



THE MT. ZION MESSENGER

THE GOOD NEWSletter

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IN-SANCTUARY SERVICES

In-Person worship services start at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday.

Masks are optional.

Social distancing is encouraged, especially while inside the building.

Those who are not attending services in the sanctuary, can continue to worship via live-streaming.
(See article to the right.)

A Thought for the Month

God never sends you into a situation alone.

He goes before you.

He stands beside you.

He walks behind you.

Whatever situation you have right now, be confident, God is with you!

Beautiful Life

WEEKLY SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Worship Service

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

In Person in the Sanctuary, or

Livestreamed on

Facebook.com; YouTube.com; or our website, wearemtzion.com

If you desire special prayer or would like to join Mt. Zion, call the Church at 413-785-5664 following service until 12 noon.

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#### **Prayer/Mediation Call & Bible Study**

*There will be **NO** Wednesday 12 Noon Prayer & Meditation Call nor*

*7:00 p.m. Bible Study In August.*

*Both will resume in September.*

**BE SAFE & ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR SUMMER!!**



## AUGUST

### BIRTHDAYS

- August 2-----Sis. JoAnn Lawson
- August 3-----Sis. Tina Garner
- August 4-----Sis. Charlotte Caldwell
- August 5-----Sis. Carolyn Scarnici
- August 6-----Bro. Clycon Hinds
- August 6---Bro. Brian Lawrence, III
- August 7-----Sis. Andra Cole
- August 8---Bro. Michael Housey, Jr.
- August 9-----Bro. Roderick Barton
- August 10-----Sis. Vertis Holmes
- August 13-----Sis. Cierra Bacon
- August 13-----Bro. Rocky Edge
- August 15-----Bro. Isaac Crapps, Sr.
- August 20-----Sis. Alice Koonce
- August 21-----Sis. Camilla Coppedge
- August 21---Sis. Betty Mayweathers
- August 22-----Sis. Amanda Mills
- August 22-----Sis. Susan Williams
- August 28-----Rev. Bert Johnson



### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- August 3-----Bro. Alfred Dixon  
& Sis. Andrea "Mimmie" Dixon
- August 8-----Rev. Milton White, Jr.  
& Deaconess Luz White
- August 20-----Deacon Steve Powell  
& Deaconess Wanda Powell

# ABC's

Author Unknown

Although things are not perfect  
 Because of trials or pain,  
 Continue in thanksgiving  
 Do not begin to blame.  
 Even when the times are hard  
 Fierce winds are bound to blow,  
 God is forever able  
 Hold on to what you know.  
 Imagine life without His love  
 Joy would cease to be.  
 Keep thanking Him for all the things  
 Love imparts to thee.  
 Move out of "Camp Complaining,"  
 No weapon that is known  
 On earth can yield the power  
 Praise can do alone.  
 Quit looking at the future,  
 Redeem the time at hand,  
 Start every day with worship  
 To "thank" is a command.  
 Until we see Him coming  
 Victorious in the sky,  
 We'll run the race with gratitude  
 Xalting God most high.  
 Yes, there'll be good times & yes some will be bad,  
 but...  
 Zion waits in glory...where no one is ever sad.

Submitted by Rev. Bert Johnson, 2010

## 2023

### AUGUST MEETINGS

#### DEACON MINISTRY MEETING

The Deacon Ministry will meet on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
 All Deacons & Deaconesses should attend.

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JOINT BOARD MEETING

The Joint Board will meet on Monday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m.
 All Joint Board members should attend.

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#### MISSIONARY MINISTRY MEETING

The Missionary Ministry will meet on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.  
 All Missionaries should attend.

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MAN CAVE FELLOWSHIP

Man Cave will meet on Friday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m.
 Topic: "Come to the Well & Drink"
 Scripture: John 4:10
 All Men are invited to attend.

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#### SHE SHED FELLOWSHIP

She Shed will meet on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m..  
 All Women are invited.

