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Zion United
Methodist
Church
In Cambridge, Maryland

The World Is Our Parish!

Recently, as I was thinking about how fast we're speeding toward Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday, I found an article by John G. Innuis in an old Circuit Rider magazine that stirred my thoughts concerning "The Global Church." In the article, Innuis quoted Jesus when he said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15 KJV).

John Wesley, who helped initiate our "Methodist" way of thinking, also took the Lord's great commission quite seriously when he said, "The world is my parish!" And the truth is, while the world tries to influence us every day, the church should be influencing the world! I'm convinced the global church of Jesus Christ can impact this world in a major way ... if we will just be faithful to remember why we are supposed to "Go into all the world."

Hey church, the reason we go into all the world is to tell people about the one in whom we have hope! The reason we go is so others can hear of God's marvelous provision through the Son! The reason we go is to share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ! The reason we go is to share the good news that Jesus came, lived, died, and rose from the dead for our salvation. The reason we go is because we have been made ALIVE in Jesus and we want to—we just have to—share the all-encompassing love of God with whoever will listen.

In the hymn, "Jesus Is All the World To Me", Will Thompson captures the "aliveness" we can have, no matter what the circumstance. He wrote:

"Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all; he is my strength from day to day, without him I would fall. When I am sad, to him I go, no other one can cheer me so; when I am sad, he makes me glad, he's my friend" (#469 UM Hymnal).

Friends, that's the hope the world needs! And the only way the world will be introduced to that eternal hope in Christ Jesus is if the church worldwide takes it to them every day ... in all circumstances. For, in the words of Saint Paul the Apostle, "Who [or what] shall separate us from the love of Christ?" And then he answers his own question by stating flatly, "Nothing!" The fact remains that no matter what is going on in our life, or in the world around us, Jesus is our hope! Jesus is the Prince of Peace, the one who spoke gently, calmly, lovingly, and caringly, to all who heard his voice and came to him. And folks, that's what we're called to do.

So, "Go!" Just don't forget why we're going.

Many Blessings,

Pastor Mike



Zion UMC would love to encourage and support our youth should they desire to go to camp at Pecometh this summer. If you are interested please contact Karla Wilkins ASAP. Or, you can register online or by phone. *Financial assistance may be available for those interested. Early registration is encouraged to secure your spot!*

What is Camp Pecometh? Camp Pecometh is a Christian Summer Camp program that has run continuously since 1946 – that’s over 70 years! Located on the Chester River just north of Centreville, Maryland, Camp Pecometh offers 21 different overnight programs and three day camps to fit your camper’s age, ability and interests. All programs are built around the same core activities: swimming, arts & crafts, music time, waterfront, all-camp activities, Bible Study, vespers, and our signature moment: the Galilean service, an unforgettable waterfront, candlelight service.



Week Long Camps

Levels reflect grades completed

K—2nd (Mini-Camp)

3rd—5th

4th—5th

6th—8th

7th—10th

6th—11th

9th—11th

10th—11th

Adults—Respite (16-Older)

Although related to The United Methodist Church, two thirds of Pecometh’s campers come from other denominations and non-denominational churches, as well as from families who don’t attend church. A week of camp is filled with faith, fun and fellowship in Christian community, where they make new friends, grow spiritually and gain confidence.

www.pecometh.org
410-556-6900

Day Camp Options

Levels reflect grades completed

Kindergarten—4th

4th—6th

Week Camps Include

Archer Games
Chester River Trek
Horseback Riding
DIY Crafts (girls only)
It’s All Fun & Games
Late Night with Jesus
Leaps of Faith

Photograph
River Runners
Riverside
Sailing
Splashdown
Senior High
Top Chef, Jr.

Camp Pecometh Upcoming Events:
Saturday, April 27: Fishing Derby, 8am-11am
Saturday April 27: Pecometh Day, 11am—3pm,
Saturday, June 15: Pen-Del Summer Kick-Off, 4pm-7pm



Help Give a Milk Menagerie

By Susan Robinson

During the Lenten season, the people of Zion 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.

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 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>.

Yard Sale Plans Are In The Works!

