Day. Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908 at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia by Anna Jarvis. Anna wanted to set aside a day to honor her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, who had cared for wounded soldiers on both sides during the Civil War. Before the war, she had organized a women's group called the Mother's Day Work Club. This group was organized to improve health and sanitary conditions. This group raised money to use for the purchase of medicine for the needy. It also hired women to help out in families where the mothers were suffering due to the disease of that day, tuberculosis. The other most important work of this group was the inspection of milk and food for contamination. After the Civil War, there was much animosity between the Union and Southern soldiers, so Mrs. Jarvis organized a peace day called the Mother's Friendship Day to bring both of these groups of men together to see that they were no different from each other. She was also wife of the pastor at St. Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church and taught Sunday School for 25 years. She was able to accomplish all of this because of her faith in God.

Her daughter, Anna Jarvis, wanted to honor her mother's work, so much so that she petitioned Congress to set aside the second Sunday in May as a day to honor her mother. Congress turned her down. Congress may have not wanted it, but in 1909 forty-five of the forty-six states, plus Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Canada, and Mexico set aside a day to honor mothers. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation to "fly the flags" on the second Sunday in May as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of

our country." Mother's Day is now a nationally celebrated holiday.

It is not just a day to celebrate our biological mothers, but also a day to celebrate the women in our lives who have made a positive impact on us. I am aware that some of you may not have had good experiences with your mother. Some of you may have been neglected or even abused by your mothers. For you, Mother's Day can be a day filled with negative connotations. All mothers have their faults. There are no perfect mothers. My prayer is that God has helped you to forgive those who have hurt you. Forgiveness is an important part of our lives with God. Forgiveness is not saying that what the person did to you was right or fair. No, forgiveness is allowing God to be the judge. That burden or weight is then taken off of you and placed upon God's shoulders. God will judge us all.

Mothers or women that love and care for us, are very important to God. The Lord Jesus Christ, when seeing a mother grieving for her son, had compassion for her. In Luke 7:12-17, we read "Jesus stepped forward and touched the stretcher on which the dead man was being carried. Those carrying him stood still. Jesus said, 'Young man, I say to you, get up.' The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother."

In the midst of this social distancing, which we should follow, if our mothers are still alive, let us take time and call them and let them know how much we are thankful for all that they have done for us. If our mothers are not alive, then let us pause and give thanks to God for our mothers. We give thanks to God for all the women that have loved and cared for us.

Happy Mother's Day!  
Stay Safe.  
God bless you,  
Pastor Dave

## Graduates

Do you have someone in your family who is graduating this year? Please call (410-228-4910) or email (office@ZionUMCCambridge.org) the church office with details so that we can honor them.



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 after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. **More details to follow.**

Donations will be accepted as soon as the church building reopens. (**NO** large furniture, computers, or TVs, and **ONLY** gently used or new clothing).

## 2020 - Zion's 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

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

May 4—The American Academy of Arts & Science was founded in Boston, with James Bowdoin, John, and Samuel Adams as founding members .

May 12—American General Benjamin Lincoln surrenders Charleston to the British.

May 19 —New England's Dark Day occurred when an unusual darkening of the day sky was observed over the New England states and parts of Canada. The primary cause of the event is believed to have been a combination of smoke from forest fires, a thick fog, and cloud cover. The darkness was so complete that candles were required from noon on. It did not disperse until the middle of the next night .

May 29—The Battle of Waxhaw Creek: The alleged massacre of 113 of Colonel Abraham Buford's continentals by Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton's troops after the continentals raised a white flag.

### May News of the 1800s

#### From the Cambridge Democrat and News

May 1, 1880—It is about time for the strawberry festival to raise its insinuating head in the land and inveigle innocent youths to temporary financial ruin.

May 3, 1884—Rehearsals are being held in the lecture room of Zion M. E. Church nearly every night for the cantata "Queen Esther." Nearly all the musical talent of the different churches have consented to take part under the instruction of Prof. Wyatt. It will no doubt be a success.

May 3, 1890—Mr. Editor - In the Era of Saturday last there appeared "an order of Publication - The Trustees of Zion Chapel, in Cambridge, Md., vs. the heirs of Robert Muir, deceased, in Equity in the Circuit Court for Dorchester County." In this lengthy document, the Trustees announce to the heirs of Robert Muir, the party from whom "the old church lot" was purchased in the year 1800 "that the corporation desires to have said lot sold for a better investment." It is well known that a large number of persons, whose forefathers and other relatives are buried in the grave yard, are strongly opposed to its sale "for a better investment" or for any purpose whatever. These honored dead were placed there in the belief that their remains would be left at rest. In this legal proceeding, there is an entire ignoring of the claims and rights of this large element in our midst, but the parties whose pious wishes are so disregarded, have no intention of submitting without protest or effort on their part against such unfair, unnatural and cruel treatment.

