



November 2018

# the MESSENGER

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## REFLECTION FROM PASTOR KATIE

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever! ~Psalm 118:1

As the smells of pumpkin spice and apple dumplings fill the air, we know that Thanksgiving is right around the corner. But sometimes gratitude does not come easily, especially when we are caught in the grip of anxiety during difficult and uncertain times. We want to stop and throw our arms in the air with praise, like the Psalmist, but we know it's not that easy. Gratitude doesn't come as a sudden wave of feeling, it comes from a slow and intentional turning away from worry. Gratitude – true gratitude – occurs in those moments when we can stop and find something, anything for which to thank God during times of worry. Jesus understood this, when he told us to stop and give thanks for something simple, like a bird or a flower or a blade of grass. Anything will do if it takes us out of ourselves for a moment: a breath of fresh air, a dog's companionship, a cool glass of water, that first tentative step after surgery.

These small steps can lead to huge results, to that ancient lesson that Jesus has been trying to guide us to: everything is God's and God is eagerly waiting to give us more and more, if only we would allow it. God just wants us to notice what is right in front of us... to believe that God is with us and to be thankful that we are never truly alone for the journey. So this Thanksgiving, remember the birds in the air, the lilies in the field, the pumpkins and the apples, and the love found here at Zion Church. Remember that God is good and God's love endures forever, and that is truly all that we need.

Go in peace

~Pastor Katie





11/1	Todd	Wienecke
11/2	Sandra	Freund
11/4	Jay	Wienecke
11/6	Christine	Kovach
11/8	James	Wolfkill
11/13	Natalie	Sturm
11/14	Debra	Raley
11/14	Deborah	Walters
11/14	Alicia	Witkus
11/15	Eric	Spause
11/16	Dolores	Diegel
11/17	Ree Retha	Griifin
11/18	Maxine	Wagner
11/19	Paul	Wienecke
11/21	Marjorie	Meusel
11/23	Charlene	Berk
11/24	Kaytee	Lurz
11/25	Tammy	Kraft
11/25	Brett	Van Pelt
11/29	Victoria	Ballard
11/29	Tracy	Hollar
11/29	Kelli	Keller
11/30	Doris	Dalگو



11-27 Tom & Shirley Hayman

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Elaine Baker  
Jacob's Well  
522 Thomas Run Road  
Bel Air, MD 21015

Jim Baker  
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Baltimore, MD 21220

Betty Dillinger  
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Joan Edwards  
10811 Proctor Avenue  
White March, MD 21162

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Baltimore, MD 21237

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Baltimore, MD 21221

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Baltimore, MD 21221

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Severna Park, MD 21146

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Baltimore, MD 21221

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Baltimore, MD 21221

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Baltimore, MD 21237

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20335 Savin Hill Drive, #2015  
Ashburn, VA 20147

### THE MISSION OF ZION UCC

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.



Many thanks to my Zion church family for  
prayers and cards following my recent knee  
surgery. Your kind thoughts and greetings  
have brightened recovery days.

Thanks to everyone  
Elaine Roberts

# NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				NA /Nar Anon 7:30pm		Property Work Party - 8am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship Service 9:45am  Bake Pumpkin Rolls	Turner Seniors 9:30-3:30pm  Council 7:00pm	Choir - 7:00pm	Scouts 7:00pm BSA Commissioners 7:30pm NA 7:30pm	Woman's Guild 11:00am  NA /Nar Anon 7:30pm		Used Book Sale 10:00am-1:00pm  Turkey Dinner 3-6pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship Service 9:45am Stewardship Sunday Congregational Mtg Lunch @12:30	Turner Seniors 9:30-3:30pm	Choir - 7:00pm	Scouts 7:00pm BSA Committee 7:30pm NA 7:30pm	NA /Nar Anon 7:30pm		Bingo 1:00 pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship Service 9:45am  Handbell Practice 12:30pm	Turner Seniors 9:30-3:30pm  Property 7pm	Choir - 7:00pm	Scouts 7:00pm NA 7:30pm  Thanksgiving Eve Service 7pm	NA /Nar Anon 7:30pm  		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Worship Service 9:45am Totenfest  SS decorate sanctuary	Turner Seniors 9:30-3:30pm	Choir - 7:00pm Messenger Mailing 10:00am	Scouts 7:00pm NA 7:30pm	NA /Nar Anon 7:30pm		



For more information about events at Zion UCC, including the locations,  
please visit: [www.zionuccmd.com](http://www.zionuccmd.com).