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CHOIR REHEARSALS

MASS CHOIR

Wednesday, August 23rd--6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, August 30th--6:00 p.m.

MALE CHORUS

Wednesday, August 9th--6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, August 16th--6 p.m.
 Saturday, August 19th--time TBA

Community Forums

The Pastors' Council of Greater Springfield & the NAACP are hosting two Community Forums this month. To help you make more informed decisions about the people you want representing you, please attend both.

Mayoral Candidate Forum

When:

Wednesday, August 9th
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Where:

St. John's Congregational Church,
45 Hancock Street, Springfield

At-Large City Council Candidate Forum

When:

Wednesday, August 16th
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Where:

Mt. Zion Baptist Church,
33 Oak Street, Springfield

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE



The Missionary Ministry will be sponsoring another coat drive this year for infants, children, and adults. You may drop off coats, jackets, and hoodie sweat-shirts at the Church between August 1st through September 30th. We ask that you please donate **NEW** or gently used, professional **Cleaned** coats only.

All donations are greatly appreciated. May God Bless you to help others. If you have any questions, please contact **Sis. Anna Howell** @ 413 783 0454.

Mark Your Calendar for SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

'Education Sunday'

Sunday, August 20th will be 'Education Sunday' here at Mt. Zion. On this Sunday, we will recognize teachers, administrators, counselors, and students. **Please invite relatives & friends who are students or educators to attend the 10 a.m. service**

Also on the 20th of this month, immediately following morning worship service, we will hold our...

'2nd Family Reunion!'

We invite and encourage Mt. Zionites of all ages to come out and enjoy good fun, food, and fellowship here at the Church.

Mark your calendars, save the date, and plan to **come to Church on Sunday, August 20th.**

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Reunion, see a Trustee. The Trustee Ministry is heading up this event.

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK

The Western Mass Food Bank Mobile Food truck will be at The Dunbar Center in the Union Street parking lot on the 4th Friday of this month-- **Friday, August 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Free fresh produce is available to all on a first come, first served basis, regardless of income. Come out and bring family and friends.

Pastor's Preaching Engagement

On Friday, August 4th, Pastor, White, will be preaching at his home church, Macedonia FBH Church, in Georgetown, SC.

SOLDIER GONE HOME

BRO. ELIJAH WASHINGTON, SR.
went home to be with the Lord on
Monday, July 17, 2023.

Bro. Washington joined Mt. Zion
last year.

He was 103 years old.

TAKING CARE OF

FIRST YEAR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Mt. Zion is partnering with the Future Innovators of Springfield to host their first annual "Taking Care of our First Year's College Giveaway." The goal is to empower and support Springfield, MA college students in their pursuit of knowledge and success by providing essential items and resources that parents and families traditionally do not think about for first year college students.

On **Friday, August 25th**, from **6:00-9:00 p.m.**, here at **Mt. Zion**, students who will be attending college for the first time are invited and encouraged to stop by the gym and receive college supplies.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

The new date for celebrating our 46th Church Anniversary has not yet been announced. Please remember that you can still pay or pay on your anniversary assessment.

As a reminder...

Members are asked to give a \$246.00 sacrificial offering (over and beyond your tithes) in recognition of our 46 years as a church body. Anniversary offerings can be placed in our regular offering envelopes--simply mark the envelope, "Church Anniversary."

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE: "A GARDEN & AN ORCHARD"

Submitted by Dea. Steve Powell

Last month, you were asked to find at least **14 fruits and vegetables** that a woman planted in her garden and orchard. The names of these fruits and vegetables, hidden in the paragraph below, may stand alone or may be separated into more than one word by punctuation marks and spaces in the middle. Were you able to figure out what she planted? Here are the answers: 1) radish; 2) strawberry; 3) garlic; 4) kale; 5) lemon; 6) plum; 7) corn; 8) orange; 9) potato; 10) bean; 11) pear; 12) peas; 13) yam; 14) mandarin.

