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## Thanksgiving

A hymn that is often sung at this time of the year is "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come." The hymn expresses the idea of people coming to worship God. They are coming to worship because they are thankful for what God has done. Let's look at the reasons why the people are so thankful.

God has given them life and a plan for their lives. Jeremiah 1:4-5 says, "Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'" Jeremiah says that God was assembling you in the womb of your mother. You are beautifully made by God. God does not make junk. Take a look at all creation. Look at the trees and the beautiful color of the leaves this time of the year. Look at the beauty of the Choptank River. Look at the beauty of each person created in the image of Almighty God.

Not only has God made us beautiful but God has also given us a plan for each one of our lives. The plan continues to unfold the more that we live. Now, not everything works out according to the way that we would plan. We are thankful, when everything works out well, but does thankfulness end when tough times come? The answer is "No!" We are thankful in the difficult times of life, medical diagnoses, death of a loved one, loss of a job, broken relationship, and dealing with the Coronavirus. There is a benefit to being thankful in these tough times: We rely on God more than we rely on ourselves.

The focus of our praise at all times, whether good or bad, is on God. God never changes. God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Our situations may change, but God never changes. We can praise Him for who He is.

We can also praise God for what He has done for us. I would like you to think of a time when God did

something for you that was beyond anything that you could imagine. If you have lived long enough and think hard enough, I suspect that you could make a whole list. So, I would encourage you to make a list of what God has done for you. This will help you when you are going through difficult times. In the Old Testament, God asked the people to leave piles of stones as a remembrance of what God has done. God told Joshua to take stones out of the river Jordan so that the people would remember that God had held back the mighty Jordan river for the people to cross (Joshua 4:5-7). After God had enabled the Israelites to defeat the Philistines, Samuel set up a stone to remember what God had done (1 Samuel 7:12). Your list can be your "stones" to remember what God has done for you.

We can trust God completely. The more that we acknowledge what God has done for us, the more that we can trust God. The hardest thing to do in life is to trust, because so many times we have been let down. I know that we are in an election. I can tell you that all of these elected officials will let us down at some time, but God will never let us down. God does warn us not to trust in our own understanding of what God is doing (Proverbs 3:5). Instead, we can trust in God completely. That is why we can be thankful.

By being thankful, we can enjoy the blessings of God. We can see each new day as a day that God has provided. We can see new opportunities that God is giving us to tell others about Him and His Son, Jesus. We can see new opportunities to share God's love with others.

All this is because of God and we should be thankful.

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.  
 Happy Thanksgiving to all of you,

Pastor Dave

**We are looking for someone interested in helping with editing the recordings of our worship service** each week for YouTube. The video of our worship service usually needs to be edited somewhat and then uploaded onto YouTube.

**Zion is seeking a volunteer to coordinate our dinners at the Salvation Army's Cold Weather Shelter.** Various groups from Zion provide dinner on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from December through March. The person coordinating this mission, is a liaison between the Salvation Army and Zion. The previous year's schedule can likely be used. The liaison advises the appropriate group of the expected number of attendees so they can plan their meal. This volunteer opportunity can easily be done from the comfort of your home.



*If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Pastor Dave (pastordave@zionumccambridge.org) or Janel (office@zionumccambridge.org).*

### Upcoming Events

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 11/1 All Saints' Day      | 11/9 Finance Meeting           |
| 11/2 Trustees Meeting     | 11/22 Miranda Lednum's baptism |
| 11/3 Food Pantry Re-opens | 11/23 Church Council           |
|                           | 11/28 Hanging of the Greens    |



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

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

November 9 – Battle of Fishdam Ford—An attempted surprise attack by British forces under the command of Major James Wemyss against an encampment of Patriot militia under the command of local Brigadier General Thomas Sumter. Wemyss was wounded and captured in the attack, which failed because of heightened security in Sumter's camp and because Wemyss did not wait until dawn to begin the attack.

November 20 – Battle of Blackstock's Farm—In the backwoods of South Carolina. A part of the British defeat in that area.

November 28 – A lightning strike in Saint Petersburg, Russia begins a fire that burns 11,000 homes.

November 29 – Maria Theresa of Austria dies, and her Habsburg dominions pass to her ambitious son, Joseph II, who has already been Holy Roman Emperor since 1765.

### November News of the 1800s

Trustees of Zion Chapel—November 20, 1809: The trustees met in Cambridge. Resolved that Charles K. Bryan, Joseph Dodson, and Edward White be appointed a Committee to adjust the Accounts of Expenses incurred in building Zion Chapel and report the amount to the next Quarter Meeting Conference together with the amounts of debt due upon is agreeable to the request of the last Quarter Meeting

Zion Chapel and Lot cost (as near as can be ascertained) \$617.16

Cambridge Chronicle—November 22, 1845: The subscriber being authorized by the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Cambridge, will sell at a private sale the old Church as located on Church Street in said town. The House is 33 by 36 feet, sealed and plastered, all sound and good, with a capital frame. The purchaser can have possession as soon as the new Church on Race Street is finished, which will probably be about the first of July next, with the privilege of moving it at their leisure. I will also under the authority aforesaid, sell the back part of the Lot on which the new Church is now being built fronting on Pine street and running from thence to the back line of the lot sold by the Trustees to Thomas White, Esquire. For further particulars apply to William Rea.

