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> Mary Jean Hess, Owner; Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, Contract Purchaser

- BEFORE THE
- **ZONING COMMISSIONER**
- OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- Case No. 02-562-SPHA

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, Mary Jean Hess, and the Contract Purchaser, Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, In Trust for the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc., through their attorney, Sharon Nelson Craig, Esquire. The Petitioners request a special hearing to approve a reduction in the size of an existing undersized lot by 0.6601 acres, and a variance from Section 1A03.4.B.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to approve a setback of 20 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet for an existing accessory structure, and all other relief as may be determined necessary by the Zoning Commissioner. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Mary Jean Hess, property owner, Fred Thompson, the Professional Engineer who prepared the site plan for this property, and Sharon Craig, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioners. Also appearing in support of the request were numerous representatives of the congregation of the Mt. Zion AME Church, including Joan L. Wharton, Ethel G. Wilson, Joyce Ketchum, Blanche Harry, and Amos Harvey. Also appearing in support of the request were Carol Shaw, a representative of the Long Green Valley Association, and Jeff Long and Lenwood Johnson of Baltimore County's Office of

ORDER REGENTED FOR FILING Date 8/02/02 FOR FILING Planning. Joseph A. Schaeffer, a nearby resident of the area, appeared as an interested person. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is an L-shaped parcel, located on the west side of Manor Road, just north of Long Green Road in northern Baltimore County. Ms. Hess has apparently owned and resided on the property since 1946. Presently, the property contains a gross area of 1.868 acres, more or less, zoned R.C.4 and is improved with a single family dwelling in which Ms. Hess resides. The site also features a detached garage and accessory use storage building/shed. The property is widest along the rear property line, a distance of approximately 300 feet.

The Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church is located to the rear of the subject property. The Church property contains 3.0125 acres in area more or less, and is improved with a one-story frame church, a detached one-story block building and a shed. A portion of the grounds is also used as a cemetery. Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the Church has existed at this location since the 1850s and was originally founded by freed slaves in the area. Obviously, the property and use thereon have historical significance in view of their longstanding existence at this location.

Further testimony revealed that the Church also owns a smaller lot located with frontage on Manor Road. That parcel contains 0.4945 acres and is improved with a one-story dwelling that is used as a parish house. As shown on the site plan, the wider part of the Hess property lies between this parcel and the larger Church property. The Church is desirous of purchasing a portion of that part of the Hess property to expand its yard area and essentially connect the two Church parcels. As shown on the site plan, a roughly square-shaped parcel containing 0.6601 acres is to be conveyed from the Hess lot to the Church. At the present time, there are no improvements proposed for this parcel. The property to be conveyed is unimproved and will remain as such. Moreover, the proposed transfer impacts none of the buildings on the Hess property or other adjoining lots.

The undisputed testimony and evidence offered was that the proposed transfer will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locale. Indeed, there will be little difference in appearance or use of the property after the conveyance. Thus, the Petition for Special Hearing shall be granted. The variance requested is necessary in that a new property line will be established for the Hess lot as a result of the conveyance. As shown on the site plan, the accessory use storage building on the Hess lot will be located 20 feet from the new property line. Thus, variance relief is necessary in view of the required 25-foot property line setback for accessory structures in the R.C.4 zone, pursuant to Section 1A03.4.B.2 of the B.C.Z.R. In this regard, I am persuaded that variance relief should be granted. There is no evidence that the requested relief will result in any adverse impacts to the surrounding locale, and meets the requirements of Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R., as established in Cromwell v. Ward, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995).

Lastly, it is to be noted that Mr. Schaeffer appeared as an interested person. He had certain concerns about the impact of the proposed conveyance upon his property and a right-of-way contained within his deed. As indicated at the hearing, this conveyance will not affect any property rights of any parties or individuals in the area. The Zoning Commissioner's authority is governed by the B.C.Z.R. Private property rights based upon rights-of-way, easements, and as contained within the deed for the property are unaffected by this transfer.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons set forth herein, the relief requested shall be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 18 day of August, 2002 that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve a reduction in the size of an existing undersized lot by 0.6601 acres, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 1A03.4.B.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to approve a lot line setback of 20 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet for an existing accessory structure, and all other relief as

may be determined necessary by the Zoning Commissioner, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

