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Father's Day

On Sunday, June 21, we will celebrate Father's Day. It is important that we remember our fathers; the men in our lives that love us, support us, and discipline us when we need it. They may be, or have been, our biological fathers; they may be, or have been, our uncles, neighbors, pastors, Sunday school teachers, educators, or even fellow employees. They have, and continue to, shape our lives and give us values to live by. God has blessed us with these men, as imperfect as they are, to show God's love to us.

How did this all start? The creation of a day to celebrate and honor our fathers begins in May 9, 1909. Sitting in her church in Spokane, Washington while celebrating Mother's Day, Sonora Smart had an epiphany. How about a day to celebrate and honor fathers? She was thinking of her father, William Jackson Smart. Her father was a father of 11 children, not all of them were his biological children. He was twice-married and twice-widowed. When he married Sonora's mother, Ellen, she was a widow with three children. Sonora was the oldest. William was a widower with five children. William and Ellen would have three children of their own, before Ellen's death. When Ellen died, Sonora was 16 years old. Years later, Sonora would report in the Spokane Daily Chronicle "I remember everything about him. He was both father and mother to me and my brothers and sisters."

The next year, Sonora petitioned the Spokane Ministerial Alliance to celebrate a day to honor fathers on June 5, William's birthday. The clergy loved the idea, but the day did not work for them. So, they suggested the third Sunday in June. Sonora agreed. So, on June 19, 1910, churches in the state of Washington celebrated the first Father's Day. The mayor of Spokane and the governor of the State of Washington had made proclamations setting aside the third Sunday in June to honor fathers. The churches distributed red roses to honor those fathers that were living and white roses to

honor those that were deceased. At Sonora's church, William was honored. He would die in 1919.

The celebration of that day flowed to other states, but it was not recognized as a national holiday until 1972. That year President Richard Nixon made the third Sunday of June a day to celebrate fathers. Sonora was still living at the time. She was 90 years old. She would live for six more years.

I know that some of you did not have a good relationship with your father. Some of you have had fathers that were abusive or neglectful. There are no perfect fathers. All fathers will fail. After having said all of that, my prayer is that God has been at work in your life healing you of the abuse, neglect, or poor relationship that you have or had with your fathers. I pray that you have forgiven your father. As followers of Jesus, forgiveness is an important part of our lives. We forgive because Jesus forgave us. Forgiveness is not saying that what your father did to you was right. Instead forgiveness is releasing this burden unto God. God is a God of justice and God will be the judge of all of us.

The Bible tells us in Psalm 103:13, "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him." Give thanks to God for providing godly men in your life.

If your father is still living, give him a call and reach out to him and tell him how thankful you are for all that he has done. If your father has passed on, then pray to God thanking him for the father that God gave you. God considers fathers to be very important to Him and to us. Let us thank God for all the men in our life who have shown us love and taught us respect.

Happy Father's Day!

God bless you,
Pastor Dave

A Pentecost Challenge

From Pastor Dave

May 31st is Pentecost, which is a very important Sunday because it is the birthday of the church. Even though we cannot worship together, let us celebrate Pentecost together. I know that all of you are very creative, so I am challenging you to decorate the front of your house. You can decorate your door with a picture of flames and a white dove, or make a wreath. If you are a wood worker, you could make a cut out of flames. Gardeners could decorate with red and orange flowers. We live here in Cambridge. You can purchase some crabs and enjoy eating the crabs. Save the shells to be painted and attached with string or even do the same with oyster shells. You can tie red balloons or wrap red lights onto the railing of your steps or balcony. Get your young disciples involved in this as well. Read Acts 2 to gain some ideas. Let us show our neighbors that we are celebrating Pentecost.



Once you have your house, door, or railings decorated, send a picture to my email no later than June 7 at pastordave@zionumccambridge.org. I will be choosing several to award prizes.

Have fun and let us celebrate Pentecost!



Plans for the Yard Sale are on hold until we know when we will reopen the building.

2020 - Zion's 240th Anniversary Year

What Was Happening The Year Zion Was Formed?

