

### 3 Things to Do

1. Mark your next class meeting on your calendar or planner. Plan to be there!
2. At your next class meeting, ask your fellow members, "How is your spiritual life doing?"
3. Check-in on the members of your class that have been absent from church or class meeting.

## Methodist Fellowship

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Why do class meetings, i.e. small group fellowship meeting, help churches grow? How do these meetings impact individual members? How do they impact the larger group?
2. How can we encourage members of our class? List a few ways other than prayer.
3. What does it mean to hold class members accountable? What's the role of trust? Do class leaders and members have to be perfect to correct each others?

## Church Calendar

### CHURCH SCHOOL

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

### MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

### HOUR OR POWER BIBLE STUDY/ PRAYER MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

### [EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2017](#)

*Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> — Ministry Team Meeting, 7:30 PM*

### [EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2017](#)

*Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> — Charles H. Strayhorn Scholarship Gospel Jazz Luncheon held at the Colony South Hotel & Conference Center, 7401 Surratts Road, Clinton, MD 20735, 3:00pm. Donation for the Brunch: Adults \$65; Youth 10 & under \$25.00.*

*Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> — 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent Season begins*

*Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> — Ministry Team Meeting, 7:30pm — 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference Reports are due to Sis. Kim Elliott. Reports will cover the months of October through December 2017.*

## Church Announcements

### Peace Benediction in E<sup>b</sup> By Darrell J. Gaskin

Please don't worry about anything  
But pray and ask God for  
everything you need  
Always giving thanks  
And He'll give you peace for your  
heart and mind.

And the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding  
will keep your heart and mind  
In Christ Jesus, the Lord.

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**Shalom!**  
*It's God's Plan for You!*

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Next Week  
**Are you ready for  
Christmas?**

## Why do club members meet?

1. Clubs that don't have meetings are usually just financial relationships.
2. Several reasons why secular clubs meet are to train, inform, discuss, prepare, organize, work or celebrate.

Your Notes

## WHAT DID PASTOR GASKIN PREACH ABOUT TODAY?

Our Class Meetings are crucial to the success of our church. We need to meet in our classes regularly to encourage each other to do good works, to help each other resist temptation, to make the changes in our lives we know God wants us to make, to comfort each other during difficult times, and to celebrate with each other our triumphs of faith. We should ask each other, "How is your spiritual life doing? Are you free and separated from sin?" Our church will grow if we attend our class meetings.

*Christian Fellowship is Essential to Christian Growth.*

*We meet to instruct, encourage and admonish one another.*

I. The Class Meeting is the key building block of a vibrant Methodist congregation.

II. John Wesley, the Holy Club and the 22 questions.

III. The Lord encourages us to meet regularly to 1) encourage one another to do good deeds, 2) refrain from sin and 3) grow in our faith. (Heb. 10:24-25, Heb. 3:12-13, Prov. 27:17)

IV. Mother Zion started as a Class Meeting in John Street Church.

V. Our Class Meeting.

a. Sub-pastoral oversight

b. Instruct, encourage, and admonish

c. Help the church meet special financial goals.

VI. Class leaders should 1) regularly meet with their members, 2) visit those who are absent and 3) advice, reprove, comfort and encourage them.

VII. Keep Meeting! We keep our fire burning by sharing our fire.

## Words to Remember

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Heb. 10:24,25

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Heb. 3:12,13

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Prov. 27:17