Democrat & News—November 25, 1882: The dedication of Zion M. E. Church, of this city, took place on Sunday last, the 18th. inst. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Bishop E. G. Andrews. The sermon was a masterly effort and will linger in the memory of his hearers for a long time to come. The Bishop is a graceful speaker and his manner is prepossessing, and should he ever visit our city again we bespeak for him a full house. Chaplain McCabe, the famous church builder and sweet singer, favored us with his presence and some of his most charming songs. In every respect the day was one of great interest to this community. The church is a handsome granite structure in the Gothic style. It is both ornamental and massive in its appearance. We cannot resist the effort to contrast the present graceful pile with the old barnlike church which once occupied the same spot. When the work began in June, 1881, many comments were heard from various quarters. The sounds of failure were heard, but the work has moved along without intermission to final and complete consummation. The church stands to day as the monument of industry and self sacrificing piety. Generations to come will bless the memory of the devoted ones who have erected this house of God. The enterprise has never been surpassed on this peninsula for the expedition with which it has been carried through and the almost incredibly short time in which its cost has been provided for. It was begun absolutely without funds. During the work, we are informed, every payment was met - no one waiting for his money. The improvements cost \$14,328.08; the lot and old material \$11,000; total cost of church \$25,328.08. On last Sunday every dollar necessary to relieve the church was raised. The people exhibited a spirit of liberality rarely seen anywhere. The collection was the largest ever raised in this county for church purposes. The collection reached nearly the enormous sum of \$8,900.

Democrat & News—November 24, 1888: REPORT OF GRAND JURY: Suggestion to the Court: It has come to the knowledge of your grand jury that it is the common practice to sell cigars on the Sabbath day in the town of Cambridge. We beg to suggest to your honors that warning be given to all parties engaged in this violation of law, that due notice be taken of this offence and all such offenders will be properly dealt with.



We mourn with her family and friends while celebrating the life of faithful servant Margaret Miller, who went to be with the LORD on October 5, 2020.



## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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# ANNIVERSARIES in November

21 Craig & Nan Duerling  
21 Adam & Lanai Etchison

23 Bill & JoAnn Rumbley  
27 Dean & Kate Price

# BIRTHDAYS in November

5 Casey Lipsius  
5 Katherine Lipsius  
6 Olivia Schunick  
7 Ingrid Patterson  
8 Spencer Davidson  
8 Helen Smith  
11 Steven Waldsachs  
12 Kevin Davidson

16 Beckett Stevens  
17 Gene Williams  
18 Patricia Haring  
18 Carolyn Parks  
18 Bill Rumbley  
19 Judy Willey  
22 Corinne Kowitski  
23 Nathan Warfield

23 Roger Webster  
25 Leon Crawford  
26 Christopher Harp  
27 Donald Webster  
30 Alvenia Madera  
30 John Matthews, III

**Baptized in November:** Mary Ellen Lamparter 1981    Eddie Howard 2000    Seth Mackert 2003  
Mackenzie Nalley 1994    Zachary Howard 2000

**Confirmed In November:** Sean McGinnis 1986    Tom Van Dyke 1986  
Dale Patterson 1986    Toby Wilson 1986

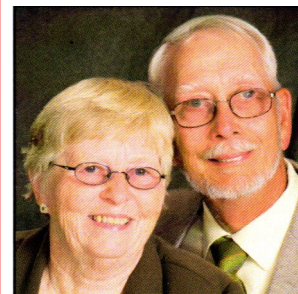
**Joined Zion in November:** Wiley A. Young, III 1957    Toby Wilson 1986    Barbara Landon 2004  
Margaret Bramble 1978    Debrae Crossan 1997    Charlotte Weber 2004  
Charles Edmondson 1978    Faye Phillips 1997    Sonny Dodson 2008  
Susan Matthews 1978    Kathe Scanlon 1997    Nan Powell 2009  
Ann Webster 1978    Barbara Wilson 1997    Karla Wilkins 2009  
Charley Lednum 1986    Morgan Tolley 2001    Brian Dukes 2010  
Sean McGinnis 1986    Katie Tolley 2001    Robin Dukes 2010  
Dale Patterson 1986    Ellen Rindfuss 2003    Judy Leaming 2015  
Tom Van Dyke 1986    Eleanor Van Dyke 2003    Spicer Leaming 2015

## Christmas Poinsettias

We hope and pray things get better by the day, and that our Christmas celebration at Zion UMC will be as wonderful as it has been in previous years. Keep the faith, and be positive.

You will be able to provide a poinsettia in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one and it will be placed in the sanctuary for our December 20th Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve services. A donation can also be made to our Good Samaritan Fund in lieu of a poinsettia if you prefer.

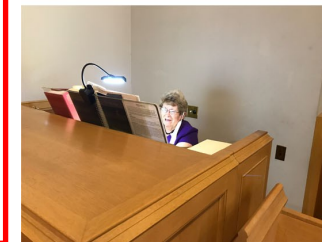
More details will be in our December *Beacon* as well as the weekly announcements. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Elaine Horseman, 410-228-9134.



Zion UMC extends heartfelt and abundant thanks to Vista & Mike Cheesman who coordinated our Cold Weather Shelter mission for the past 10 years. Their time and efforts are very much appreciated!



*Back in the Sanctuary  
October 11*



## Operation Christmas Child Goes Virtual

By Debbie Thomas

Once again Zion will be participating in Operation Christmas Child, with packed boxes, prayers, and love being sent to underprivileged children throughout the world. Due to COVID-19, the boxes will be packed virtually through the OCC website. The cost is \$25 per box with an optional donation of \$6 to help defray postage. Donations in any amount can be made to Zion UMC church with a notation of OCC on the check. Zion volunteers will pack the boxes for you by the week of November 16. If you wish, you may pack your own boxes on the OCC website. Operation Christmas Child spreads the word of God through these boxes, and the children, in turn, pass the message on to their families and friends. Thank you for your contribution to this most worthwhile project.



## Zion's Little Library

Zion's Little Library is 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 is 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.

