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The Messenger May, 2015

Sunday Worship
9:45 a.m.

Sunday School
11:15 a.m.

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Monday - Wednesday

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Mr. Scott E. Clark
Mr. Paul Wienecke
Mr. Jim Murphy III
Mrs. Shirley Hayman
Mr. Al Dufour
Mr. Frank Winter
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THE MISSION OF ZION CHURCH

**"To worship and glorify God;
to preach, teach and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ;
to celebrate the Sacraments;
to realize Christian fellowship and unity within this congregation
and the Church Universal;
to render loving service toward humankind; and to strive for
righteousness, justice and peace."**



Message from Pastor Katie

The Meaning & Importance of Ascension

On the Feast of the Ascension, the Christian Church does not merely commemorate an historical event in the life of Christ. On this day, the Church celebrates Christ's physical departure from the world and His glorification with God the Father.

For forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus remained on earth. Filled with the glory and honor of His Divinity, He appeared to His Disciples at various times and places. By eating and drinking with His followers and conversing with them about the Kingdom of God, Jesus assured them that He was truly alive in His risen and glorified Body. (The *glorification* of Jesus refers to His Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven. When we speak of Christ's *glorified Body*, we refer to Its honor, splendor, majesty and visible radiance - it gave off rays of bright light!)

The time span of forty days is used symbolically in the Holy Scriptures and by the Church to indicate that an appropriate amount of time has passed for "completeness". [The rains of the great flood lasted for forty days. Christ prayed in the wilderness for forty days. We fast for forty days to prepare before the feasts of the Nativity and the Resurrection (Pascha). - NTK]

Ascension falls on the fortieth day after the Resurrection. On this day, Jesus appeared to His Disciples and gave them His last commandment - to preach the Kingdom of God and the repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name to all nations, beginning with Jerusalem. Then He led them out of Jerusalem toward Bethany to the Mount of Olives. He lifted up His hands and blessed them. As His Disciples were looking on, He was lifted up - or "ascended" - and a cloud took Him out of sight. While they were looking up, two angels in white robes appeared and said to them: "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus, Who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen Him go there."

The Ascension is, therefore, a sign and symbol of the Second Coming. Christ will return to the earth in the same manner as He left it. When the risen Lord returns again in glory, God's will for mankind will be fulfilled.

Jesus completed His earthly mission of bringing salvation to all people and physically was lifted up from this world into heaven. The meaning and the fullness of Christ's Resurrection is given in the Ascension. Having completed His mission in this world as the Savior, He returned to the Father in heaven Who sent Him into the world. In ascending to the Father, He raises earth to heaven with Him!








Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus told His followers to remain in Jerusalem because in a few days they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit (see **Acts 1:1-12** and **Luke 24:13-53**). Christ ascends to heaven and sends the Holy Spirit to the world. The Spirit comes to reconcile and reunite the world with God. Christ's Body is in heaven and His Spirit is here on earth. Ascension is also a sign of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The Symbol of Faith - the **Nicene Creed** - which summarizes the important doctrines and teachings of the Church, contains these words: "And ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father." The importance and meaning of this feast is that Jesus glorified our fallen and sinful humanity when He returned to the Father. In Jesus, Who is perfect God and perfect man, man is reunited with God. At His birth, Jesus took on our human nature. Through His Ascension He deified this human nature by taking His Body to heaven and giving it a place of honor at the right hand of the Father. With Christ, man's nature also ascends. Through Christ, man becomes a "partaker of divine nature" (**II Peter 1:4**). When Christ became man, He took up human nature and we share our human nature with Him. It is through Christ, Who is perfect God and perfect man, that we "partake of divine nature." When we say that Christ is sitting at the right hand of the Father, we mean that man has been restored to communion with God because Christ gives His humanity - which He shares with us - a permanent place of honor in heaven. Christ honors us by putting us close to the Father.



We celebrate the Ascension with the same great joy the Apostles had when they were promised that the Holy Spirit would come to bear witness to the presence of Christ in the Church. Ascension day is joyful, not only because Christ is glorified, but also because we are glorified with Him. We are joyful because He goes to "prepare a place" for us and because He is forever present before the Father to intercede for us.



