

# The Spire

May 2020

HOPE

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR AND TEACHER



### On the Road to a New Reality

As we embark on the month of May in the midst of the unprecedented circumstances of our lives, we give God thanks and praise for all of the blessings that God has provided. God's presence and God's power have enabled us to be sustained -- in spite of our circumstances. This is something for which we must be grateful. Perhaps, many are asking the question, when will we join together again, as a family for worship? I have prayed about that and sought guidance from the Lord. At this time, I believe we should focus our sights on joining for public worship again on May 31, Pentecost Sunday, if the Lord is willing. Though some businesses are planning to open as soon as the first weekend in May, I believe it would be ill advised and irresponsible for us to do so. This is because of the increasing numbers of infections in Cuyahoga county, the fact that mass testing has not taken place and the absence of a tested vaccine. Quite frankly, as I have prayed, I have been strongly led to stand still at this time. When this began, God told me to continue broadcasting via Facebook Live from our pulpit until it was safe to do otherwise. I am trusting God and divine wisdom to lead us to make right decisions in this regard.

For the next four Sundays, I will preach a sermon series entitled, "Preparing for Pentecost." This series will guide us through the first chapter of the Book of Acts and by May 31, it will bring us to the power of the Pentecost experience found in Acts chapter 2. This was when the Holy

Spirit fell upon the believers in Jerusalem and gave birth to the church of Jesus with the conversion of more than 3,000 believers. The Pentecost experience teaches us the virtue of trusting in the promises of God. It confirms in us, the benefits of seeking God's indwelling presence. The gifts and the power of the Holy Spirit are for us, just as they were for the first century believers. It is up to us to seek the gifts as the Apostle Paul taught us in 1Corinthians 13:31 where he writes these words, "But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way."

I believe, if we all utilize this season to seek Christ, we will be better off, when we come out of this time of exile. We will be stronger. We will be better. We will be more faith-filled and more determined to do the work of the One who sent us.

In this season of uncertainty, the Body of Christ is called to serve as never before. We are called to bring hope, where there is hopelessness. We are anointed to bring light, where the dark clouds have shaded the sun from view. We are called to weep with those who weep and to rejoice with those who rejoice. We are chosen to bring the message of a risen savior and an empty tomb to a people in desperate need of resurrection. Our hope is not built on the things we have or the jobs we do or the titles we wear. Our hope is built on the solid rock that cannot fail...Jesus Christ.

In this time, my prayer for each of you is that you would see in every situation and in every circumstance, the amazing hand of God. I pray that you would come to know his healing and his sustaining and that you would be affirmed by his guiding and directing. I implore all who are able, to stay at home and to stay safe and well. If you must go out, wear a mask and gloves. Wash your hands often and take care of yourself. I am praying fervently for each of you. With God's help we will get through this.

With the love of Jesus,

Rev. Paul

## In the know at Mt. Zion...

May 9  
**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

May 17 @ 5pm  
**JOBS GRADUATION**  
via Zoom  
Information will be shared in  
the Mt. Zion Weekly Update

May 31  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**TENTATIVE FIRST PUBLIC WORSHIP**



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If yes, email samples of your writing to  
Lady Kim.  
We welcome skilled writers to cover  
Mt. Zion events.**

## LET HOPE ABIDE



the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. This outward expression of faith can be seen in communities of faith across the nation.



Hope is defined as a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. During this unprecedented time in the history of the world, everyone needs an abundance of hope, thus the cover of this month's issue of *The Spire*.

Many people are seeking a way to understand this pandemic caused by an invisible virus that spares no one. It has been said that it is the "great equalizer." Many thought 9/11 was the most catastrophic event in their lifetime, now this.

Humans can not turn back the hands of time or stop what is inevitable. Christians, however, can turn to a source that will provide hope, healing, security, and knowledge that God is the author and finisher of our faith.

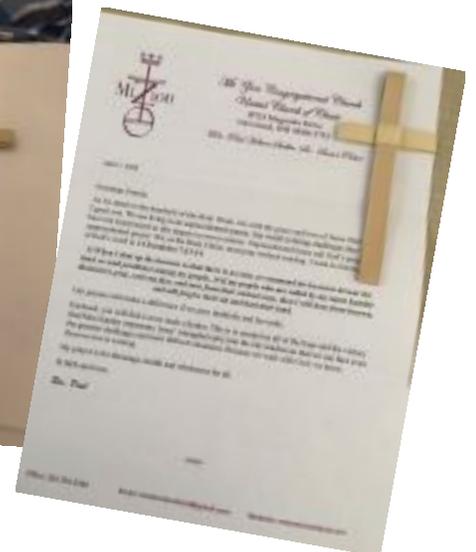
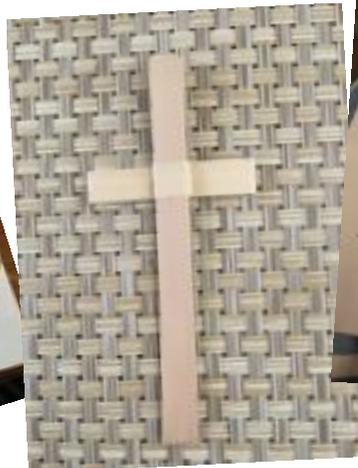
Romans 15:13 assures Christians that "faith is

The first Sunday of April was an outward expression of hope. Those members who watched the virtual service, participated in communion by utilizing the elements that were available to them in their homes.