240 Years Ago - June 1780

June 7 – American Revolutionary War: Battle of Connecticut Farms

June 10 – American Revolutionary War: Battle of Mobley's Meeting House

June 20 – American Revolutionary War: Battle of Ramsour's Mill

June 23 – American Revolutionary War – Battle of Springfield: The last major battle to take place in New Jersey and the rest of the Northern states during the Revolutionary War.

June News of the 1800s

June 21, 1845 Cambridge Chronicle [Re: the building on Race Street, replacing the one on Mill and Church Streets.]

The subscribers, (a building committee) will receive sealed proposals up to the 15th of July, for the erection of a Methodist Episcopal Church in said town, and let it out to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders; to be commenced and completed as soon as practicable. Said house [of worship] to be built of suitable building stone 45 by 60 feet; wall 29 feet high including foundation, 2 feet thick for the basement story (11 feet) and 2 feet for the remainder; a partition wall 1 foot thick the entire width of the house the height of the basement.

The basement story will have 10 windows; each 5 feet wide by 6 feet in length; the door will show 8 feet by 15; - The body of the Church will have 12 windows each 5 feet by about 12 in length, and 1 window in door, same as those in basement. There will be 2 flight of stairs from basement to the body of the church, with 4½ or 5 feet steps and 2 down into gallery from the body of the church of 4 feet.

A gallery will be erected at the end of the church of about 20 feet in depth. The seating to be plain and neat in the modern style. There will be 2 aisles each 3½ feet in width, running the length of the church from the vestibule; - The floor and sash all to be of good heart yellow pine. Proposals to include the roof of Zink or of the best cypress shingles painted. The plastering of the basement will include three rooms and entry. The proposals for plastering should embrace the expenses either of an arch or of a square ceiling.

Proposals will be received for the whole church including all the material and work, or for each branch of the work separately. We deem it unnecessary to go into further particulars, as the above will be sufficient to give to persons familiar with the subject, a general idea of the character of the proposed building. It is sufficient to say that the whole material must be of the best quality, and the work executed with neatness and durability.

June 12, 1856—Zion Chapel Trustees

On motion that the present mode of seating the congregation be changed to promiscuous sittings thus allowing men and women to sit in the same pews. It was ordered that Bro. Lightbourn give notice of such change from the pulpit on next Sabbath.

June 4, 1881 Democrat & News

The congregation of Zion M. E. Church will bid adieu to their old stone temple tomorrow, which will be the last Sunday service in the present building. The carpenters will begin to tear out the wood work on Monday, and the stone masons will commence work on Tuesday. The present edifice is a plain, substantial one, built in 1845, and superseded the old frame house of worship which stood on Church street opposite the old graveyard. The stone church was closed for repairs in 1867, and about \$1,000 was spent for improvements that year, but few changes were made in the building at that time. Now it is proposed to remodel the entire structure and convert it into one of the handsomest houses of worship on the peninsula, more in keeping with the growth and influence of that large branch of the Christian church which it represents. The seating capacity is to be enlarged, and the rooms on the first floor are to undergo a complete change, so that the purposes for which they are to be used will be better served than at present. The tower is to extend out 16 feet, with a spire 140 feet high. The windows and roof are to be gothic, the walls beautifully frescoed, and the whole will be a decided improvement on the present building. The cost will be about \$6,000.

Thank You!

Generosity
changes everything

Zion UMC is extremely blessed
by your faithful giving!

Thanks to the dedication and generosity of our members and friends, we are able to continue to pay all of our bills including salaries, utilities, apportionments, insurance, and other expenses.

We will continue being good stewards of
your gifts to God through Zion.

We greatly appreciate your patience, support,
and prayers, while we look forward to a time when
we can physically worship together again!

Dear Pastor Dave,

I want to thank you and all the Zion Team for the hard work you are doing to keep our Church family connected.

Your efforts will not be forgotten. I honestly believe, as bad as this mess is, there will be positive things to come from it.

We will all keep the faith and hang in there together.

God Bless, Elaine Horseman

Graduate Recognition at May 17's Drive-In Service



Our 2020 Graduates: Meghan Masden—C/SD, Joshua Tolley—C/SD, and Grace Kelley—Brevard College,

A Mother's Day Delivery



Zion UMC blessed more than 100 ladies in our church family with a special Mother's Day delivery. Special thanks to Mike & Vista Cheesman for donating the flowers; to Grace Kelley for helping "pot" the flowers and to our delivery drivers and their helpers: Ham & Gloria Brake; Spicer & Judi Leaming; Kenny & Debbie Thomas; Carl Dunnock; Steve Dodd; Joe Turner; Mike Cheesman; Tom Wilson and 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

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

Back in the Building!



