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Zion United
Methodist
Church
In Cambridge, Maryland

March to a Different Drumbeat!

Recently, I was reading Romans chapters 13 and 14 from E. H. Peterson's version *The Message*. Paul, the apostle and author, tells us that we should always be good citizens. We should vote, pay our taxes, and make wherever we live a better place. He reminds us that all governments are under God and God will judge what is evil.

This text also encourages us to stay away from all kinds of sin. We're told to refrain from being frivolous and self-indulgent. We're told not to criticize our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Truth is, we're all going to end up kneeling side by side in the place of judgment. We're all going to face God eventually. Our critical, self-serving, and condescending behavior won't help us one bit in the end.

Yet we still complain! We still get offended! We cry out, "What about me? What about what I want? I never get my way. I never get to ride shotgun! I always have to get in the back seat. I never get to be the one in charge." Ever feel like that? I sure have.

The trouble is, that kind of selfish attitude moves us right into that ugly place of self-indulgence and self-pity. And when we get there, we're very quick to take up an offense when we don't get our own way.

It seems to me there are way too many in this world who have been "highly offended." We've been aggravated and offended by the government, by family, friends, and former friends, and even by Church members, (not to mention former church members).

Let me ask you:

Question: Do you find that you are easily offended, and do you believe you are justified in your offense?

Answer: Get over it!

At least that's what jumped out at me as I read this text. While Romans 13:8 tells us not to run up a lot of debt, it also talks about the debt we do owe. We owe a debt of love. I'm convinced that we don't have the "right" to be offended by what people say and do to us. We only owe a huge debt of love for each other. Because Jesus first loved us.

So, when someone calls us "a no-good-so-and-so" or when we don't get our way let's not be offended. Let's not stoop to their level. Let's march to a different drumbeat. Let's pray for them. What do you think? Let's love all people in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Much Love!
Pastor Mike

Please keep Pastor Mike and Ann in your prayers as they prepare for their new assignment in Fenwick Island, Delaware in July. Also, pray for Pastor David Kelley and his family as they prepare for their new assignment here at Zion starting July 1.

The Hattie Brooks Skinner Circle

By Susan Robinson

Zion's Hattie Brooks Skinner Circle is a group of women that strives to be of service to our church, our local, national, and international communities. We focus on mission projects and activities. In the past we sponsored the Stop Hunger Now/Rise Against Hunger food packing events. Other examples of mission activities include organizing the donation project for Heifer International during Lent and the Angel Tree for the Salvation Army at Christmas. Over the years we have made donations to Zion's missions, such as the Good Samaritan Fund, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School programs; and to local organizations including Mid Shore Council on Family Violence, the Veterans Program at Pleasant Day Adult Day Care, the Cold Weather Shelter, the Community Garden at Waugh Chapel; national and international groups such as UMCOR, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, and Heifer. We are one of the groups at Zion that provides meals for the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter (in December and February).



The people of Zion have always been, and continue to be, supportive of the many fundraisers we have had over the years that enable us to do what we do. We are grateful for the people who, over the years, have bought bookmarks and bulbs, pies, hot cross buns, Easter eggs, subs, pit beef sandwiches... So our Zion family is an active participant in every one of our projects, and we thank you.

It should also be stated that we have wonderful fun and fellowship in all this. Hattie Brooks Skinner Circle meets the first Monday of the month, September – June at 1:30 in the Phillips-Rozelle Room. We welcome any woman who would like to join us. Ask any member of the group for more information – or just show up on the first Monday. There is a chair waiting for you.



The five United Methodist Churches in Cambridge are joining together to celebrate Ash Wednesday on March 6. There will be two worship services:

- Noon at Waugh Chapel UMC on High Street.
Bishop Peggy Johnson will be speaking.
- 7:00 pm at Grace UMC on Race St.

We hope you will join our United Methodist brothers and sisters in Christ at one of these special worship services.