As seen in the pictures within this article, many were creative in the display of their communion elements. Mt. Zion was blessed to receive Easter greetings along with a picture of the communion table prepared by Rev. Persida Rivera Mendez, who joined in worship from Connecticut.

Members expressed their gratitude for the Palm Crosses they received along with the Easter letter. Several sent cards, emails and text messages expressing their appreciation for the message of hope and the symbol of faith that the palm crosses represent.

As God's people continue to shelter in place for the safety and health of all, let us continue to be guided by hope. Let us look forward with expectation to the new day that is coming and to the future that God has promised to us all.



**THANK YOU FIRST RESPONDERS AND ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL**



**Debra Landrum**  
Menorah Park



**Rev. Ray Banks**  
Calhoun Funeral Home



**Tara Murphy**  
Beckett Thermal Solutions



**Jordan Shotwell**  
Burger King



**Mary Bustamante**  
Menorah Park



**Tereasa Shotwell**  
Ohio Guidestone



**Julian Earls Among  
13 Heroes of Space in  
Reader's Digest Article**



Congratulations to Mt. Zion member, Dr. Julian Earls, who was featured in an article in Reader's Digest titled, "13 Heroes of Space You Didn't Learn About in School." Highlighting women and men who changed the space program at NASA, the article was written for Space Day which is celebrated on May 1. Dr. Earls has had a distinguished career in science. Take time to copy the link below and read about Dr. Earls and 12 other great scientists.

<https://www.rd.com/culture/heroes-of-space-you-didnt-learn-about-in-school/>.

**And the Beat Goes On: Mt. Zion Staff at Work**



The staff, Boards, Committees and nearly every Mt. Zion ministry have continued to work and serve Mt. Zion members and those in our community. Many have welcomed and embraced technology that has allowed them to meet and continue to work. WebEx, the program currently being used by Mt. Zion, has enabled Mt. Zion staff and others not to miss one beat.

At a recent staff meeting, Rev. Paul asked everyone to smile for a candid camera moment. Each week, the staff joins together to discuss the work of Mt. Zion and how they can continue to serve members.

As the weeks and months go by, the staff will continue to keep members informed, communicate as often as possible and address needs and concerns.

Clockwise: Avis Staunton, Christopher Wise, Deacon Mollietta Dorsey, First Lady Kim Sadler and Rev. Paul in the center

## Former Mt. Zion Member Hired As the UCC Health Liaison for COVID-19 Information

The Mt. Zion church family congratulates its former member, Barbara Baylor, on her new appointment on the national staff. Baylor was a devoted member. She retired and moved to Atlanta, Georgia to be with her children and grandchildren. Below is the article from the UCC News found at ucc.org.

and create an online daily brief that simplifies the data and shares the latest information about the virus.

This is Baylor's second time on the UCC national staff. She previously served for 18 years as Justice and Witness Ministries' domestic policy advocate and minister for health care justice in Washington, D.C.

"I am committed to providing wellness information to the public about health and safety concerns affecting their community," Baylor said. "It is important the public have the best research and science with which to make the best decisions for themselves, their families and their communities."

Themes explored to date include the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people of color, on people experiencing homelessness, and on children. COVID-19 and the U.S. healthcare system, recently adopted stimulus packages, strategies for coping with stress, and the



discussion around whether and when to wear a face mask also have been examined.

The COVID-19 Daily Briefing, available here - [https://www.ucc.org/daily\\_covid\\_19\\_brief](https://www.ucc.org/daily_covid_19_brief) - will continue daily Monday through Friday throughout the duration of the pandemic.

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"The Humanitarian and Development Team of the Cleveland, Ohio-based United Church of Christ wants to ensure that its membership and beyond get facts and not false information about the coronavirus pandemic. So it brought in a public health professional to act as the UCC "point person" for the church's COVID-19 response.

Barbara Baylor began work Friday, March 20, as UCC Disaster Ministries' Health Liaison. Her job: to help decipher all of the material available from a plethora of respected sources

**Christian BUSINESS LEAGUE**  
Michael G. Shinn  
Annual Memorial Golf Outing  
**Save The Date**  
Black Brook Golf Club  
Mentor, Ohio  
Saturday  
September 12, 2020  
HONORING  
ROBERT P. MADISON  
FIRST REGISTERED  
BLACK ARCHITECT IN OHIO

*Mt. Zion Family*  
*Thank you for*  
*your generosity*  
*and support!*

# 2020

## MT. ZION *Scholarships*

The Mt. Zion Scholarship Committee invites graduating High School seniors who are members of Mt. Zion to apply for scholarships

### GO TO:

1. [mtzioncleveland.com](http://mtzioncleveland.com)
2. Click "Ministries and Outreach"
3. Click "Scholarships"

Complete the online application and ensure information is shared with counselors.