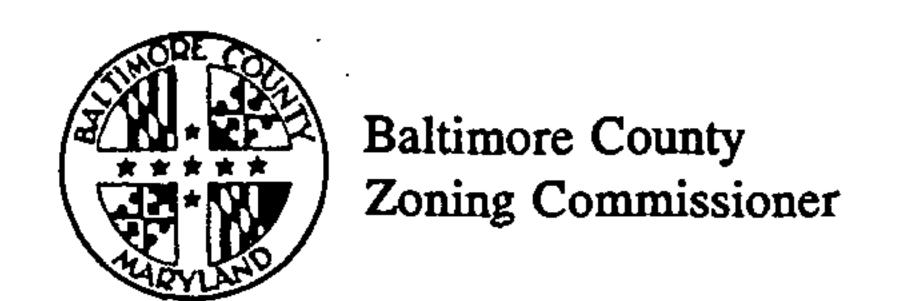
- 1) The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.
- 2) When applying for any permits, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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August 12, 2002

Suite 405, County Courts Bldg. 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-4386

Fax: 410-887-3468

Sharon Nelson Craig, Esquire 11526 Manor Road Glen Arm, Maryland 21057

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING and VARIANCE
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(12718 Manor Road)
11th Election District — 6th Council District
Mary Jean Hess, Owner; Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, C. P. - Petitioners
Case No. 02-562-SPHA

Dear Ms. Craig:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance have been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Department of Permits and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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cc: Ms. Mary Jean Hess, 12718 Manor Road, Long Green, Md. 21092

Ms. Joan Wharton, 5401 Lothian Road, Baltimore, Md. 21212

Mr. Fred Thompson, Gower Thompson, Inc., 429 E. Lake Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21212

Mr. Joseph A. Schaeffer, 4428 Long Green Road, Glen Arm, Md. 21057

Ms. Carol N. Shaw, 7 Country Hill Court, Kingsville, Md. 21087

People's Counsel; Case File



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Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 12718 MAMORRAMO, LONG GREEN, MO	492
which is presently zoned RC-4	-

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

a reduction in the size of an existing undersized lot by 0.6601 acres.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

	I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:	Legal Owner(s):
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Attorney For Petitioner:	Address Telephone No.
SHARON NELSON CRAIG, ESQUIRE	LONG GREEN MO 21092
Name - Type or Print	City State Zip Code
	Representative to be Contacted:
Signature	MARKJ. DANEKER ESQUIRE
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Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at	12718 Manon	Road Long Green, MD
_	presently zoned	

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) IAO3.4. B. 2 of the

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of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

To be determined at the hearing.

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Attorney For Petitioner:

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Case No. 02-542-5PHA

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.

Legal Owner(s):

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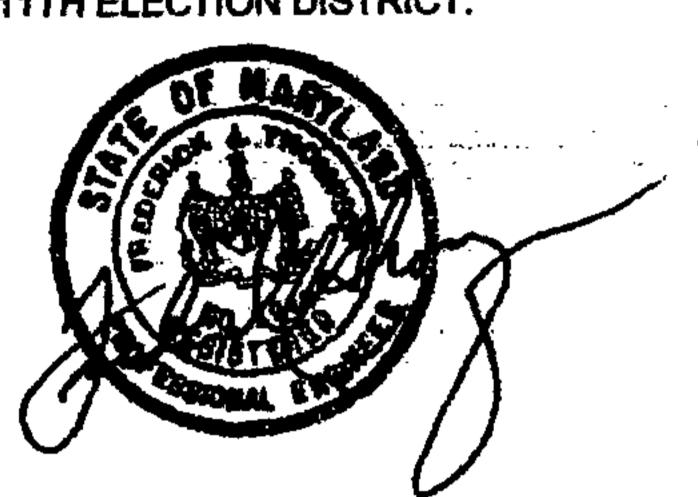
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Legal Owner(s): Mary Jean Hess

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Special Hearing: to approve a reduction in the size of an existing undersize lot by 0.66601 acres. Variance: to approve a setback of 20 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet and all other relief as may be determined.

Hearing: Tuesday, July 23, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in Room

