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***If you have an announcement or prayer request, please email it to zionlexpk@gmail.com by Wednesday.**



“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Sunday, September 21st, 2025

Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent
LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Presiding Bishop



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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ “Hold On”

Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings

****Opening Hymn~ “We’re Marching to Zion” - #733 UMH***

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

***Doxology~ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”~#650
AAHH***

Prayer of Illumination: God our Savior, as we hear your Word, send your Holy Spirit to be our teacher of faith and truth and show us how we are called to live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

****The Scripture Readings***

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7: Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Ready to Join?

Please complete the form and hand it to an usher. Pastor Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the membership vows and the date for you to join.

What are our membership vows?

Vows are taken when a person joins a United Methodist Church as a baptized or professing member. By taking the baptismal and local church membership vows, the individual agrees to covenant with God and the local church members to keep the vows that are part of living the baptismal covenant and reception into membership in the local church.

These vows have four parts: (1) to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; (2) to believe in the Christian faith as contained in the Old and New Testaments; (3) to support The United Methodist Church; and (4) to uphold the local congregation with one's prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

Mark your Calendar

The Unified Board Meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and in-person. A portion of this meeting will be a closed session. The board will be voting on the church conference packet.

The NAACP Branch #7025 annual Freedom Fund R&B and Jazz brunch is on October 18th from 11 am-2 pm at the Bay District Volunteer Fire House Social Hall. Tickets are \$50 for a table of 8. Let's shoot for two tables.

The 145th Church Anniversary celebration will be on Oct. 19th at 10:30 a.m. The theme for the day is "Zion: Serving Our Community," inspired by Matthew 25 36-40. Rev. Dana Jones will be the guest speaker. The colors of autumn are the colors for the day. The committee requests a \$50 love offering in addition to regular giving. A portion of the money collected will go to "outreach." Following the worship, there will be a celebration with cake and punch. If you would like to join the planning committee, please contact Sis. Omega Taylor.

Church conference is on November 1st at 9 am at Trinity UMC, 90 Church St, Prince Fredrick, MD. Livestream will not be available. Church conference packets will be available on Oct. 19th.

****Psalm Reading~ Psalter 834, verses 1-9***

****Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7: First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.***

Song of Preparation ~ "All is Well"

****Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13: Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the***

children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Proclamation~ Dr. Cummings

Affirmation of Faith~ 881 UMH

Prayers of the People: Response - Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayer of confession, assurance, and pardon~ pg. 8 UMH

Thanksgiving & Communion~ pg. 9-11 UMH

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Announcements

****Closing Hymn~ “Be with Us All Lord” - #641 AAHH***

****Benediction~ Dr. Cummings***