MONTHLY

Saturday, May 2 Church Hall 4 to 7 p.m.	 SPAGHETTI DINNER
Saturday, May 9 Book Sale - Hall 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	
Sunday, May 10 Service 9:45 a.m.	Mother's Day 
Monday, May 11 Council Meeting - Office 7:00 p.m.	 COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, May 14 Woman's Guild - Hall 11:00 a.m.	 Women's Guild Hall - 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 16 Bingo - Hall 1 p.m.	
Monday, May 25 REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED	 MEMORIAL DAY
Thursday, May 28 Crafts - 11:00 a.m.	 Crafts - 11:00 Retha's House

WEEKLY

Choir every Tuesday night 7:00 p.m. Join in the Fun	 Choir Rehearsal
Every Wednesday Boy Scout Troup 302	 BOY SCOUTS

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May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Spaghetti Dinner, 4:00-7:00
3 Canned goods donations EIO.	4 Turner Seniors, 9:30-3:30	5 Handbells, 6:30 Choir, 7:30	6 BSA Council, 7:00 Scouts, 7:00 N/A, 7:30	7 N/A, 7:30 NarAnon, 7:30	8	9 Book Sale, 10:00-1:00
10 Happy Mother's Day!	11 Turner Seniors, 9:30-3:30 Council, 7:00	12 Handbells, 6:30 Choir, 7:30	13 BSA Roundtable, 7:00 Scouts, 7:00 N/A, 7:30	14 Women's Guild, 11:00 N/A, 7:30 NarAnon, 7:30	15	16 Bingo, 1:00-4:30
17 Caregiver Training, 12:30	18 Turner Seniors, 9:30-3:30 Property, 7:00	19 Handbells, 6:30 Choir, 7:30	20 Scouts, 7:00 N/A, 7:30	21 N/A, 7:30 NarAnon, 7:30	22	23
24 Pentecost	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26 Handbells, 6:30 Choir, 7:30	27 Scouts, 7:00 N/A, 7:30	28 N/A, 7:30 NarAnon 7:30	29	30
31	Sunday Worship: 9:45 A.M. Sunday School: 11:15 A.M.					



Remember
Our Shut-In Members

Doris Coscia	8620 Kelso Drive D317	21221
Earl Jackson	Lighthouse Sr. Living, 1813 Old Eastern Ave.	21221
Ruth Johnson	505 High Acre Dr. Apt. 125, Westminster, MD	21157
Viola Karmann	County Meadows, 5955 Quinn Orchard Road, Frederick	21703
Margaret Mangels	8300 Allison Lane	21237
Marie Sacilotto	311 Oberle Avenue	21221
Doris Saffer	307 Whitaker Mill Road, Fallston	21047
Dorothy Samek	9 Homberg Avenue	21221
Beatrice Sykes	Riverview Nursing Ctr. Room 309 1 Eastern Ave.	21221
Eileen Vogler	8620 Kelso Drive, Apt. D310	21221
John Volz	8770 Philadelphia Road	21237
Ray Zink	9826 Richlyn Drive, Perry Hall	21128



Dawn Adams	Linda Jordan	Joan Shockley
Norma Anthony	Jane Kirchner	Dorothy Smith
Kay Arnold	Ginny Kommalan	Paul Smith
Pat Bach	Dorothy Kuhn	Dan & Ann Steele
Jim Baker	Scott Lein	Rose Strine
John Baker	Joan Lowe	Jennifer Sweeney
Taylor Baker	Margaret Mangels	Adam Taylor
Terry Birmingham	Dr. Vincent Martorana	Catherine Thorn
Pastor Bob	Emma McMath	Kurt Tolzman
Matthew Clements	Lisa Minter	Eileen Vogler
Doris Coscia	Anna Mitchell	John Wallace
Belinda Dishon	Jim Murphy	Lisa Wallace
Joyce Elsner	Gina O'Leary	Cliff Walsh
Lorraine Gebhardt	Mary Patarini	Joan Walsh
The Gary Family	Jim Petty	Debbie Ward
Mary Freund	Jane Phillips	Janet Weatherby
Dot Ferandes	Dawn Pugh	Nancy Zaharis
Ann Golden	Camryn Ramsel	Ray Zink
Buddy Greene	David Ringsdorf	
William Hall	Helen Ritter	
Earl Jackson	Shirley Ritter	
Kenneth Jenkins	Tara Roka	
Mike Johnson	Sandy Russell	Service Men & Women