407, County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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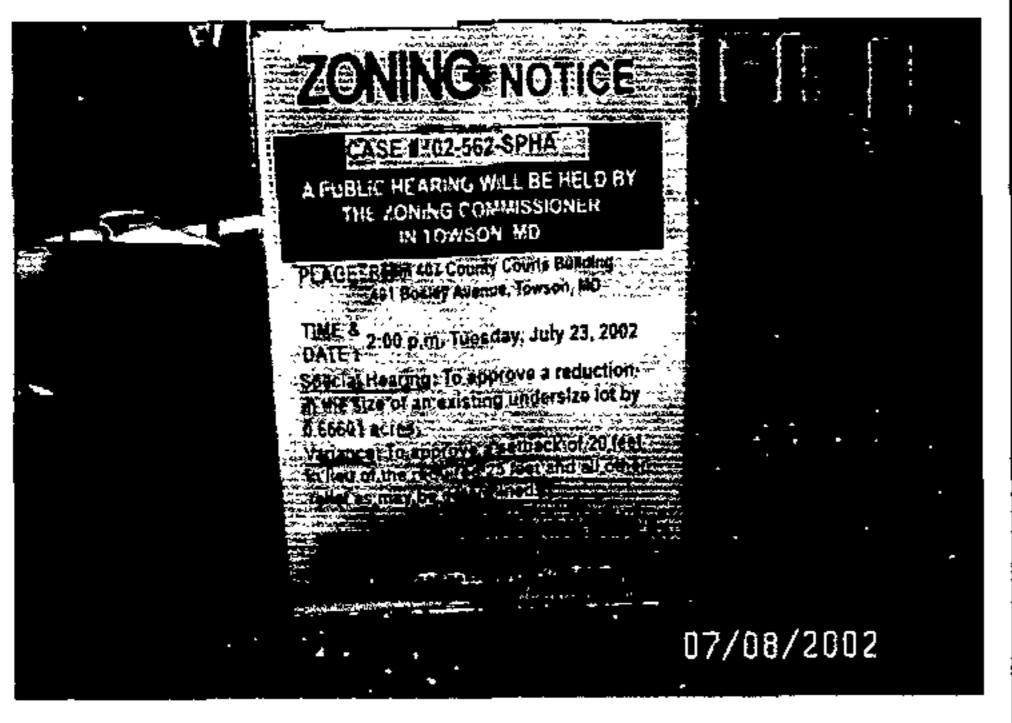
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PETITIONER/OWNER:
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CONTRACT PURCHASER:
Mt. Zion AME Church
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ATTENTION: GEORGE ZAHNER

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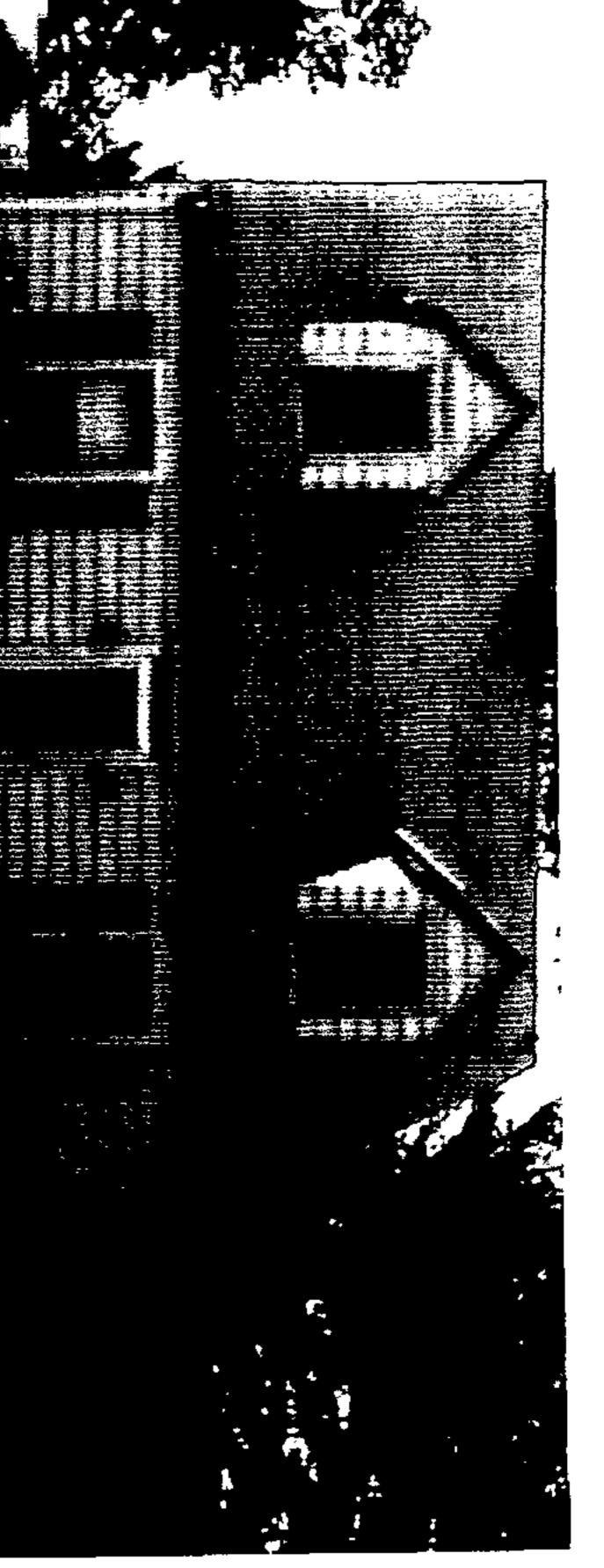
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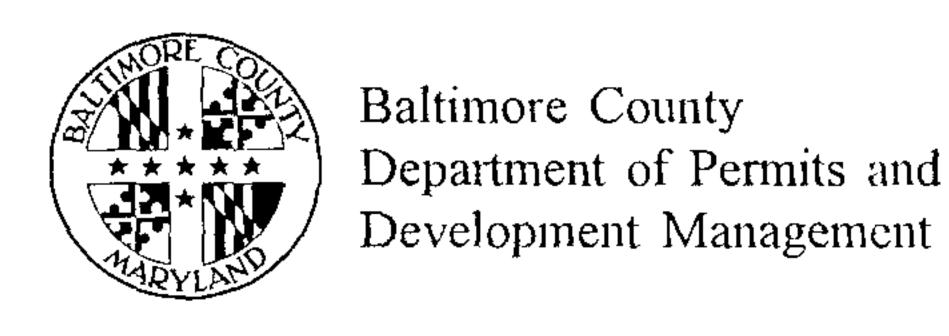
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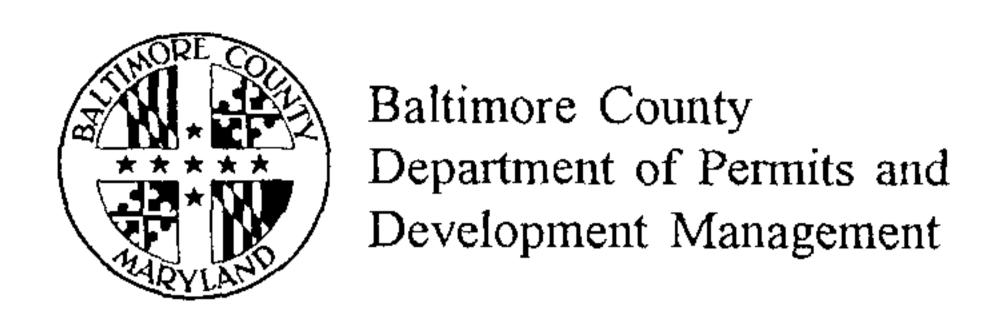
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June 21, 2002

