Weekly Announcements - September 20

Join us on Sunday

Worship from your home at 8:30
Go to our website: www.mtzionmech.org and
Select the YouTube or FaceBook Link

or
Call 1-301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 835 1331 1778#  Password: 613742#

Worship at church at 10am
Outdoors (weather permitting)
Fellowship Hall During Inclement Weather

Sunday school classes offered:

- Adult Sunday Zoom Class 9:45am, *Immersion Bible Studies - Acts* by Craig S. Keener,
  Led by Jean Neely  Contact Jean for sign-in information.

- Children’s Sunday School - Children attend worship at 10am with their parents.
  Dismissed after the second song, to go indoors for Sunday school.

Blood Drive - Monday, September 21, from 12:30 - 6:30 pm

Handbell Group Forming ...Ring bells go ting-a-ling-a-ling!!
In a year of confusion and turmoil bring a joyful noise to the Lord with Bells!
An intermediate-advanced handbell choir is forming.
For more details, please email Ben Stern at ZionUMC.music@gmail.com.

Annual Christmas Celebration  MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!
DECEMBER 5 from 4-8pm  (Rain date December 12)
Christmas Celebration Planning Meeting - September 25, 3pm as the Picnic Tables
Come out and bring your ideas!  Let’s make this a Hallmark Christmas to Remember!

We have secured the Clydesdale horses for our event. We have the Clydesdale horses pulling a 12 seater hitch wagon. (Team of two) They will use the parking lot from one end to the other as their path. They will run for 2 hours. This could be a big outreach to the community. The cost for the hitch wagon, horses for 2 hours is $1,100. Vickie has given the deposit of $550.  Donations can be given to the COF with memo stating it’s for the Christmas celebration.

We are transforming our front parking lot and side with lights everywhere. Nativity scene, Santa house, carolers, food, crafts, horse-drawn carriage rides, tree lighting ....  A big event (think of the *Hallmark* movies).

Keep your eyes and ears open for anyone getting rid of their outdoor decorations that we may be able to use.
New Adult Studies

- **Tuesday Morning Study - Sermon on the Mount** by Amy-Jill Levine held at 10am beginning September 22 for 7 weeks. This class will be held in the blue room. Masks and social distancing guidelines will be observed. If a larger space is needed, the class will be moved to a larger room.

- **Monday Morning Zoom Bible Study, 10am** Adam Hamilton Study, Christianity’s Family Tree starting September 28 for eight weeks, led by Jean Neely.

- **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, by Peter Scazzero**’ 8 week class, led by Pastor Steve, 6:30-8pm on Monday nights, beginning October 5. To participate for this course, you will need some materials. There is a course participant package available on Christianbook.com that contains the book, the workbook, and the daily devotional. The cost is $27 and that is what I recommend buying. At a bare minimum, please purchase the primary book for $13. The class will run eight weeks, probably on Monday nights.

On-Going Adult Studies
It’s not too late to join these classes.

- **Sunday 9:45am Zoom Class - Immersion Bible Studies - Acts** by Craig S. Keener, Led by Jean Neely.

- **Tuesday Evening Study - A Historical Look at the Christian Afterlife.** Study on the evolution of the Christian understanding of heaven, hell, and the resurrection of the dead 7pm Zoom, led by Wendy S. Chatham

If you are interested in any of the studies, please reach out to the leader.

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**Take-and-go Meals at Mt. Zion**
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11am to 12:30pm. Our COF ladies will be distributing meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11am to 12:30pm. In addition, on Wednesdays there will be a “pop up” food pantry. Monetary Donations are appreciated.

**Donations needed for take-and-go meals:**
peanut butter, uncrustables, pudding cups, fruit/fruit cups/applesauce, granola bars, yogurt, individually wrapped deserts.

**Mt. Zion Food Pantry Open**
Every other Friday from 8am-11am.
(Upcoming: Oct 2 & 16)

**Donations can be brought on Food Pantry Days between 8-11am:**
- Canned Fruit
- Tuna fish
- Breakfast Cereal
- PB and J
- Canned Vegetables
- Beefaroni
- Spaghettios

It’s not April and it’s not Christmas, but we are still working on our assigned house.

**Volunteers are needed to help complete our mission.** Specific help is needed to install the steps. Only 5 - 6 persons at a time can work on the house.

Thank you Mt. Zion for your support.
Ken Cardinale

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**Now Enrolling**
2020-21 school year.
Applications can be found at [https://www.mtzionpreschool.com/](https://www.mtzionpreschool.com/)

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**Thank you for your generous giving. It is through your tithes and offerings that Mt. Zion is able to continue to serve our community and be an example of how to live Christ’s call, bringing glory to His name. Thanks to GOD and our church family.**

**God Bless you All.**
Donations can be mailed to: Mt. Zion, 27108 Mt. Zion Church Rd, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. For other ways, visit [www.mtzionmech.org](http://www.mtzionmech.org) and click on the “Ways To Give” link.