For additional information and questions,  
Contact: Dr. Timeka Rashid, Scholarship Chairperson  
[t.l.rashid@csuohio.edu](mailto:t.l.rashid@csuohio.edu)

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Contact Us Today

- THURSDAY EVENINGS THROUGH MAY 28**  
at 6:30pm via WebEx & WebEx Conf. Call
1. Go to [webex.com](http://webex.com)
  2. Click "Join Meeting" or "Join"
  3. Enter the Meeting Room Number 297 646 178

GRIEF SHARE

## Job Opportunities Breakthrough Services (JOBS)

*Transforming Lives & Energizing Minds*



### JOBS Graduation

Sunday, May 17, 2020, 5:00 p.m.  
Information will be shared via  
Mt. Zion's *WEEKLY UPDATE*

JOIN US FOR A POWERFUL ONLINE



# WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

WITH REV. PAUL HOBSON SADLER SR.

STREAMING ON  

**SUNDAY | 11AM**

 @PAULHOBSONSADLERSR | @MTZIONCLEVELAND 

# MAY

| Sun  | Mon                                | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|
|  |                                    |  |   |  | 1<br>7am Prayer Call<br>6:30pm Sisters in the Spirit via WebEx & WebEx Conf. Call   | 2<br>9am Deacon Bd via WebEx<br>11:30am Christian Stew. via WebEx & WebEx Conf. Call<br><br><i>Effie Garrett Kendall<br/>Darwin Saunders</i> |
| 3<br>7am Worship Prayer Call<br>11am<br>WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE<br>COMMUNION SUNDAY  | 4<br><br><i>Lakeecha Gullatt</i>   | 5<br>7:30am Care Shep.<br>6:00pm JOBS, via WebEx & WebEx Conf. Call<br><br><i>Brian Hall</i> | 6<br>7am Prayer Call<br>10:30am Bible Study via WebEx & Conf. Call<br>2pm Staff Meeting<br>7pm Bible Study via WebEx & WebEx Conf. Call                                   | 7<br>6:30pm Parakaleo/ GriefShare via WebEx<br>7pm Leadership Tm via WebEx & WebEx Conf. Call<br><br><i>Terry D. Moore</i>     | 8<br>7am Prayer Call  | 9<br>11:30am Mission & Outreach via WebEx & WebEx Conf. Call   |
| 10<br>7am Worship Prayer Call<br>11am<br>WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE<br>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY   | 11<br><br><i>Ruth A. Browder</i>   | 12<br>7:30am Care Shep.<br>6:00pm JOBS, via WebEx & WebEx Conf. Call                         | 13<br>7am Prayer Call<br>10:30am Bible Study via WebEx & Conf. Call<br>2pm Staff Meeting<br>7pm Bible Study via WebEx & WebEx Conf. Call<br><br><i>Maria Smith Warren</i> | 14<br>6:30pm Parakaleo/ GriefShare via WebEx<br>5pm Townes/Jones Wedding Rehear.<br><br><i>Janice Brown<br/>Braxton Harris</i> | 15<br>7am Prayer Call<br>4:30pm Townes/Jones Wedding<br><br><i>Michael K. Jones</i> | 16   |
| 17<br>7am Worship Prayer Call<br>11am<br>WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE<br>5pm<br>JOBS GRADUATION<br><br><i>Donald Dale Bowles<br/>Verona Gardner</i> | 18<br><br><i>Gwendolyn Johnson</i> | 19<br>7:30am Care Shep.<br>  | 20<br>7am Prayer Call<br>10:30am Bible Study via WebEx & Conf. Call<br>2pm Staff Meeting<br>7pm Bible Study via WebEx & WebEx Conf. Call                                  | 21<br>6:30pm Parakaleo/ GriefShare via WebEx & WebEx Conf. Call  | 22<br>7am Prayer Call   | 23<br>2pm Trustee Bd   |
| 24<br>7am Worship Prayer Call<br>11am<br>WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE   | 25<br>MEMORIAL DAY                 | 26<br>7:30am Care Shep.<br><br><i>Velma Phillips</i>   | 27<br>7am Prayer Call<br>10:30am Bible Study via WebEx & Conf. Call<br>2pm Staff Meeting<br>7pm Bible Study via WebEx & WebEx Conf. Call<br><br><i>Lynette B. Cordaro</i> | 28<br>6:30pm Parakaleo/ GriefShare via WebEx & WebEx Conf. Call  | 29<br>7am Prayer Call<br><br><i>Monica Reese</i>                                    | 30   |
| 31<br>7am Worship Prayer Call<br>11am<br>WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE<br><br><i>Sonali Wilson</i>   |                                    |  |   |  |   |  |