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PLEASE SEE ZONING MAP

ATTACHED TO PETITIONS

July 21, 2002

St. John's Lutheran Church 13300 Manor Road Long Green, MD 21092

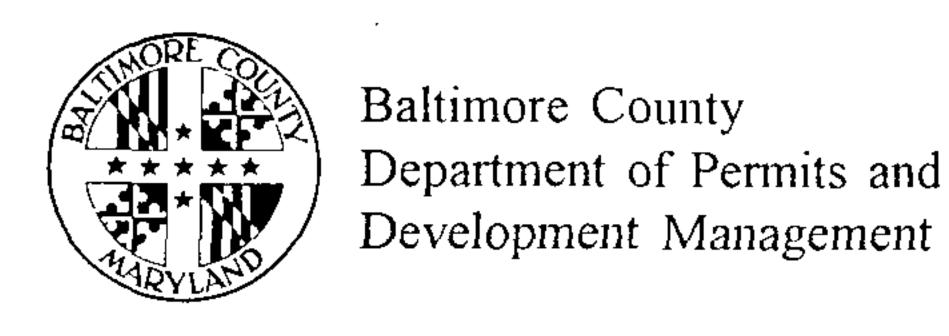
To whom it may concern:

As a member of the Community Prayer Meeting Group, I strongly support the Mt. Zion A.M.E. petition for special hearing and variance for the purchase of the Hess Property.

Sincerely,

Ed Hopf,

Elder, St. John's Lutheran Church



Development Processing
County Office Building
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

July 19, 2002

Sharon N Craig Esquire 11526 Manor Road Glen Arm MD 21057

Dear Ms. Craig:

RE: Case Number: 02-562-SPHA, 12718 Manor Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on June 12, 2002.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Ruchards, Jr.