PEACE ON EARTH

MAY

Birthdays

5/2 Calvin Walsh
5/3 Eric Rosenfeld
5/4 James Baker
5/5 Virginia Baker
5/5 Betty Dillinger
5/6 Theodore Burke
5/7 Shirley Dalgo
5/7 Kevin Langenfelder
5/7 Melissa Wengler
5/8 Ronald Earling
5/9 Jane Anderson
5/9 Julie Spause
5/10 Timothy Grace
5/11 Thomas Robinson
5/12 Doris Coscia
5/12 Allen Dufour, Jr.
5/12 Carolyn Hovel
5/13 John Glock, Sr.
5/14 Eddy Adams
5/14 Harry Freund, Jr.
5/15 Melissa Shirey
5/18 J.T. Bedford
5/19 Geoffrey Gordon

5/26 Joan Jordan
5/29 Brian DiPaula
5/29 Rebecca Wheeler
5/30 James Murphy, III
5/31 Frank Ekr, Jr.
5/31 Margaret Mangels

Anniversaries

5/3 Tim & Shirley Dalgo
5/11 Jim & Mary Murphy
5/29 Herb & Jennifer Pilarski



May Birthdays & Anniversaries



Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32



MESSENGER
DEADLINE

JUNE ISSUE - MAY 20, 2015

Women's Guild – May, 2015



The next Womens's Guild meeting is planned for Thursday, May 14, at 11:00 a.m. in the Hall. Members are reminded to bring a sandwich for lunch and useful "treasurers" for our spring auction. All are welcome to join the fun!!!

Book sales are scheduled for the second Saturdays of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the hall (May 9, June 13, July 11). You may also make book purchases during the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, May 2. Stock up on your summer reading!!!

Thanks to all who submitted remembrances to our booklet of Mother's Day tributes. Special thanks to Barbara Hart for coordinating this information.

Happy Spring!!
Charlene Berk
President

*Thanks,
Everyone!*



I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to everyone involved with my father's funeral service. Paster Katie had a wonderful service and we can't thank her enough. Tom Hayman, Al Dufour and everyone outside were absolutely fabulous with it being the coldest day of the year. A huge thank you to The Women's Guild, Jenny Winters and all others involved with the food and just being there for the guests. Our sincere thanks to all involved.

Sue Berk-Elste and family

Dear Friends

Thank you so much for the concern, prayers and cards during my recent illness. It was much appreciated.

Jim Murphy



March 9, 2015 Meeting

Present:

Rick Nuss	Ron Earling	Linda Kirstein	Paul Wienecke
Krista DiPaula	Gloria Nethkin	Al Dufour	Pastor Katie Penick
Butch Pfarr	Steve Wilcox	Joan Edwards	

Absent: May Townsley

Meeting was called to order by President Steve Wilcox at 7:03 p.m.
Pastor Katie opened the meeting with prayer.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the February 9, 2015 council meeting as amended. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The 2014 end of year report in addition to the current treasurer's report was presented. Paul is working with Morgan Stanley on a report as to how all funds performed for the year. A copy of the completed report will be shared with the congregation. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion carried.

President's Report:

- Steve reminded the council that we are "the ears" for the congregation. Don't be shy bringing back what we hear to the church council table.
- Currently there is no negotiations for Streets of Hope to buy our Church School building. If members of the congregation hear otherwise, please assure them that it has not happened.

Pastor's Report:

- Three Sunday worship services were held in February; one with communion. The fourth was canceled due to snow.
- Services were also held for Ash Wednesday (2/18) and the first Wednesday of Lent (2/25)
- Three hospital visits were provided
- The Chesapeake Association Ministerium was canceled due to weather.
- Upcoming Events
 - Lenten Services at 7pm (at Zion UCC)
 - 3/11 – Rev. Brian Murray from New Covenant UCC
 - 3/18 – Rev. Cathy Oatman from United Evangelical UCC
 - 3/25 – Rev. Cathy Oatman from United Evangelical UCC
 - April 2 – Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm
 - April 3 – Good Friday Service at 7pm

- April 25 – Chesapeake Association Meeting
- June 12-14 – Annual Meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference (Newark, DE)

Committee Reports:

- Music & Worship – no report
- Board of Christian Ed – no report
- Property- no report
- Stewardship – no report
- Cemetery – 1 burial this month; some headstones have moved as a result of the brutal winter weather; the grave digger will fix the situation once the weather breaks; the cost for this will be agreed on between AI and the grave digger
- Church Life and Vitality- 150 people attended the pancake breakfast; \$470 profit made; money will be used to replenish paper goods after Streets of Hope vacate the education building; last day of residence for streets of hope will be 4/16; the spaghetti dinner will be held on May 2 from 4-7

Old Business:

- Telephone update—Two discrepancies need to be addressed. The extra phone in the kitchen of the office will be removed. The alarm system and fire system are hooked back up and functional.
- Council Vacancy—We still have one vacancy. Please try to persuade a friend to accept the privilege of serving a one year term.
- Carrol Fuel- Joan spoke to the person she has been dealing with in regards to unpaid bills. Everything is up to date except for the latest delivery. All late fees have been removed from our account. There is motor fuel that is delivered to the church for use by the cemetery (for lawn mowers).

New Business:

- Dorothy Cobb bequeath- \$5000 was donated from Dorothy Cobb's estate. The request was made by the family that the money be used for something tangible for the church and be made in memory of Dorothy Cobb and her husband. We will reach out to her family thanking them and asking what they have in mind or think there mother would want.
- Monthly bill procedure- Steve would like to streamline the process of paying bills if possible.
- Property chair- if you know someone who will chair the Property committee let Steve know.
- Meeting time- meetings will continue to be held at 7:00pm.
- Paypal- we have the opportunity to become a part of the Paypal program as a 501(c) organization; will set up email accounts thru gmail for the pastor, secretary and a general info account. Once Paypal is set up it will give parishners the opportunity to donate with their credit card. Two and a half percent of the donation and 30 cents will be paid to Paypal as a processing fee; Council approved to move forward with setting up a Paypal account.

- Steve will review the building use rules with outside organizations to remind the groups to not adjust the thermostat or leave the doors open when the heat is on in addition to other rules.
- When Jeannie is out it is requested that she contacts Steve.
- We have a fairly significant amount of shut-ins that are not able to attend church. Don Roberts put together a Caregiver's group years ago. Pastor Katie would like to revamp this group. There is a group training this Saturday at a local church that will train those interested in being a part of the Caregiver's group. Eventually we would like to do a training here at Zion. Let Pastor Katie know if you or anyone you know is interested in attending.
- Holding a congregational and gathering meeting for history building of our church was discussed. Questions to answer are who we are, where did we come from and where are we going? This event will help us as a group move forward. I was decided the event will take place on April 19th at 12:30 with a pot-luck luncheon to start.
- Youth program- there is interest to connect our youth members with youth groups from other churches in the associations. Next year the National Youth event annual meeting will be in Disney World and we would like for our youth members to attend. It would be great to have a youth retreat here and open it up to the Chesapeake Association and the Catocin Association.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:58 p.m.

The next council meeting will be on April 13, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Krista DiPaula

Approved by: _____
Steve Wilcox Date
Council President

Memorials and Gifts

In memory of:
Fred Berk by Zion Choir-Gen. Fd.
Gail Owings by Zion Choir-Gen. Fd.
John Cornes by Edward & Thelma Betz-General Fund
John Cornes by Elaine Roberts-Accessibility Fund

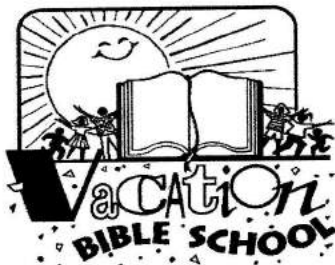
UPcoming EVENTS



Our Spaghetti Dinner is Saturday, May 2 from 4-7PM. Tickets will be \$10 at the door; \$5 for kids 3-10 years. A spring plant sale will be held in conjunction with the dinner. Bedding plants, annuals and hanging baskets will be available. Hope you will join us for this seasonal fundraiser.



Attention **all** graduates! Members of the class of 2015 will be celebrated on June 7, 2015 during morning worship. If you are a graduate or you have a family member who will be graduating this season, please call the church office to include them on our list of honorees.



Please mark your calendars for the week of June 22-26 for Vacation Bible School. Watch for more details and supply lists in the weekly worship bulletins.