A woman wanted a garden and an orchard, never having had either before. After planning and strategizing over **a dish** of **strawberry** ice cream and a cup of tea with **sugar, licorice**, and honey, she took **a leap** of faith and got started. She had very **little money**, so she used **cheap lumber** to frame the boundaries. In a **corner** of her yard, she used a big, **orange pot**—a totally acceptable idea, so some plants would not **be an** eyesore. She even became an **escape artist** to get out of her regular work. Her **hope, as** she put it, was simply **a matter** of seeing if she could do it. She was a **woman daring** to be fruitful.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE: "JOSHUA PREPARES"

Puzzle Submitted by & Intro Written by Sis. Andrea Dixon

On Sunday, July 16, 2023, Rev. Trevor Beauford from Union Baptist Church in Hartford, CT was our guest preacher. He spoke from the book of Joshua, "Don't Forget to Grab Your Stones!," and what a great word it was!!

While going through my search-word books, I came upon a search which pertains to 'Joshua.' So, while you're relaxing on these hot, humid, rainy days, have fun finding words within "Joshua Prepares." Be blessed & stay safe.

JOSHUA PREPARES

Find the words below. They are in straight lines either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally in the diagram. They may also read forward or backward. See how many you can find while learning a little more about Joshua. Answers will be in next month's newsletter.

BE STRONG	CAREFUL
CITY GATE	CITY WALL
COURAGEOUS	CROSS JORDAN
FOLLOW	JERICHO
PEOPLE	RAHAB
ROOF	ROPE
SPIES	TERRITORY
WINDOW	



CIVIL RIGHTS ICON TO SPEAK HERE

On **Saturday, September 23, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.**, Mrs. Willie Pearl Mackey King, a Civil Rights icon, will be the guest of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 33 Oak Street, Springfield.

PLEASE mark your calendars, invite family and friends, and come out and hear this dynamic woman and learn more information firsthand about the Civil Rights movement under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Here is her bio...

WILLIE PEARL MACKEY KING



Willie Pearl Mackey King worked for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference under the leadership of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from February 1962 until February 1966. She was a member of his executive staff. She performed a variety of administrative duties and traveled with Dr. King.

While in Birmingham, Alabama with Dr. King, she typed his famous Birmingham Jail Letter. She and Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker transcribed the Letter which was written on newspaper edges, table napkins, toilet paper and whatever scraps of paper that Dr. King could find to write on.

Mrs. King also worked for the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for 32 years. During her tenure she served as the Accounting Officer before becoming the Financial Manager for the Commission. She also worked six years as a contractor for the US Office of Compliance for Capitol Hill after her retirement.

She is a sought-after speaker who is willing to share her journey of service. Some of her speaking engagements include CNN, College of Southern Maryland, District of Columbia Baptist Convention, Legacy of Fannie Lou Hammer, Federal Bureau of Investigation DC Chapter and Headquarters, Howard University Student Campus Ministry, International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies, Larry King Live, Leisure World Association for African American Culture, M&T Bank, Senate Judiciary Committee, The Transition Network-DC Chapter, US Department of Energy, US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, US Department of Treasury, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, US Merit Systems Protection Board, US Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Academy, and various churches across the country.

Awards: 2019 Civil Rights Legend - International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies. 2021 African American Living Legend - Montgomery County Maryland. 2021 Life Story Recorded with the National Women's History Museum. 2023 National Women's History Museum Women Making History Award. First Baptist Church of Vienna, Virginia Martin Luther King, Jr. Spirit of King Award.

Mrs. King studied at Dimery College, Georgia State University, University of Maryland, Montgomery College, and LaSalle University. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

Mrs. King is a member of the Montgomery Hills Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Maryland. She has one daughter, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Some Quotes About Education

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

--Aristotle--

"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance."

-- Andy McIntyre--

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

--Malcolm X--

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."

--Albert Einstein--

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

--Nelson Mandela--