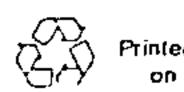
W. Carl Richards, Jr. GOZ Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

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Department of Permits and
Development Management (PDM)
County Office Building, Room 111
Mail Stop #1105
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

June 19,2002

ATTENTION: George Zahner

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF June 17, 2002

Item No.: See Below

Dear Mr. Zahner:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:

550-554, 556&557, 559-662

REVIEWER: LIEUTENANT JIM MEZICK, Fire Marshal's Office PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: July 9, 2002

Department of Permits & Development Mgmt.

FROM

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For June 24, 2002

Item Nos. 550, 552, 553, 554, 556, 557,

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The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning items, and we have no comments.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: June 26, 2002

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

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SUBJECT:

12718 Manor Road

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

02-562

Petitioner:

Mary Jean Hess

Zoning:

RC 4

Requested Action:

Variance/Special Hearing

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Office of Planning supports the petitioner's request provided elevation drawings are submitted to this office for review and approval prior to the issuance of any building permits.

Prepared by:

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Section Chief:

AFK/LL:MAC:



Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams

Administrator

Date: 6-19-02

Mr. George Zahner
Baltimore County Office of
Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltime

Baltimore County

Item No. 562 375

Dear. Mr. Zahner:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 or by E-mail at (lgredlein@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

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Kenneth A. McDonald Jr., Chief Engineering Access Permits Division

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

& VARIANCE

N/west side Manor Rd 480 ft +/- NE of

Long Green Road

Legal Owner: Mary Jean Hess

BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* FOR

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

* 02-562-SPHA

ENTRY OF APPEARACE

Please enter the appearance of People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter.m Notice sent of any hearing dates of other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Deputy People's Counsel

Old Courthouse, Room 47

400 Washington Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

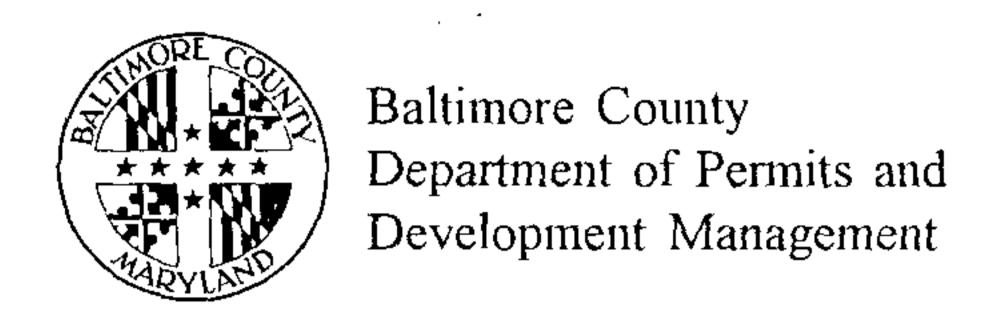
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 11th day of July, 2002, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Sharon Nelson Craig, Esquire, 11526 Manor Road, Glen Arm, Maryland 21057 Attorney for Petitioner(s).

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County



Director's Office County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-3353

Fax: 410-887-5708

July 2, 2002

Sharon Nelson Craig Esquire 11526 Manor Road Glen Arm MD 21057

Dear Ms. Craig:

RE: Case Number 02-562

The above matter, previously scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 407, has been postponed at your request. Once the hearing has been rescheduled you will be notified by mail.

Please be advised that, as the individual requesting and receiving the postponement, the responsibility and costs associated with the appropriate posting of the property now lies with you. The petitioner or his/her agent may not personally post or change a zoning sign. One of the currently approved vendors/posters must be contacted to do so. If the property has been posted with notice of the original hearing date, as quickly as possible a notice of the new hearing date should be affixed to the sign(s).

Very truly yours,

Arnold Jablon GDZ

Director

AJ: gdz

C: Mary Jean Hess, 12718 Manor Road, Long Green 21092
Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Trust for the African Methodist
Episcopal Church, Inc., 12718 Manor Road, Long Green, 21092
Mark J Daneker Esquire, Daneker McIntire Schumm Prince et al, 210 N. Charles Street,
Suite 800, Baltimore 21201

Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church

12728 Manor Road Long Green, Maryland 21092 (410) 592-5139 Church (410) 323-2059 Fax Dr. Joan L. Wharton Pastor

July 1, 2002

Mr. Arnold Jablon Director's Office County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson MD 21204

RE: CASE NUMBER: 02-562-SPHA

12718 Manor Road Long Green, MD 21092

Dear Mr. Jablon:

Greetings to you and your staff.

First, the Mt. Zion AME Church family would like to thank you for all of the work and support that you and your office are giving us during this phase of our building. Secondly, in reading the letter sent to the church, and me the date of July 24th proposes somewhat a problem. Would you be so kind as to look at the following dates to see if you can accommodate us. The dates that would be better for all of the parties involved are Monday July 22th, Tuesday 23rd, and Monday July 29th.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. We will be looking forward to a favorable response.