By Elaine Horseman



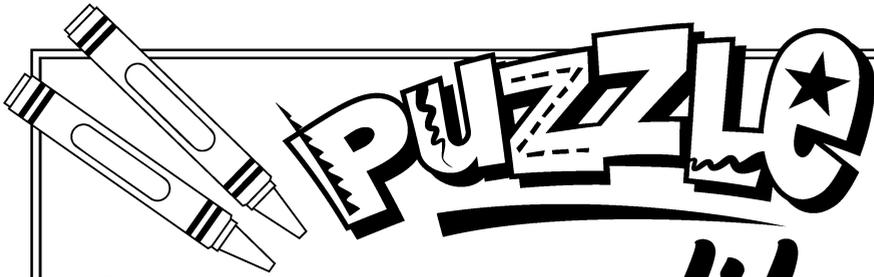
Believe it or not, spring is here, so think about Zion's yard sale when you start that spring cleaning.

The date is tentatively set for Saturday, June 1, 2019. Please mark your calendars, because we'll need your help.

Donations are now being accepted (*no large furniture, computers, or TVs, and ONLY gently used or new clothing*).

Please call the office first, 410-228-4910, to make sure someone can let you in.
More details to follow!





Jesus gives us *life*

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)



Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)



Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)



This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)



Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)



Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)



Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)



While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)



This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)



These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)



These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)



Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



God so loved the world

Remember God's special gift of Jesus by making this craft.

What you need:

- Large piece of blue paper
- Large bowl
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paint (green and red)
- Paintbrush
- Wet wipes
- 3 wooden craft sticks
- Craft glue
- Black marker
- Bible



What you do:

1. On the paper, trace around the bowl. Cut out the circle.
2. Paint your palms green, one at a time, and press them in the circle side by side. (Clean your hands with wet wipes.)
3. Dip a finger in red paint and make a dot on the center of each handprint.
4. Between the handprints, glue two sticks end to end vertically. Glue the third stick horizontally to make a cross.
5. In marker, write the words of John 3:16 around the blue circle.



April
Acolytes

- 7 Logan Hubbard
- 14 Destinee Edmonds
- 21 Logan Hubbard
- 28 Madison Dukes

Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, spices, linens, silver coins

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12:00 pm AA Meeting 1:00 pm Good Sam. / Food Pantry 1:30 pm Hattie Brooks Skinner Circle 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting	2	3 10:00 am Clergy Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Gamblers Anon.	4	5	6
7 9:30 am Praise & Prayer 11:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	8 12:00 pm AA Meeting 1:00 pm Good Sam. / Food Pantry 2:00 pm Eunice Sluyter Circle 7:00 pm Finance Meeting	9	10 10:00 am Clergy Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Gamblers Anon.	11	12	13
14 9:30 am Praise & Prayer 11:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	15 12:00 pm AA Meeting 1:00 pm Good Sam. / Food Pantry 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting	16	17 10:00 am Clergy Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Gamblers Anon.	18 1:00 pm Good Timers Luncheon 7:00 pm Riverview at the Point	19 7:00 pm Good Friday Good Friday Service	20
21 9:30 am Praise & Prayer 11:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	22 12:00 pm AA Meeting 1:00 pm Good Sam. / Food Pantry 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	23	24 10:00 am Clergy Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Gamblers Anon.	25	26	27
28 9:30 am Praise & Prayer 11:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Capital Ringers Hand Bell Concert	29 12:00 pm AA Meeting 1:00 pm Good Sam. / Food Pantry	30				

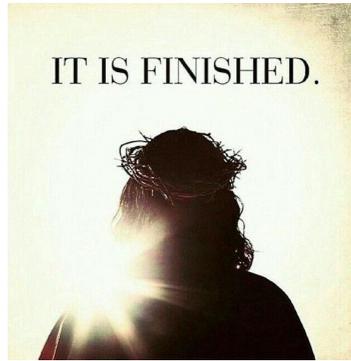
ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