## MONTHLY BENEVOLENCES

January:	The Aroles #1111
February:	CAC/O.C.W.M. #1107
March:	Earl's Place #1112
April:	Hoffman Home #1124
May:	Lancaster Seminary #1125
June:	CAC/O.C.W.M. #1107
July:	EIO #1113
August:	Lancaster Seminary #1125
September:	Hoffman Home #1124
October:	EIO #1113
November:	CAC/O.C.W.M. #1107
December:	CAC/O.C.W.M. #1107

## Person, Place or Thing?

Can you guess what I am?

## Last Month's Answer - Rainbow

1. I bring joy to kids of all ages.
2. I can be quite colorful.
3. I can often be seen hanging out at the park or beach.
4. In ancient China, I was made out of silk and bamboo.
5. You might have seen me "surfing".
6. I come with strings attached.
7. I'm the subject of a famous song in Mary Poppins.
8. Charlie Brown always seemed to get me stuck in a tree.
9. When it's breezy, I'm easy.
10. Ben Franklin used me - and a key - to prove that lightning is electricity.

ANSWER IN NEXT MONTH'S MESSENGER

## Many thanks to our volunteers:

Date	Greeter(s)	Liturgist	Acolyte
November 4 Communion 9:45am	Ron Earling	Dave Winter	Ciara Murphy
November 11 9:45am	Stipek Family	Jeremy Wilcox	Camden Dunn
November 18 9:45am	DiPaula Family	Jane Anderson	Elaina Winter
November 25 9:45am - Hymn Sing	Kathy Turner & Family	Jenny Winter	Emma Foy
Altar Guild: Charlene Berk & Ruth Langenfelder			
Head Ushers for November: Steve Wilcox			
If you would like to read or greet, or you need to change your scheduled time, please call: Elaine Roberts – 410-686-0184 (Greeters) or Church Office - 410-687-0980 (Readers)			

## Totenfest

Sunday, November 25 is Totenfest Sunday. If you would like to include the name of someone who has passed away since December 2017, please call the office at 410-687-0980. During worship, we lift up the name of each one with the lighting of candles and ringing of bells. Please plan to join us for this beautiful commemorative service.

Women's Guild News  
By Gloria Nethkin, President

- Everyone enjoyed the October visit from Susan & John Weisman sharing their trip to Africa. Thanks also to Joan Jordan for technical support.
- Thursday, November 8, is the date of our next meeting at 11:00am in the hall. We hope many friends will join us.
- Looking ahead . . . December 13 will be the date for our Christmas luncheon meeting. More details will follow.
- Check out our book sales on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00am until 1:00pm in the hall (November 10, December 8 and January 12). You can find hard covers, paperbacks, children's books, jigsaw puzzles and more at great prices! Join us, you may find some of you Christmas gifts.

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Winter Food Collection for EIO  
Elaine Roberts & EIO Food  
Collection Committee

- Maybe you have noticed a few boxes around our buildings with pink signs for non-perishable foods which we are collecting for EIO. The Eastern Interfaith Outreach is a community food pantry supported by churches and businesses in the Essex, Middle River and Rosedale areas.
- As cold weather approaches, many families are in greater need of "helping hands." Members of Zion have generously supported this important community outreach mission in the past. We hope you will continue to be generous now and throughout the year.
- Contributions can be brought to church, the office or sent to Sunday school with your children. Gifts of money to EIO can be made as holiday memorials or placed in offering plates.

Thanks for your kind support



**Turkey Dinner**

Tickets are available in the Gathering Place. Our annual dinner will be Saturday, 11/10 from 3-6 pm. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$8 per child (under 8 years old). Kids under 3 yrs eat free. Adult tickets purchased before the day of the dinner are only \$13 each. Help is always appreciated the week of and the day of the dinner, especially with clean-up. Working at this event can count for school service hours. If you have a few hours to share, see Kerri Wilcox.