Peace and Joy,

Dr. Joan L. Wharton

Pastor



Parris N. Glendening Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend Lt. Governor Roy W. Kienitz Secretary Mary Abrams Deputy Secretary

June 20, 2002

Mr. George Zahner
Baltimore County
Department of Permits and Development Management
111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 111
County Office Building (Mail Stop #1105)
Towson MD 21204

Re: Zoning Advisory Committee meeting – June 24, 2002

Case #'s 02-550-A, 02-551-XA, 02-552-X, 02-553-A, 02-554-SPH, 02-555-SPHXA, 02-556-A, 02-557-A, 02-558-SPHXA, 02-559-A, 02-560-A, 02-561-, and 02-562-SPHA

Dear Mr. Zahner:

The Maryland Department of Planning has received the above-referenced information on 6/19/02. The information has been submitted to Mr. Mike Nortrup.

Thank you for your cooperation in this process. Please contact me at 410.767.4550 or the above noted reviewer if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James R. Gatto

Manager

Metropolitan Planning

Local Planning Assistance Unit

cc: Mike Nortrup

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DEPT. OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

SHARON NELSON CRAIG, ESQUIRE 11526 MANOR ROAD GLEN ARM, MARYLAND 21057 PHONE: 410-661-9799 FAX: 410-663-3726

EMAIL: SNELSONLAW@AOL.COM

May 28, 2002

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Lenwood Johnson
Baltimore County Planning Department
401 Bosley Avenue, Suite 406
Towson, Maryland 21204

Re:

Petition for Variance and Special Hearing by Mount Zion African-Methodist Episcopal Church in Trust for The African Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc. ("Buyer") for Property Located in Long Green, Maryland (the "Hess Property")

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Finally, I am happy to enclose for filing the following documents in connection with the above-referenced Petitions:

- 1. Three (3) signed originals of the Petition for Variance;
- 2. Three (3) signed originals of the Petition for Special Hearing;
- Three (3) copies of the legal description of the property to be purchased by the Buyer;
- 4. Twelve (12) copies of the Site Plan;
- 5. One (1) copy of the applicable Zoning Map; and
- 6. A check in the amount of \$50.00 made payable to Baltimore County, Maryland for the filing fee.

The only item not enclosed is the advertising and posting requirements and procedures. I do not believe that this was part of the filing package that I received. Please contact me at 410-224-5883 to discuss, or fax the document to my office at 410-224-5893 and I will have it completed and delivered to you.

Please call me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

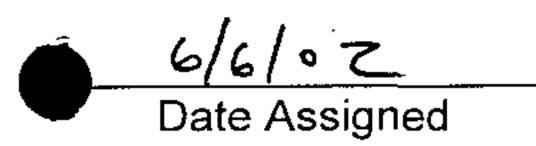
Sincerely,

/Sharon Nelson Craig

Enclosures

cc: Rev. Joan Wharton (w/encl.)

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PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

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CITIZEN SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS
Joseph A. Schaeffer	4408 Long Green Rd
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PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

AND

PETITION FOR VARIANCE

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

PROPERTY: 12718 MANOR ROAD, LONG GREEN, MARYLAND

CASE NUMBER: 02-562-SPHA

LEGAL OWNER: MARY JEAN HESS

CONTRACT PURCHASER: MOUNT ZION AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN TRUST FOR THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, INC.

DATE: JULY 23, 2002

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Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Rev. Vinton R. Anderson, Presiding Bishop Rev. Edward C. Wilson, Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Joan L. Wharton, Pastor Rev. Elmer R. Miller, Associate Minister

Data documented, received and verified through Archives and Church Members

Prepared: Mary E. Miller Church Secretary

July 20, 2002

Amos Guy, Mary Thomas, Ethel Lee, Jackson Johnson, Ethel Clark, Charmetta Johnson, Edith Johnson, Mrs. Makell, Margueritte Levere, Ethel Stokes, Sarah Wells, Clark, Margaret Guy, Margaret Nolan, Rev. Makell, Iona Smith (sitting on right)



History of Mount Zion
African Methodist Episcopal Church
12728 Manor Road
Long Green, Maryland 21092