At the proper time this part of our people will be called together to take such action as they seem proper and right, to stop this unholy proceeding. It is well known that several lots in the grave yard were sold to parties whose representatives still hold evidence of such transfers. There may be more who have such receipts and these should be collected, as such evidence is valuable in contests of this kind.

Should the law decide in favor of this sale, no purchaser of the ground could be more acceptable to the descendants of the honored dead in that grave yard, as it is certain he would improve the ground, so long neglected by the Trustees of Zion Chapel.

May, 1894—Nothing much better could have happened when the bodies and bones in the old Methodist burying ground on Church street were removed and the land passed into the hands of Mr. Wm. H. Barton, Jr. Everybody, we believe, is now reconciled to the action of those who made the sale, since it has resulted in such great improvements as have and are now being made in that neighborhood. Land values were greatly increased and some of the handsomest and most costly residences in the town have been erected, with others to follow during the year.

May 14, 1892—Some of our citizens complain of cows tethered with long ropes that reach across the streets in East Cambridge, thus making a dangerous obstruction to travel.

May 21, 1898—WANTED - One hundred men to join a military company and enlist in the U.S. Army at the next call for troops by the Government. For further information apply to W. H. Bryan and L. H. Henry, Cambridge, Md. (This notice was for the Spanish American War—Ed.)



Please remember our church family members and friends who are no longer able to regularly share worship and fellowship with us. They worshiped, contributed time, talents, and money when they were able, and participated in Zion's many ministries. They continue to pray for their church family. Share your love with them by sending cards, calling, and/or visiting. Birth dates are included where known if you would like to send them a birthday card.

Audrey Creighton  
1223 Zachary Dr. Apt. 122  
Cambridge, MD 21613  
410-422-8381  
December 27

Dot Geoghegan  
206 A Bay View Ave.  
Cambridge, MD 21613  
410-228-0508  
April 2

Norma Reed  
304 Sandy Hill Road  
Cambridge, MD 21613  
May 9

Robin Farnell  
Mallard Bay  
520 Glenburn Ave.  
Cambridge, MD 21613  
July 20

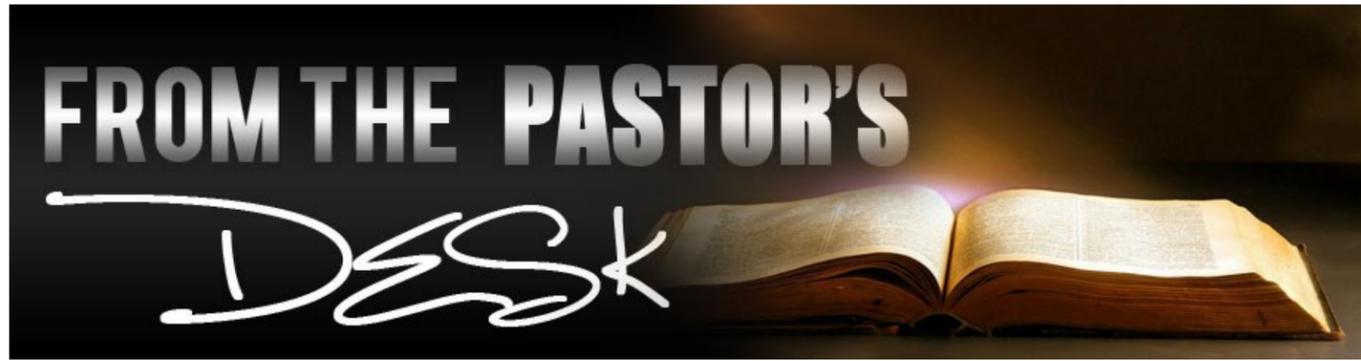
Marge Hull  
1001 Middleford Rd.  
Seaford, DE 19978  
September 17

Shirley Spedden  
401 Leonard Lane  
Cambridge, MD 21613  
410-228-1649  
January 28

William Fitzhugh  
6624 Pine Top Rd.  
Hurlock, MD 21643

Margaret Miller  
135 South St. (P.O. Box 339)  
Secretary, MD 21664  
410-463-3757  
February 24

Janice Webster  
604 Water Street  
Cambridge, MD 21613  
March 27



Dear Family of God at Zion,

I want to thank all of you for your patience in these trying times. I also want you to know that your Team at Zion--clergy and laity, staff and volunteers--is working very hard to continue the ministry of Jesus, to provide you with meaningful worship services, and to keep you connected to the body of Christ. We are using a variety of formats: Zoom for meetings, YouTube and Facebook for online worship services, DVD, Postal Service mailings, emails and the website to distribute information. We have added a drive-in worship service at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month in the church parking lot (weather permitting).

