



The Beacon

Zion United Methodist Church

November/December, 2018

Michael Hurley, Pastor

Ever have one of those times when you just feel like you have no peace? Something happens and your emotions are right there on the surface. You wonder, “What’s going on with me? I’m so sensitive.” Well, as *A Passionate Life* authors Breen and Kallestad ask, “Have you ever had an ingrown toenail?” Truth is, when our toenails are growing naturally, we don’t give them a second thought. But when the natural growth of a nail is restricted, it can become annoyingly painful. I read that most ingrown nails are found on the feet of those who wear ill-fitting shoes. (I remember when Ann and I were training for a 60 mile “Breast Cancer Walk for the Cure” in Philadelphia around this time of year. I had to start wearing a larger shoe. I know first hand how tight shoes can hurt your feet!) How does a toenail become ingrown? The outward pressure inhibits its natural growth.

Question: As Christians, have we become spiritually “ingrown?” Are there areas of our lives where we have misdirected attention and energy or inappropriately reacted to outside pressures (getting mad, getting even, not forgiving, gossiping, giving up, or accepting the world’s standards instead of God’s standards would be a few examples of wrong responses)? If we respond this way it can become very unhealthy. In fact, left unattended, those unhealthy areas of our spiritual lives can

begin to fester and cause great pain. It’s not enough to just read Jesus’ teaching, or to only know it in our heads. We need to appropriately respond to God’s Word. We need to become more sensitive to the Holy Spirit than we are to those irritating pressure points in our lives. So how do we do that?

Ephesians 6:10 says, “...be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God so you can stand strong against the wiles of the devil.” Lest we forget, the armor includes having our feet “shod with the gospel of peace.”

Could it be that some of us don’t have peace because we’re not walking in the proper foot gear? Folks, now is the time to lace up some “Peace of God Boots.” Don’t let the pressures from the outside cause you undue pain. Walk in the peace that only God can give. Stay in God’s Word. Line up with God’s will.

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ” (Philippians 4:6-7).

Folks, it’s time to Pray, Re-Boot, and Rejoice!

Much Love and Peace to you,

Pastor Mike

Advent Bible Study

All I Want for Christmas

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM—November 27, December 4, 11, 18

Worship Opportunities

November 1: All Saints Day

This is a day for us to remember the saints of the church who have “gone home” this year. Their light lives on in each of us and in the legacy of our church.

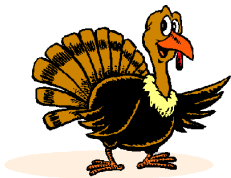
November 11: International Day of Prayer / Organ Donor Sunday / Veterans Day

November 18: Pounding Sunday

Bring a pound of dry goods and lay them at the altar. They will be used to bless those whose needs are met through our food pantry.



UMC Community Thanksgiving of Praise Service: November 20, 2018 at 7PM



Zion will be hosting a combined UMC Thanksgiving Service. This service will feature the UMC Combined Choir.

November 25: Christ The King Sunday

December 1: Hanging of the Greens — We need All Hands on Deck!!!



December 2: 11 AM Chancel Choir Presents



All Is Well is a narrated musical that shares songs of hope and celebration for the season. Amidst a sea of chaos and uncertainty in this world, Jesus is our source of true and lasting Hope, Joy, and Peace.

“Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. According to His great mercy, He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1Peter 1:3

December 9: Communion

December 16: 11 AM Worship with Bishop Peggy A. Johnson followed by our *Annual Cookie Exchange*

December 23: Interactive Christmas Pageant, 11 AM Service



Help Make Operation Christmas Child a Huge Success!

What is this? Operation Christmas Child is an international Christian missions project that for 25 years has provided toys and necessities for children in need.

Who is involved? Operation Christmas Child is run under the auspices of Samaritan's Purse, a nondenominational Christian relief organization spearheaded by Franklin Graham. This year's project is being jointly sponsored by the *Eunice Sluyter Circle* and the *Teen Sunday School Class*.

What can I do? Zion's members and friends can provide gifts for the children's shoeboxes that the Teen Class will pack. Our goal is to pack 50 shoeboxes. Your unwrapped gifts may include the following:

TOYS, such as a central item that a child will cherish, like a beautiful doll, a deflated soccer ball with pump, or a plush stuffed animal. Items like toy cars, toy musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes may also be included.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES, such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, coloring books

HYGIENE ITEMS, such as toothbrushes (no toothpaste), bar soap, washcloths, combs

ACCESSORIES, such as socks, hats, t-shirts, flip-flops, hair bands, sunglasses

A PERSONAL NOTE, and photo of you and your family/group. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.



FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN - blankets, sticker and picture books, blocks, finger puppets, pages of colorful stickers.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN - small tools, tape measures, sewing kits, fabric squares; deflated balls with pumps and needles, solar calculators, rulers, scissors; jewelry; deodorant

DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

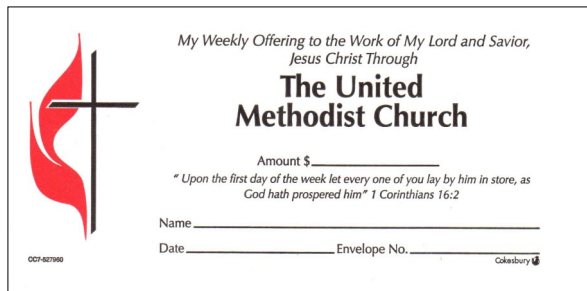
Where do I put my gifts? There is a large box in the narthex for Operation Christmas Child gifts.

When do my gifts need to be in? Your gifts need to be in the large box ***no later than Sunday, NOVEMBER 4th*** so that the Teen Class has time to divide what we receive and pack the shoeboxes.

May I make a financial donation? Absolutely! Each shoebox needs \$9.00 for postage so it can be sent around the world. A container will be next to the collection box. Please make your payable to Samaritan's Purse, with *Operation Christmas Child* on the memo line .

Many thanks for your participation!

FINANCES



New Ways to Give to God Through Zion UMC

Offering Envelopes Starting in 2019, we will no longer be distributing pre-printed, numbered offering envelopes. Instead, we will be using generic contribution envelopes. You will be able to pick up as many envelopes as you need in the narthex or in the pews. You just need to write your envelope number and/or your name on the envelope to have your contribution recorded. This change will save Zion about \$1,000 per year. Since some folks give monthly and only use 12 of the 52 envelopes in the box, and some use even less envelopes from the box that we distribute, this will also save paper. The Finance Committee believes that you will agree that this change is worth the little bit of extra effort of writing your envelope number and/or your name on the envelope. Please make a note of your current envelope number as that will not change, and it will be easier for the folks who count the contributions to record your giving.

Electronic Bill Paying If you use electronic bill paying through your bank, you can also use it to send your contributions to Zion. Simply fill out the information your bank requests using your envelope number as your account number. Your bank will send a check to Zion . You may begin using this at any time.

Direct Withdrawal You may use direct withdrawal to pay bills on-line. You can also use direct withdrawal to send your contributions to Zion. In December, we will have a form that you can fill out to have your contributions automatically deducted from your checking account using the frequency and amount of your choosing. You can change this at any time. You may begin using this as soon as the form is available.

We know that methods of performing financial transactions and making contributions have changed. The Finance Committee hopes that these options will make it easier for you to practice financial stewardship.

Acolyte Schedule

November 4—Logan Hubbard
 November 11—Madison Dukes
 November 18—Logan Dukes
 November 25—Katelyn Masden

 December 2—Logan Hubbard
 December 9—Madison Dukes
 December 16—Katelyn Masden
 December 23—Logan Dukes
 December 30—Logan Hubbard

Cold Weather Shelter Schedule

December 4
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 December 18
 January 1
 January 15
 February 5
 February 19
 March 5
 March 19

Hattie B. Skinner Circle—Vista Cheesman (410-200-
 Joe Turner & Bobby Willey (443-521-9076)
 Zion UMC Choir—Karla Wilkins (443-521-3527)
 Eunice Sluyter Circle—Addie Cartwright (302-379-8870)
 Hattie B. Skinner Circle
 Joe Turner & Bobby Willey
 Zion UMC Choir
 Eunice Sluyter Circle

Breakfast for Wednesday sent **Tuesday Night** Dec. 4, Jan. 1, Feb. 5 & Mar. 5
 Good Sam – Roger Webster

Many thanks to Zion's Volunteers for their sharing & caring.