Zion UMC Adopts Maple Elementary

By Nan Duerling

Zion's Church Council recently approved a motion to adopt Maple Elementary as a partner school. We are trying to fill immediate needs and add volunteer personnel as needs arise. There are no special qualifications for these jobs, except a love of children and a strong desire to let your light shine as one who acts as Jesus would. You will need to fill out a very simple background check form, which does not include fingerprinting. Most positions require 30-60 minutes of your time, one day per week, with no additional preparation time. Thanks to our own Susan Thomas, Lead Third Grade Teacher, for working with Zion as the school liaison to make this partnership a reality. Thanks also to the following Zion members who have already agreed to volunteer:

Band Coach for Trombone Students

Craig Duerling

Character Counts Coach

Nan Duerling – 3rd Grade

“MidShore Meals til Monday” Distributors

Judi Leaming

Spicer Leaming

Reading Buddies

Sherry Daniel

Nan Duerling

Mike Hurley

Maura Manley

Alvenia Madera

Joe Turner

Special Events Volunteers

(These folks have agreed to be contacted to see if they are available for one-time events.)

Gloria Brake

Susan Matthews

Susan Robinson

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nan Duerling at 443-225-6720 or Nan@Duerling.org. Thanks for your interest and support!



Nan Duerling coaches Character Counts at Maple Elementary

Four Zion Students Receive Musical Honors



(L-R) Logan Dukes, Destinee Edmonds, Katelyn Masden

Four of our students have been recognized for their musical achievements. Logan Dukes was selected as first chair trombone for All-Shore Middle High Band. Destinee Edmonds was selected to play clarinet in All-Shore Middle High Band, as well as for singing in All-Shore Chorus and All-State Chorus. Katelyn Masden and Cole Ledger (not pictured) were also selected for both All-Shore Chorus and All-State Chorus. Please congratulate these students on their outstanding accomplishments.



Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

Directions: After reading Genesis 1:1–2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.

 1	 3	 4	 5	 3	 5	 2
 4	 5	 2	 5	 5	 4	 3
 3	 6	 5	 4	 6	 5	 3
 6	 3	 6	 3	 6	 5	 6
 2	 6	 6	 1	 6	 1	 4
 6	 5	 3	 6	 5	 7	 6
 3	 6	 7	 4	 6	 6	 3

Day 1 (light) ____ Day 2 (waters) ____ Day 3 (land and plants) ____ Day 4 (heavenly bodies) ____

Day 5 (birds and water animals) ____ Day 6 (land animals and people) ____ Day 7 (God rested) ____

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10, Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2

A MESSAGE OF Love

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.



What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.

Zion UMC

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:30 am Praise & Prayer 11:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	4 12:00 pm AA Meeting 1:30 pm Hattie Brooks Skinner Circle	5 9:00 am Good Sam	6 Ash Wednesday 10:00 am Clergy Bible Study 12:00 pm Worship Service with Bishop Peggy Johnson – Waugh Chapel 7:00 pm Gamblers Anon. 7:00 pm Worship Service - Grace UMC	7	8	9
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17 9:30 am Praise & Prayer 11:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	18 12:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting	19 9:00 am Good Sam	20 10:00 am Clergy Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Gamblers Anon.	21 1:00 pm Good Timers Luncheon – Kay's at the Airport	22	23
24 9:30 am Praise & Prayer 11:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	25 12:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	26 9:00 am Good Sam	27 10:00 am Clergy Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Gamblers Anon.	28	29	30 10:00 am Faith Filled Women-Wicomico Civic Center
31 9:30 am Praise & Prayer 11:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship						

Help Give a Milk Menagerie

By Susan Robinson

Heifer International is celebrating 75 years of service to those in need throughout the world. Since 1944 Heifer has helped, directly or indirectly, more than 32 million families move toward greater self-reliance through the gift of livestock and training in environmentally sound agriculture. The work is ongoing; “nearly one billion people around the world still live in poverty.”