22 Richard & Renee Merritt
24 Scott & Lauren Zacharko

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

01 Karen Bowers
01 Brandon Crawford
02 Dorothy Geoghegan
07 Emily Jump
08 Barbara Landon
08 Roger Van Dyke
09 Megan Masden
09 Allison Price
10 Susan Matthews
12 Lesley Williams
13 Polly Lowry
13 Austin Webster
15 Richard Meritt
16 Annette Atkinson
17 Steven Webster
17 Wendy Wilson
18 Les Booze
18 Kathy Counts
18 Art Renkwith
18 Tom Wilson
19 Nan Duerling
19 Carter Nichols
20 Gloria Brake
20 Charles Edmondson
21 Sara Beckwith
21 Cathy Crawford
22 April Ellis
22 James Welsch, Jr.
23 Irene Howard
24 J. Clayton Brooks, III
25 Toby Wilson
29 Hannah Harp
29 Tony McDuffie

IT IS FINISHED.



Good Friday, April 19, 2019

Jesus' Funeral: A Service of Remembrance
Zion United Methodist Church
7 PM

In this service, we step into the shoes of Jesus' family and closest fiends as they mourned his death.



Capital Ringers

Linda S. Simms, Artistic Director

**Oh, the
Places
You'll
Go!**

Join us for a fun-filled
journey on **HANDBELLS!**

Sunday, April 28, 4PM
Zion UMC
612 Locust St., Cambridge, MD

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Easter Cross

By Elaine Horseman

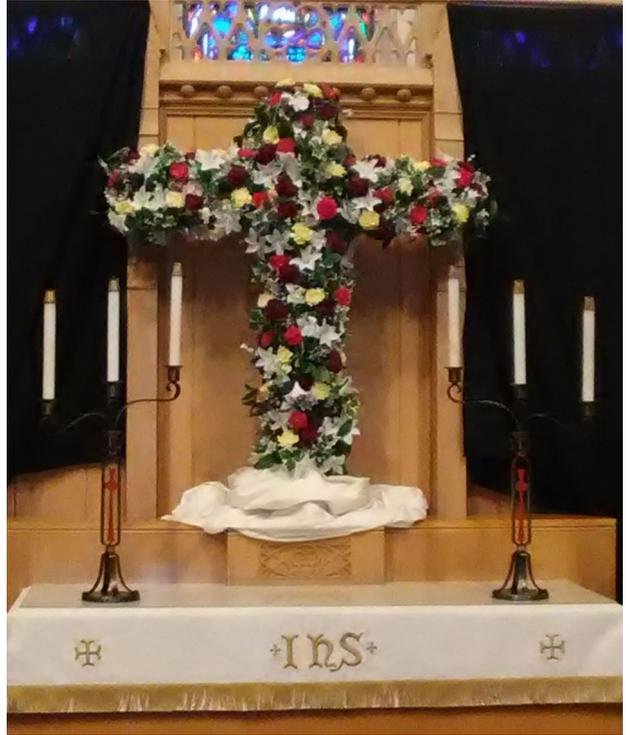
Our large lily cross will again be displayed on the altar Easter morning. You can honor your loved ones by donating \$10.00 for each carnation that you wish to be placed on the cross. This is a wonderful way to recognize our loved ones as well as helping the efforts of Zion's Good Samaritan Fund. The name of everyone being honored will be placed on a special list in the Easter bulletin. If you are interested, please call Elaine Horseman, 410-228-9134, or the Church office, 410-228-4910, or fill out the form below and return it to the office or place it in the offering plate. Please let us know ASAP. The deadline is Palm Sunday, April 14. Thank you!.

\$10.00 each – Cash or make check payable to Zion UMC and note for "Good Sam."

(circle one)

In memory of OR In honor of

By: _____



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MidShore Meals til Monday at Maple Elementary

By Nan Duerling



On Friday afternoons, Zion members Judi and Spicer Leaming (pictured with principal Jerome Stover) do the final packing and distribution of meal bags for 75 food-insecure students at our partner school, Maple Elementary. These children receive a bag of nutritious, non-perishable food items for breakfasts and lunches, along with fresh fruit, a snack, and a special treat such as a pencil or little toy. Meals til Mondays is a regional 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves students in several Dorchester County public schools year-round. They work with the Maryland Food Bank to receive donated food that is then passed on to students to ensure that they have enough to eat over the weekend. Thanks to Judi and Spicer for undertaking this important ministry!