Dorchester Branch N.A.A.C.P. and The Maryland
 State Conference of Women in the N.A.A.C.P. are
 Co-sponsoring



to benefit homeless shelters in Dorchester County
 There are several reasons why the homeless need new
 socks. People rarely donate new socks to the
 homeless. Health problems especially with feet are an
 issue. Our goal for Dorchester is 1,000 pairs of socks
 (adult and children). Drop Off Point is:

Zion United Methodist Church
 612 Locust St.
 Cambridge, MD 21613

**BEST WISHES as we warm souls and soles
 all over Dorchester County.**

Contact: Vista Cheesman 410-200-0343



The National Christian Choir, a group of 140 auditioned
 singers, all volunteers who have signed a statement of faith,
 will be singing at the Magi Choral Festival in Salisbury at
 Wi-High auditorium, Sat., Nov. 17 at 7:00pm. and Sun.,
 Nov. 18 at 2:00pm. The concerts benefit the Magi Fund,
 which supports the Joseph House Center and the Christian
 Shelter.

Tickets are \$15 if purchased before Nov. 6 and \$20 after that
 date. Visit: www.magifund.com/buy-tickets/
 to see where tickets are available, print an order form, or buy
 tickets online. For more information about the
 National Christian Choir visit their website
nationalchristianchoir.org/

If enough people are interested it may be possible to carpool.



We will be placing poinsettias in our Sanctuary again this Christmas, in memory of, or in honor of, our loved
 ones. If it is not convenient for you to purchase a poinsettia, you can make a donation to our Good Samaritan
 Fund. In both cases your loved ones will be recognized in a special insert during our Christmas worship
 services. Submissions are due by Dec. 17. More details will follow in our December bulletins. Make checks
 payable to Zion UMC and mark it for "Good Sam". Be sure to include who is being recognized (in memory or in
 honor of and who it is from.)

Contact Elaine Horseman (410-228-9134) if you have any questions. Thank you.



ZION'S



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Café Menu

9:00 a.m. Breakfast Sandwich

10:30 a.m. Lunch Begins

Breakfast

Scrapple Sandwich \$2.50

Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Soda,
Milk, Orange Juice \$1.00

Lunch

Bowl of Soup & Biscuits \$4.00

Pea & Dumpling

Vegetable Beef

Sandwiches w Chips & Pickles :

Chicken Salad \$5.00

Frank on Roll \$2.00

Grilled Cheese \$2.50

Chicken Salad Plate \$5.00

Carry Out

Soup per Quart \$8.00

includes 4 Biscuits

Chicken Salad 3/4 pt. \$6.00

1/2 dozen Biscuits \$1.50

2pm Doors Close



9a.m - 2 p.m.



Zion U.M. Church

612 Locust St.

Cambridge, MD

Handicapped Accessible

Use Glasgow St. Elevator Entrance

Telephone : 410-228-4910

**Saturday
Nov. 10**

- **Sweets & Treats**
Bake Sale
- **Holiday Gift Shop**
Decorations
Ornaments
Handmade Items
- **Quality Collectibles**
- **Jewelry**
- **Specialty Items by**
Local Crafters
- **Southern Flavoring**
& Rada Cutlery



Charge Conference

Zion's Charge Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 28th at 6:00 PM at Waugh Chapel UMC. Again this year, this will be a joint Charge Conference with other United Methodist Churches in Cambridge.

Anniversaries

Mackert, Carlton & Robin	11/02	Gravitt, Faye & Tom	11/23
Hurley, Mike & Ann	11/12	Lednum, Charley & Christy	12/09
Duerling, Craig & Nan	11/21	Turner, Joe & Joyce	12/23
Etchinson, Adam & Lanai	11/21	Thomas, Kenny & Debbie	12/26

Birthdays

Lipsius, Casey & Katherine	11/05	Matthews, John	11/30
Schunick, Olivia	11/06	Collins, Debbie	12/06
Patterson, Ingrid	11/07	Price, Ashlie	12/06
Davidson, Spencer	11/08	Dukes, Brian	12/09
Smith, Helen	11/08	Moore, Ann	12/09
Waldsachs, Steven	11/11	Schuyler, Madison	12/09
Davidson, Kevin	11/12	Parke, Mitchel	12/10
Stevens, Beckett	11/16	Powell, Nan	12/11
Williams, Gene	11/17	Wilson, Henry	12/11
Haring, Patricia	11/18	Thomas, Helen	12/12
Parks, Carolyn	11/18	Willey, Delmer	12/12
Kowitski, Corinne	11/22	Atkinson, Aaron	12/15
Warfield, Nathan	11/23	Bartrum, Eva	12/15
Webster, Roger	11/23	Creighton, Robert	12/18
Crawford, Leon	11/25	Stevens, Bambi	12/19
Hanlin, Eleanor	11/26	Edmondson, Carla	12/20
Harp, Christopher	11/26	Hoge, Allen	12/23
Webster, Donald	11/27	Williams, Joey	12/25
Madera, Alvenia	11/30	Bramble, Kay	12/26



