

### Our Mission

Beth Shalom is a House of Peace.  
We worship the Lord,  
Reach out to Sinners,  
Teach Believers,  
Care for the Needy, and  
Encourage Each Other in the Lord.

### **CHURCH CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Church School – Sunday 9:30am  
Worship Service – Sunday 11:00am  
Prayer & Bible Study – Wednesday 7:30pm

### **EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2018.**

***Sunday, 21st*** — 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Conference Reports are due. — Usher Board Meeting after Service for all Ushers and any one who would like to become and Usher.

***Saturday, 27th*** — Fall Festival held at Tanglewood Community Park, Clinton, MD 4:00 pm—8:00pm The Committee is request donations of Snacks such as Chips, Fruit Snacks, Popcorn, Juices and Water. Also volunteers for Trunk-or-Treat. Please see Flyer for additional information.

***Sunday, 28th*** — Lay Day, Offering: \$10 — Mortgage Sunday, Offering: \$100

***Monday, 29th*** — Ministry Team Meeting, 7:30pm

### **Peace Benediction in E<sup>b</sup>**

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 your understanding  
will keep your heart and mind  
in Christ Jesus the Lord.  
(Adapted from Philippians 4:6,7  
Music by Darrell J. Gaskin)

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### **EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2018**

***Saturday, 10th*** — S.T.E.M. Committee Meeting at 8:00am



**Beth Shalom AME Zion Church**  
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Share your plans with the Lord and you will succeed. Proverb 16:3 (CEV)

## Four Reasons to Vote

### Beth Shalom AME Zion Church

Rev. Dr. Darrell J. Gaskin, Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins,  
Presiding Elder  
Rt. Rev. W. Darin Moore,  
Presiding Bishop  
Mrs. Devieta C. Moore,  
Missionary Supervisor

*A Compassionate Ministry*

## 4 Reasons to Vote!

1. Too many people don't vote. Not voting has consequences, too.
2. Voting is your political voice. You have to use, or it will be used.
3. There are many reasons why you should vote. Here are four.
  - a) Racists not only try to silence your voice but want to use the power of your vote for their gain.
  - b) Many good people made great sacrifices to ensure that you could vote and that your voice would be heard.
  - c) Politicians care about the median voter. So, when you vote, even if your candidate doesn't win, you make the median voter more representative of you.
  - d) People who vote have power. Policymakers respect power and respond to people who vote.
4. There is power in your vote. Use it.



## OUR BIBLICAL TEXT FOR TODAY

*When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan. Proverb 29:2, NIV*

*Make the Master proud of you by being good citizens. Respect the authorities, whatever their level; they are God's emissaries for keeping order. It is God's will that by doing good, you might cure the ignorance of the fools who think you're a danger to society. Exercise your freedom by serving God, not by breaking the rules. Treat everyone you meet with dignity. Love your spiritual family. Revere God. Respect the government. 1 Peter 2:13-17, MGS*

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*If we shall overcome, you must vote.*

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## Laws Governing Your Right to Vote

1. 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment gave male citizens the right to vote
2. 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment gave men of color the right to vote
3. 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment gave women the right to vote
4. 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment gave persons ages 18 to 21 the right to vote.
5. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 restricts states ability to right rules that prevent people from voting.

*Our Prayer is that*

*You Receive God's Peace through*

**P** – Powerful Preaching

**E** – Excellent Teaching

**A** – Awesome Praise and Worship

**C** – Creative Ministry

**E** – Engage, Exciting and Effervescent Fellowship.

## What Did Pastor Gaskin Preach About Today?

It is important to vote. Too many people don't vote. When you don't vote you allow others to use your political power. Remember many good people made great sacrifices so that you could vote. This is how important and valuable your vote is. Use it. Even if your candidate doesn't win, your vote counts because you help determine the median voter. In our system, politicians try to please the median voter and when you vote you make the median voter closer to your position. Politicians respect voters because voters have the power to replace them. If you vote consistently, politicians and policymakers will respect you. Remember, there's power in your vote. Use it. VOTE!

## WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS MESSAGE

1. Remember your vote is your political voice. Use it!
2. Vote in every election because politicians are paying attention.
3. Vote!!!