The service of consecration of the Zion Educational Building was held October 4, 1953 with Bishop James H. Straughn bringing the sermon of consecration. The Educational Building completed at a cost of \$350,000 was the first step in the restoration of the entire church building. The new building, constructed of steel and concrete, is three stories high and built of Port Deposit granite, the walls of which were part of the old building

For many years Zion Church had been looking forward to the time when they could build a parsonage on the Church lot adjoining the Church. This became a reality through the generosity of Capt. Levi B. Phillips, Sr., a devoted member of Zion who died April 7, 1945, leaving a legacy of \$35,000 for the building of a parsonage.

The ground breaking for the Levi B. Phillips Family Memorial Parsonage took place on Sunday, September 24, 1950 at 12:15 p.m. immediately following the morning worship service at Cambridge Junior High School where services were being held while Zion Church was under construction. The procession moved from the Cambridge Junior High to the Church lawn. Dr. Essel P. Thomas, Easton District Superintendent, led in the dedication of the site and offered the prayer.

On February 22, 1952, at 4 p.m. the dedication of the gray Port Deposit granite Parsonage of beautiful English Architecture marked another milestone in the history of Zion Church. The tragedy of the war and rising costs of building materials prevented an earlier realization of this effort. However, the Board of Trustees in its desire to keep faith with the intention of the donor, made possible the securing of additional funds, so as to carry out the specifications and desires of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips. (From 1910 until his death in 1945, Mr. Phillips served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Zion Church and took an active and constructive interest in its affairs.)



Zion's New Little Library

By Tom Wilson

In February, Barbara Wilson presented to the Trustees an offer from The Dorchester Retired Educators Association to build and donate a Little Library to the Church. The Trustees thought it was a very gracious offer and agreed on a design from several offered. Ruth Clendaniel of the DREA constructed the Library and Tom Wilson installed it next to the steps at the Glasgow Street entrance to the Church. It is, like other Little Libraries around the community, designed to be available to anyone who wishes to take a book, read it and return for someone else. There will be a selection of children's and adult books covering a range of topics and reading levels as well as the current *The Upper Room* and *Our Daily Bread* devotionals. All are encouraged to utilize the Library and share the information and availability to anyone who may be interested. We thank The Dorchester Retired Educators Association and Ruth Clendaniel for their very generous and beautiful gift to Zion and the community.





Changes to Drive-In Services

Beginning Sunday, June 7, the drive-in service time will be changed to 10:00 a.m., and Zion will be having a drive-in service every Sunday.

ANNIVERSARIES in June

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| 4 Charles & Alison Warfield | 20 Charles & Robyn Edmondson |
| 10 Jack & Diana Brooks | 22 John & Mary June McGinnis |
| 10 Allen & Diane Hoge | 24 Ham & Gloria Brake |
| 14 Carl & Stephanie Dunnock | 24 Robert & Mary Etta Creighton |
| 17 Danny & Wanda Ciekot | 24 Tom & Meghan Cleary |
| 17 Delmer & Gloria Willey | |

BIRTHDAYS in June

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| 02 Grace Saunders | 16 John McGinnis | 26 Mackenzie Nalley |
| 05 Sean McGinnis | 16 Susan Robinson | 27 Sewell Matthews |
| 06 Lacey Dukes | 18 Robin Dukes | 27 Meagan Owens |
| 07 Danny Ciekot | 18 Carrie Price | 30 Ricky Dukes |
| 07 Ellen Rindfuss | 20 Ashton Mooday | 30 Daniel Insley |
| 07 Katie Tolley | 20 Christine Pridgen | 30 Mary Ellen Lamparter |
| 11 Drew Tolley | 21 Betsy Parks | |
| 14 Kate Herman | 23 Addie Cartwright | |

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| Baptized in June: | 1979 Jason H. Matthews | 1999 Jenna Willey | 2016 Jade Turner |
| | 1985 Michael Willey | 2002 Joshua Tolley | |
| | 1986 Josh Turner | 2010 Lacey Dukes | |