**Pumpkin Roll Baking Time**

It is pumpkin roll baking time! If you would like to help with this annual fundraiser, see Jen Winter. Pumpkin rolls will be available for sale at the Turkey Dinner.

**In our Thoughts and Prayers . . .**

Bryan Barbalace, Les Bowser Jr., Vivian Bowser, Family of Barbara Hart & Vivian Bowser, Dot Ferandes, Carolyn Fischer, Charles Freund, Retha Griffin, Ken Grim, Justin Grimes, Robert Hayman, Linda Heath, Barbara Langenfelder, Keith Langenfelder Jr., Scott Lein, Family of Joan Lowe, Nichole Meekins, James Penick, Clarence Pitz, Henrietta Ritter, Elaine Roberts, Kim Sexton, Marlene Shirey, Jean Shomper, Tori Smith, Nick White, Dave Williams, service men & women, **peace on earth.**

**Operation Christmas Shoebox**

OPERATION SHOEBOX IS ON AGAIN FOR 2018. More information to come next week. The last Sunday to bring in your box will be November 18, 2018. If you would prefer to donate money, please have all money to Lois Single by Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Any money donated after that date will be sent as a monetary donation.

**PARISHIONER GIVING**

<b>April</b>		<b>May</b>		<b>June</b>		<b>July</b>		<b>August</b>		<b>September</b>		<b>Total</b>
\$ 10,277.00	\$	7,850.00	\$	10,604.00	\$	10,972.10	\$	10,497.00	\$	7,401.00	\$	93,357.90
\$ 8,365.00	\$	9,383.00	\$	9,098.00	\$	10,012.00	\$	10,258.00	\$	7,410.61	\$	83,423.71
\$ 8,030.00	\$	9,355.15	\$	9,281.00	\$	10,570.00	\$	6,527.00	\$	9,013.00	\$	83,298.15
\$ 12,920.00	\$	7,297.59	\$	6,149.00	\$	10,849.00	\$	7,381.00	\$	7,401.00	\$	79,647.51
\$ 10,051.00	\$	6,934.00	\$	7,655.00	\$	8,836.00	\$	8,229.00	\$	8,988.60	\$	78,785.60

Due to space limitations, we could not show the 1st quarter.

**MEMORIALS & DONATIONS**

Memory of Ruth Johnson by Charlene Berk - General Fund  
 Memory of Ruth Johnson by Fred & Bessie Hutschenreuter - General Fund  
 Memory of Ruth Johnson by Frank & Fran Winter - General Fund  
 Memory of Ruth Johnson by Ruth Langenfelder - General Fund  
 Memory of Ruth Johnson by Ed & Thelma Betz - General Fund  
 Memory of Ruth Johnson by Jo Ann & Michael Kirby - General Fund  
 Memory of Ruth Johnson by James Wolfkill - General Fund  
 Memory of Ruth Johnson by The Wheeler Family - General Fund  
 Memory of Mary Bethke by Howard Bethke - General Fund  
 Memory of Mary Bethke by Ann Barbalace - Property Fund  
 Memory of Sandra (Berk) Russell by Charlene Berk & Family - General Fund  
 Memory of Jim Hart by Barbara Hart - General Fund  
 Memory of Jim Hart by Les & Vision Bowser - General Fund





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**NOVEMBER**

November 10 - Turkey Dinner (Saturday)

November 11 - Stewardship Sunday

November 11 - Congregational Meeting  
(Sunday)

Lunch at 12:30pm

November 21 - Thanksgiving Eve Service  
7:00pm (Wednesday)

November 25 - Totenfest Sunday

November 25 - SS to Decorate Sanctuary

**DECEMBER**

December 2 - SS Advent Party 11:15-12:30pm  
(Sunday)

December 9 - Bring a Friend & Cookie  
Exchange (Sunday)

Decembr 13 - Women's Guild Christmas Party  
(Thursday)

December 15 - Christmas Caroling 1:00pm  
(Saturday)

December 21 - Longest Night Service 7:00pm  
(Friday)

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services

December 30 - Christmas Carol Hymn Sing

January 6, 2019 - Epiphany Sunday