ABOUT OUR CHURCH'S BEGINNING

African Methodist Episcopal Church's Partial History

In November 1787, the African-American people belonging to the Methodist Society in Philadelphia convened together in order to take into consideration the evils under which they labored, arising from the unkind treatment of their white brethren, who considered them a nuisance in the house of worship, and even pulled them off their knees while in the act of prayer, and ordered them to the back seats. From these, and various other acts of unchristian conduct, we considered it our duty to devise a plan in order to build a house of our own, to worship GOD under our own vine and fig tree: in this undertaking, we met with great opposition from an elder of the Methodist church (J.M.C.) Who threatened, that if we did not give up the building, erases our names from the subscription paper, and make acknowledgments for having attempted such a thing, that in three months we should all be publicly expelled from the Methodist society. Not considering ourselves bound to obey this injunction, and being fully satisfied we should be treated without mercy, we sent in our resignations.

a strong partiality for the religious methodology adopted by the Methodist. Richard on his own ground, and at his own expense, as an African Methodist Meeting House. were of different opinions respecting the mode of religious and when we finished, we invited Francis Asbury, Allen, with the advice of some of his brethren proposed erecting a place of worship accepted, and the house was name BETHEL Episcopal imposing on the public, as we were not Methodists. be made over to the knowledge of this, they opposed it with all their migl As soon as the preachers of the white Methodist church in Philadelphia came to the In 1793, a number of serious people of color, being greatly motivated, they Church, to open the house for conference, or they would publish us in the newspapers Divine ht insisting that the house should However, the building went on then Bishop of the Methodist Service; worship; and, many felt which invitation

¹From the Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1987. Copyright by the African Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday School Union. Used by

Throughout history Christians have been struggling to have the right to worship. Mt. Zion's struggle was no different, however through strong faith, we have collected and made our own history. Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church is part of the Second Episcopal District — Conference Five consisting of churches located in Baltimore; Washington, D.C.; Virginia, North Carolina {part of the state's eastern boundary line of the counties of Vance, Franklin, Wake, and the southeastern line of Chatham, Moore and Scotland counties}; and Western North Carolina. Through collective research and help from many Christians, we submit the following:

HISTORY

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MOUNT ZION AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in 1849. The African-American people of the Long Green, Glen Arm and surrounding vicinity use to have a place called their "meeting house" where they would hold worship services, class meetings, and prayer meetings. They used to be led in these gatherings by local men, whom they reverenced as leaders and preachers. These were slave days, but the masters were always willing for their slaves to attend the meeting place. They grew in numbers, and soon wanted a spot of land, upon which they could build a "meeting house" to be called a church. They discussed this idea between themselves and one day they decided to look for a place.

After asking several people to sell them an acre of land, they were successful in finding a man by the name of Mr. Nathaniel Peck, and his wife, who owned a tract of the John Hawkins' land. Mr. and Mrs. Peck were willing to sell this group a piece of the land. The African-American people then elected the following named men as trustees: Elisha Johnson, Grafton Quickley, Isaac Bowley, Henry Boulden and William Cole to manage and act as trustees for them. These men signed a contract

permission in 1989 Women's Day Journal.

History of Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church 12728 Manor Road Long Green, Maryland 21092 grandchildren, great grandchildren, and one great great grandson. Bro. Les is a good family man. He and his brothers have enjoyed more than fifty years with their wives.

GOD blessed Bro. Les with a calming spirit. He loves helping others. He listens to the situation, offers consoling words and then he quietly disappears – when he returns, he has resolved the problem or did something to help. He is constantly being called upon.

Bro. Les was the first African-American General Foreman at Sparrows Point. He retired from his job at Sparrows Point in 1982. At retirement he became chauffeur and babysitter for his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bro. Les is still going strong, plays basketball with his great grandson, Marcus, and we pray that he will continue for many years to come.

It was not unusual for finding Bro. Les knealing at his bed to say and prayers in silence and before he was finished to find all of his children, later grandchildren, and still later great grandchildren knealing beside him to say their prayers. He is a strong and quiet influence to everyone and a loving and caring man to his family. We thank the Lord for Bro. Les.

July 20, 2002

JAMES LESLIE HARVEY, SR.

Bro. James Leslie Harvey, Sr. was born September 17, 1921, to Charles and Eunice Whims Harvey, he was one of 9 children surviving.

to do masonry. He had several other jobs before he went into the military. Two of those jobs were at Glenn L. Martin's and helping build Route 40 up through Elkton. produce on farms in the Long Green area with hi went to work at Sparrows Point in 1950. military, he was such a good worker that they held his job for him until he returned went one year to a trade school at Baltimore Construction Institute where he learned his brothers to help support his family. He has always been a hard worker. He also from there he went to work. He started working from the war. However, the work wasn't steady enough to support his family, so he He started working with his Dad at Gatch's He attended and graduated school at the Stone Query before is Dad. He used to deliver papers with at the young age of six helping gather Long Green Elementary School and he went into the Two of

He served in the U. S. Army in India-Berma Theatre and several other places during World War II. He won several commendations during the war. The best memory that he has of the war is of one Mother's Day when he was feeling really lonely, when he heard a noise and looked up to see his brother, Francis, coming in his tent-Francis had been stationed at his camp. When the war was over, he said that when he got back to the states, he thanked the LORD and he kissed the ground.

