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Keep the Faith

The official start of fall began on September 22. The change of season from summer to fall signals the change of the leaves from green to golden yellow, bright red, and brilliant orange. The temperatures are cooler and the humidity is less. The harvest has begun in many fields. The crops have ripened. Pumpkins are ready. Children will be Trick or Treating at the end of October.

These are thoughts that we usually think of this time of the year. Not this year. We are still in the pandemic. We still need to social distance, wear a mask, and wash our hands. Our education systems, (faculty, students, and parents) are trying their very best to educate our students in ways that are new and different to everyone. There is a big election coming up. Much of the country is dealing with more natural disasters than ever recorded. As I am writing this, we have gone through the entire English alphabet of named storms and are starting on the Greek alphabet. A large part of the nation in the West and Southwest are dealing with massive wildfires. There is still social unrest in many cities.

Some of you might be asking, "Where is God in all of this?" The Bible tells us, "The Lord has established his throne in the heavens and his kingdom rules over all." (Psalm 103:19) God is where God has always been. We can count on that.

Changes of season do not scare God. Natural disasters do not scare God. The leaders of this world

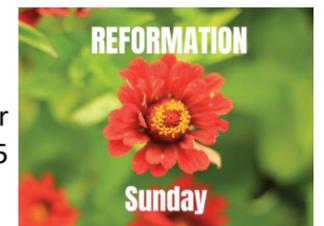
do not scare God. Pandemics do not scare God. Jesus tell us in John 16:33, "I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!" Instead of being fearful of all these occurrences, we should keep the faith, pray, and do the will of God.

The ministry of Jesus Christ stills goes on here at Zion. Continue to reach out to your neighbors. Continue to keep in touch with each other. I will continue to reach out to you. We will continue to have our worship services in the building at 11 am. We will continue to have online services. If you have any suggestions, the Church Council and I are always open to your them. We will continue to do all we can to be the servants of the Lord.

Our choir reminded us this past Sunday of faith with the singing of the hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." I pray that you will continue to keep that message in your heart. You might want to sing it when you feel troubled by the events happening in our world.

Keep the faith and keep praying. God is on the throne. By following our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we will triumph in the end.

God bless you all,
 Pastor Dave



2020 - Zion's 240th Anniversary Year

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

Oct 7 British defeated by American militia near Kings Mountain, SC

Oct 10 Great Hurricane of 1780 kills 20,000 to 30,000 in the Caribbean, hitting Barbados first. This was the Atlantic's deadliest recorded hurricane.

Oct 16 Royalton, Vermont and Tunbridge, Vermont The last major raid of the American Revolutionary War

Oct 25 John Hancock becomes the first Governor of Massachusetts

August News of the 1800s

Zion Chapel Trustees—October 22, 1869: On motion of T. E. Wright the request to the pastor was amended thus - that he take up a collection on Sunday morning October 24 to pay off the Sexton, the gas bill due and the amount due on coal and for oil.

Trustees of Zion Chapel—October 7, 1881: It was moved and seconded that the Building Committee be authorized to use wooden columns in the basement instead of iron. Motion carried. They were authorized to dispose to the best advantage the old material of the church. It was moved and seconded that a loan of \$3,000 be negotiated to complete the church. Motion carried.

Democrat & News—October 18, 1884: The new bell in the steeple of Zion M E Church while being rung on Wednesday very suddenly ceased its deep rich tones and by its jarring, tremoling notes, it is thought to be shivered. If such be the case the church is very unfortunate in the selection of the second one that has been cracked.

Democrat & News- October 13, 1894: The Fire Co. is trying to secure money enough to buy a large whistle to be placed on the factory to be blown as a fire alarm. The ice factory runs night and day and a whoop-her-up whistle on it would be very effective.



This photo is from an old post card, most likely from the early 1950s, sent to us by Pat Vane.

Post card caption on the reverse side: Only a few months following an extensive renovation of the Zion Methodist Church of Cambridge, Maryland, a tragic fire devastated the entire building leaving it in ruins. By the grace of God, this picture has been changed, and a beautiful Gothic Church has replaced this picture.



Zion's Newest Member

Daniel Joseph Trickey (Joey) born on September 9, 2020

Parents: Brittany and Daniel Trickey

Grandparents: Cathy & Len Crawford and Uncle Brandon

A pastor asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning prayer.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today.

Stay strong, my friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when He is done with it. AMEN!



ANNIVERSARIES in October

- 4 Jack & Diane McCarthy
- 4 Roger & Eleanor Van Dyke
- 6 Kirk & Eileen Downey
- 8 Steve & Lisa Webster
- 10 Eddie & Ashley Howard

- 13 Brian & Robin Dukes
- 16 Steven & Sara Waldsachs
- 16 Toby & Julie Wilson
- 30 Lance & Kay Bramble

BIRTHDAYS in October

- 1 Wanda Ciekot
- 2 Stephanie Dunnock
- 5 Judi Learning
- 5 Nathan Meekins
- 11 Nicholas Schunick
- 12 Matthew Brooks
- 13 Betsy Eberspacher
- 14 Tracy Nichols

- 17 David A. Ciekot
- 17 Jamie R. Warfield
- 18 Tristan Blades
- 18 Mary Ann Farnell
- 18 Austin Windsor
- 19 Edward Howard Sr.
- 24 Steven M. Dodd
- 24 Megan Price

- 26 Belinda L. Kowitski
- 26 Faye Phillips
- 27 Bettye Mae Meredith
- 27 Barbara Wilson
- 30 Eileen Downey
- 31 Sosie Wilson

Joined Zion in October:	Wendy Wilson 1967	Kay Bramble 1976	June Welsch 1981
	Jay T. Williamson 1973	Jack Brooks 1976	James V. Welsch, Jr. 1981
	Carol Ann Williamson 1973	Grace Saunders 1981	
Baptized in October:	James V. Welsch, III 1981	Michael Dodd 1983	Jessica Green 1999
	Amanda Norton 1982	Morton Schunick 1987	Faith Marshall 1999



Worshiping Indoors in Garrettson Hall



Can you identify these masked ladies?

Can you name the ladies pictured? They are all smiling behind their masks! The Hattie B. Skinner Circle donned their masks, social distanced and gathered outside on a beautiful afternoon in mid-September. (Attended, but not pictured: Wendy Wilson & Janel Parke.)

September 20, 2020