The gift of a Milk Menagerie represents a heifer, two goats, and a water buffalo – four milk-producing animals that will produce gallons of life-sustaining milk that can be sold or turned into cheese and yogurt. Plus each animal’s offspring will multiply the impact even further through Passing on the Gift.

A container will be in the back of the sanctuary during Lent for any contributions people would like to

During the Lenten season, the people of Zion will again have the opportunity to support Heifer International. As we have done for many years, we are working to donate a specific item for Heifer. In the past, Zion’s gifts have included sheep, fish fingerlings, chickens, bees, and rabbits. This year, we are planning to donate a MILK MENAGERIE at a cost of \$1000.

make. Our congregation has always been very supportive of Heifer in the past, and will hopefully be just as supportive this year. If you choose to donate by writing a check, please make it out to Hattie Brooks Skinner Circle and mark Heifer in the memo line. More information about Heifer International can be found at their website: <http://www.heifer.org>.

Joe Turner recently shared this in a message at the 9:30 service.

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

-Credited to Mother Teresa

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

11 Dan & Bea Hubbard
11 Sewell & Susan Matthews
20 Donnie & Joanie Peters

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

6 Brittany Crawford
6 Joyce Turner
7 Kathryn Collison
7 Craig Duerling
8 June Welsch
15 Logan Hubbard
15 Lauren Zacharko
16 Cami Collison
16 Courtney Peters
17 Amanda Norton
18 Aubrie Kowitski
19 Robin Mackert
19 Diane McCarthy
21 Lynn Thomas
22 Kristen Willey
23 Amy Norton
24 Wendy Collins
24 Rebecca Schunick
27 Megan Harp
27 Janice Webster
28 Ryan Fox
29 Alyssa Fox



March Acolytes

3 Logan Dukes
10 Logan Hubbard
17 Katelyn Masden
24 Madison Dukes
31 Logan Dukes

FINANCES

by Craig Duerling – Finance Committee Chair

The Finance Committee and your church leadership works hard to be good stewards of your gifts. All of your contributions are deeply appreciated and carefully used! I want to clear up some apparent confusion, based on a comment I heard, about Zion's requests for money. First, we make only two appeals a year to support the ministry and building of Zion itself: our spring Consecration Sunday campaign and our October Catch-up Sunday, which helps to ensure that we are on a solid financial footing as we finish the year and start into the next year.

Second, throughout the year you will also hear invitations to participate in second-mile giving. Since these invitations sometimes overlap, it's possible that some folks hear them as "the church is always asking for money." That is not the case, though, since these are opportunities to support special projects and ministries, not Zion itself. Any monies collected comes into the church and immediately goes out to the project you have specified, such as for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to assist disaster victims or Cambridge's Emergency Cold Weather Shelter, which cares for neighbors in need. Another such project is coming up during Lent to help buy a Milk Menagerie – I love that term – for needy families through the Heifer Project. Some of our second-mile giving invitations are for goods that you buy, such as presents for the Angel Tree or Shoe Box Ministry, or school supplies for backpacks for local students, or food for our church pantry.

All gifts are, of course, strictly voluntary. Should you make an estimate of giving and find that you cannot give as you intended, you can call the church office at any time to change your estimate. Likewise, when you hear about a second-mile giving opportunity, it's up to you to decide if this is a project that you choose to support in addition to your regular giving. While we recognize that not everyone will choose to or be able to support every project, we are pleased to provide many ministry options. God does love a cheerful giver, so please know that each and every contribution is deeply appreciated and wisely used.

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Soup Day
Wednesday March 27, 2019
11:30am to 12:45pm

Chicken Noodle, Dry Lima Bean
or Vegetable Beef

Eat-In: \$4.00 per meal incl. biscuits and dessert

Quarts: \$8.00 includes biscuits only

Carry outs and delivery available

Please call 410-228-4910 between 9:00 am and
11:00 am for free delivery and pick-up



If you can help with Soup Day by making deliveries, cleanup, and other tasks,
contact Elaine Horseman, 410-228-9134.