Volunteers from around the country are joining the American Heart Association and The Children's Heart Foundation, to celebrate American Heart Month by knitting and crocheting red hats for babies born in February at participating hospitals. Little Hats, Big Hearts™, honors babies, moms and heart healthy lives. Supporters knit and crochet red hats to for thousands of babies born during American Heart Month. The hope is to empower moms to live heart healthy lives and to help their children do the same.

Together we are working to raise awareness, provide resources and inspire moms to take their family's heart health to heart while also raising awareness about Congenital Heart Defects.

Little Hats, Big Hearts™ began in February 2014 in Chicago, IL collecting 300 hats in the first year. The program is now in more than 40 states.

Zion will participate in *Little Hats Big Hearts* again this year. Please start crocheting and knitting your little red hats now for infants born in Feb. 2019. If you are new to this project and need patterns please contact Christy Lednum. Christy can be reached at: 443-521-0944
crlednum@comcast.net.

More details and the exact deadline (probably late 2018) will be announced later but in upcoming bulletins. Let's send a lot of little hats to our little ones born in Maryland!



From the heart

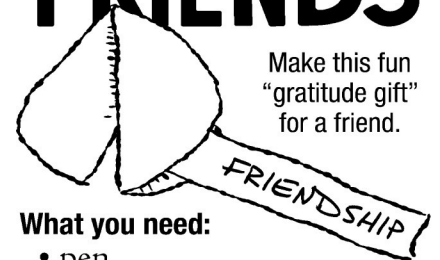
We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.

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to	bring	Perfume	incense	and	joy
Perfume					
of	the	the	and	heart,	pleasantness
the					
advice.	their	a friend	from	springs	heartfelt
A friend					

Answer: FRIEND; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

Fortunate FRIENDS



Make this fun "gratitude gift" for a friend.

What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 pm Handbell Practice	2	3
4 All Saints Day 9:30 am Praise & Prayer Service 11:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	5 12:00 pm AA Meeting 1:30 pm Hattie Skinner Mtg.	6 9:00 am Good Sam	7 10:00 am Clergy Bible Study 5:00 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Gambler's Anon.	8 7:00 pm Handbell Practice	9	10 9:00 am Christmas Bazaar
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18 Pounding Sunday 9:30 am Praise & Prayer Service 11:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	19 12:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting	20 9:00 am Good Sam 7:00 pm "Thanksgiving of Praise" Service	21 10:00 am Clergy Bible Study 1:00 pm Good Timers Luncheon 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Gambler's Anon.	22	23	24
25 Christ the King Sunday 9:30 am Praise & Prayer Service 11:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	26 12:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	27 DGC Wreath Workshop 9:00 am Good Sam 7:00 pm Advent Bible Study	28 10:00 am Clergy Bible Study 6:00 pm Charge Conference 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Gambler's Anon.	29 7:00 pm Handbell Practice	30	

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2 Cantata-All is Well 9:30 am Praise & Prayer Service 11:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	3 12:00 pm AA Meeting 1:30 pm Hattie Skinner Mtg.	4 9:00 am Good Sam 7:00 pm Advent Bible Study	5 10:00 am Clergy Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Gambler's Anon.	6 7:00 pm Handbell Practice	7	8
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23 9:30 am Praise & Prayer Service 11:00 am Interactive Christmas Pageant 11:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service	24 12:00 pm AA Meeting 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Church Office Closed	26 10:00 am Clergy Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Gambler's Anon.	27	28	29
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Roast Beef/Turkey Sandwiches

In cooperation with Catering by Jamie, *Hattie Brooks Skinner Circle* will sell pit beef or turkey sandwiches, on **Thurs., Nov. 15** from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (or until sold out). Cost is \$8 for a sandwich, bag of chips, and a canned soda or bottled water. Sales will take place at the intersection of Maryland Avenue and US 50. Delivery is available - please contact a member of the Hattie Brooks Skinner Circle. All proceeds will be used to support mission projects of Zion United Methodist Church.

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Return Service

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