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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 240th 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.

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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. 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 1st and 2nd 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. 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). 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 great 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