We will use every way possible to keep you informed and continue the worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Have we been successful? In some cases, yes, and in other cases, no. There has been a huge learning curve for us to learn how to use the technology that is available to us. I did not foresee, nor do I think anyone else foresaw, the magnitude and suddenness of this change.

While your Zion Team is working daily, and sometimes late into the evening and night, we need your help to check in on each other, pray for each other, and to pray for your Team at Zion. If you need help or prayer, if your DVDs are not working, or you are not receiving your emails or postal mailings, or you have an idea of how to do something better during this time, the parsonage number is 443-382-0348, my cell phone number is 410-708-0796, and my email is [pastordave@zionmumccambridge.org](mailto:pastordave@zionmumccambridge.org). Please call me, text me, or send me an email. I will get back to you as soon as I can.

I want you to remember this: Our faith may be shaken, but it will never be destroyed, because our faith is on the Solid Rock of Christ.

Stay safe. Keep praying. Plan. Do not panic.

God bless you all,  
Pastor Dave



**Cambridge Area Ministries (CAM) is hosting and inviting everyone to join the Body of Christ in a weekly "Intercessory Prayer Tsunami" against the Covid-19 virus and its impact on our health, government, church, and economy.**

Method: By way of a Telephone Conference Call

Dial in number: (701) 802-5395 Access Code: 422822

Date and Time: Every Friday at 6:45 PM for 15 minutes

Host Churches: St Paul, St Luke, Zion, Grace and Waugh Chapel United Methodist Churches

## Rising From the Ashes!



Plans for rebuilding had to be preceded by plans for financing the undertaking. The first effort was made on February 2, 1950 at a dinner meeting on the second floor of the Ambridge Restaurant, 533 Poplar Street, where a nucleus of sixty workers came together to announce the opening of a crusade program to underwrite a three-year financial plan recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Official Board, to construct the Educational Building - the first phase of the rebuilding program. By means of this crusade it was hoped to raise more than \$100,000 in the three-year period. At this meeting, 35 of the

members present turned in their personal commitments, which totaled \$25,000.

On April 16, 1951 after the drawings of the registered Church Architects, Giffin & Fink of Philadelphia, had met the approval of the Building Committee, a congregational meeting was held, at which time the low bid of \$310,000 by Charles E. Brohawn & Bros. was approved by the congregation. The work of construction was further delayed by the scarcity of building materials. However, on Sunday, October 26, 1952 the cornerstone of the new Educational Building was unveiled following the morning worship service in the Cambridge Junior High School. The choir led the procession, followed by members of the Official Board and 50 people who had been members of Zion Church for over forty years.



Photo Kenny Thomas



(l-r) Austin, Roger, Elaine

## My Early Days at Zion United Methodist Church

By Elaine Webster Horseman

Baptized December 12, 1954 (Rev. Alton Miller)

Confirmed in April 1966 (Dr. & Mrs. John French)

I have so many wonderful memories of my childhood at Zion Church. I suppose the most outstanding were the fun times spent in Sunday School. Beginning in the nursery (which my Mother, Mary Mace Webster, took care of for fifty years), then the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades with Mrs. Clara Collins (who was an angel), up to my high school years with teacher Mr. Robin Farnell (who added so much fun to learning about the Bible and life). I still have the "perfect attendance" pins that they

gave out in those days. There were so many wonderful teachers and leaders in those early years that I can't name them all, but to mention a few, there was Assistant Pastor Rev. Bill Fitzhugh, Mrs. Eileen Majors, Dr. French, Rev. Brewer, and Dr. Amos.

Other great memories are from youth choir, vacation Bible school, MYF, and selling Christmas trees.

My parents, Mary Mace and Leonard Webster, deserve all the credit for me attending and being involved in the Church both years ago and today. I cherish all the memories and thank God for all the opportunities I have been given.