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| Confirmed In June | 2017 Logan Dukes | 2017 Dalaney Mackert |
| | 2017 Lauren Emily Hubbard | 2017 Katelyn Masden |

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| Joined Zion in June | 1937 Shirley Spedden | 2004 Arlene Peters | 2011 Patricia Haring |
| | 1958 Marion A. Waldron | 2004 Robert Willey | 2017 Nancy James |
| | 1999 Billie Ann Parks | 2005 Alyssa Nantt | 2017 Mitch Parke |
| | 2004 Julie Goldin | 2011 Addie Cartwright | 2017 Janel Parke |
| | 2004 Barry Jones | 2011 Doris Cook | |

Directory updates

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| Helen Thomas (new address)
10400 E. Thunderbolt Drive
Tucson, AZ 85748 | Eleanor VanDyke (email update)
vandykeseafood@comcast.net | Josh & Julia Turner (new address)
5153 Paw Paw Road
Cambridge, MD 21613 |
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If your address or phone number changes, please let Janel know at office@zionumccambridge.org or 410-228-4910.

HATTIE B. SKINNER CIRCLE'S 2020 PROJECTS

By Janel Parke

The Hattie B. Skinner Circle is very pleased to report that despite our building being closed, we raised \$2,250 for our Lenten Mission Project in support of Heifer International. That is enough to purchase 15 alpacas, five more than our goal!



The HBS Circle's Sandwich Sale fundraiser with Catering by Jamie, held on Thursday, May 7, was a big success despite the changes required because of COVID-19. We received more than 70 pre-orders and sold a total of 265 sandwiches in just over an hour! High winds postponed the sale by one week, we weren't able to offer delivery, and Jamie's meat order was cut a little short, but the Circle still raised just under \$1,000 including donations!

Thank you, Zion Family, for your generosity and support of our mission project and fundraiser!

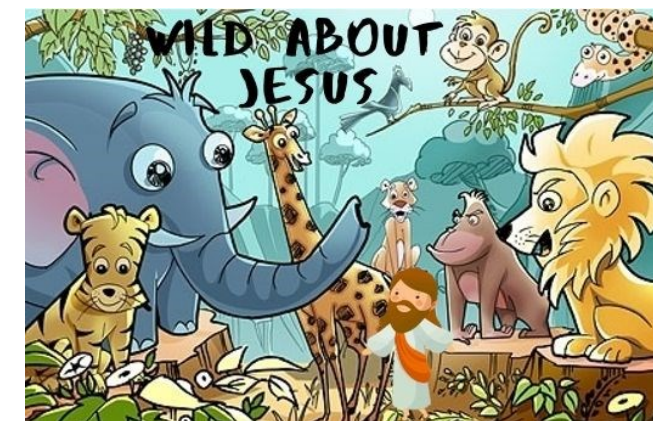
None of what we do is possible without you!

"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers." 1 Thessalonians 1:2

Vacation Bible School On-Line Starting July 7!

By Ashton Moody

Because of the current situation, Zion will still be having Vacation Bible School, but it will be on-line. You will be able to do VBS at your home. More details coming soon!



Mission Minute

by Vista Cheesman

My focus for this month's Mission is "You and Me." Whether we realize it or not, we are all missionaries. It begins at home – interaction with family, conversations, what we post on social media, the music we listen to, even the movies and TV shows we watch.

Growing up, there was a rule in our home that still applies today. What is not appropriate for children to see and hear, is not appropriate for adults. This alone should bring about much thought and reflection.

And so, it goes, children are sponges, they absorb everything around them, the good AND the bad. How we react to situations reflects our hearts. What is the condition of your heart? That part of us that God sees, that inner-most part of ourselves that should be striving to please God. How is that done? God said of King David, "a man after God's own heart."

Actions really do speak louder than words. What does our example of Christian living look like? In our home, workplace, school, when driving? What is in our heart, comes out of our mouths. At times, causing us to repent and ask forgiveness, adding the age-old promise to try and do better.

Our mission field is an important one: To live and reflect Jesus in all areas. We are all a work in progress. Thanks be to God for His grace and love, thru Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!