# ANNIVERSARIES in May

03 Mitch and Janel Parke  
04 Len and Cathy Cawford  
04 Daniel and Brittany Trickey

25 Ricky and Nancy Potter  
25 Lynn and Susan Thomas  
31 Ricky and Jessica Dukes

# BIRTHDAYS in May

02 Charlotte Booze  
03 Mackenzie Foster  
04 Albanus Philips, III  
05 Vista Cheesman  
05 Maura Manley  
07 Betty Lou Reid Pridgen  
09 Melissa Jump  
09 Norma Reed  
11 Shelby Blades  
11 Alex Creighton

11 Bruce Herman  
11 George McComas, Jr.  
14 Elaine Horseman  
16 Paul Lewis  
16 Jason Matthews  
16 Bobby Willey  
17 Jade Turner  
19 Tristen Schunick  
20 Winford Elliott  
23 Nancy Potter

23 Jackalyn Stouffer  
25 Carter Dukes  
25 Aiden Etchison  
26 Barbara Marshall  
27 Ricky Potter  
28 Amy Schuyler  
29 Eleanor Van Dyke  
30 Bryn Crossan

**Baptized in May:**  
1987 Angela Meekins  
1989 Aaron Atkinson

1992 Aubrie Lee Kowitski  
1999 Meagan Owens

2007 Logan Dukes  
2007 Cian Harp

**Confirmed In May**  
1989 Laird Creighton  
2003 Zachary Howard  
2003 Aubrie Lee Kowitski

2003 Brittany Trickey  
2011 Meagan Owens  
2011 Paige Thomas

2011 Beth Thomas

**Joined Zion in May**  
1941 Jane Parks  
1942 Frances Eskridge  
1956 Ann Parks  
1966 Jack Seabrease  
1971 Andra K. Sammons  
1971 Michael Willey  
1972 Ruth Donaldson  
1972 Steven Webster  
1974 Carol Knox  
1975 Joseph Frampton, Jr.  
1975 Kurt Haglund  
1975 Jamie R. Warfield  
1975 Guy W. Willey, Jr.

1989 Laird Creighton  
1989 Joshua Woodard  
1998 Susan Willey  
2002 Andrew Counts  
2002 Kathy Counts  
2003 Zachary Howard  
2003 Aubrie Lee Kowitski  
2003 Brittany Trickey  
2003 Ann Coli  
2008 Lynn Thomas  
2008 Susan Thomas  
2010 Michael Cheesman  
2010 Vista Cheesman

2010 Debra Collins  
2010 Debbie Yost  
2011 Meagan Owens  
2011 Paige Thomas  
2011 Beth Thomas  
2012 Mark Eberspacher  
2012 Betsy Eberspacher  
2012 Jacquelyn M Groton  
2012 Jim Marquette  
2012 Diane Marquette  
2012 Bonnie McCall  
2012 Paul Stouffer  
2012 Jackalyn Stouffer

## 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](http://www.sportsradio1240.com). Every week, you can see Zion's worship service on our YouTube channel. The link to it is on our web page ([www.ZionUMCCambridge.org](http://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.

On the first and third Sundays of the month, we will have a drive-in Worship service in our Glasgow Street parking lot. This service will be held, weather permitting, within the guidelines set forth by the Governor's Office.

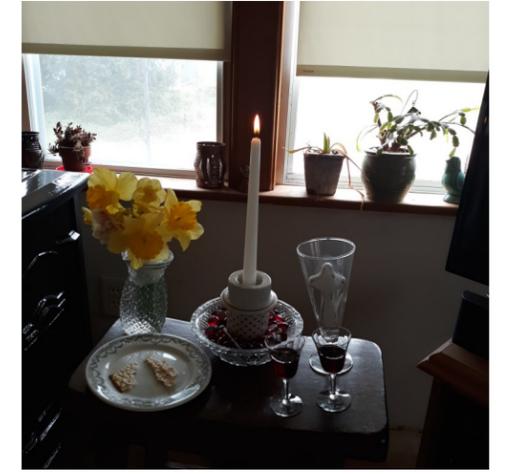
## Thank You Notes For Easter "Baskets" From Zion

Zion umc, 4/9/20  
Thank you for thinking of me with the Easter package. I have enjoyed everything. The easter, chick, and candy. Happy spring and Happy Easter!  
Thank you again,  
Clayton Brooks

4/15/20  
Zion umc,  
Thank you for the Easter gifts you sent us. The books, slime, candy and Easter bunny, chick and egrat Hope to be with you all in church soon.  
Love, Vaughn and Spencer.



Holy Week at the Cheesman's



Drive-In Church in Zion's Parking Lot