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Bro. Les use to take his younger sisters and brothers to church along with his family in a car that he made. They named the car Spradle Legs because the wheels warbled, but it ran. He dedicated his life to serve the Lord at an early age. GOD blessed Bro. Les with the ability to quickly figure numbers in his head. This trait, he past onto three of his children and at least one of his grandchildren. He has served Mt. Zion as Treasurer of the Trustee Board since 1949 when Bro. Wilbur Johnson gave it up. As a man lead by GOD, he quietly did and took care of a great deal of task over the years at Mt. Zion.

Of his union with H. Jeannette Conway of 56 years, he is blessed with five children: Mary, James Jr., Michael Sr., Beverly, and Rona. He has several

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on the ninth day of January 1855, before the Justice of the Peace of Baltimore County (Towson, Maryland). The people of Mount Zion Church purchased the tract of land for a church and cemetery that they could call their own and worship without any harassment.

The next step was to raise the money in order to get the Deed to the Tract of Land. They were not long in getting the sum, which was not mentioned in the Deed, but ten dollars (\$10.00) was paid to bind the bargain. The news soon spread and the little "meeting house" was crowded. On the following Sunday, many people gathered to hear the reading of the contract; many dimes, nickels, and pennies were laid on the table. So many coins were collected that on the following Sunday the Deed was presented and ready to be recorded. On the sixteenth day of January 1855, the trustees took the Deed to Towson to be recorded and it is there today. {Recorded Liber H.M.F. No. 10 Folio 343 one of the Land Record.}

until 1871, helped build the first meeting house in 1849 was the of the men that laid the first log² congregation joined together to built their first church, i.e., Grafton Quickley was one constructed with three posts in the center to support a freed man and my name will be Freedman." They County. When they freed him and ask him what name did he want...he replied: "I'm, The first church was built of logs and rough boards. - this was truly considered a family church. when a larger and neater in appearance building was erected. and Georganna Gordon put the first chair on the worshiped in this small edifice the roof and ceiling. Slave Chester Freedman who first freed slave in Baltimore The people of the It was

Mt. Zion in time for their eleven o'clock morning Honeysuckle Hill, . Fork, . Hydes, Some of the families of the initial church included: Mill, and • Towson just to name a few locations. basket on their arms and have a trail of stair step children trailing along behind them. walked from Families use to come from miles around via foot or horse and buggy to get to in time for their eleven o'clock morning worship service. They would Hartley Mills, • Glen Arm, • Quickleyville, Sweet Air, Mothers would have a picnic Bowley, • Noble Corner, • Boulden, Notch Cliff, • Cole, Bone

²Data supplied by Sis. Carolyn Ringgold and Sis. Julia Johnson.

³Data supplied by Sis. Charlotte Cook.

• Ringgold, • Gordan, and • Bryce. These the men would take care of the outside of the church and the women took care of the inside. Sis. Sarah Wells and Sis. Ethel Clark use to wash the windows. Bro. John Levere would take his own equipment and clean the church. The graves were dug by their own family members. Children would walk from miles across the fields watching out for the bulls to go the school until Wade There were no high • Hughes, schools in the county for our children to attend, when some of them would take the • Nolan, • Lee, • Winder, Winder, • Hawkins,
Avers. • Pennington, • Guy, Levere became a bus driver and would pick the children up. • Robinson, • Jackson, • Ayers, • Ringgold, • Polston, • Scott, Gordon, • Eaton, Moals, Clark families took pride in their church, • Cooks, • Levere, • Cromwells, Ma & Pa train in town daily.4 • Gray, Wells, • Bell, • Miller, • Whims, • Stokes, • Gregg, Myers, • Foster, Quickley, • Johnson, Harvey,

When the Rev. W. T. Brown came as pastor, he remodeled the church by removing the posts and adding the vestibule. This gave the church more comfort and a nicer appearance as a church building.

Most of the entertainments were held in the church until the ladies, headed by Mrs. Nettie Winder, planned to erect an outer building which they called a hall to have suppers and other affairs.

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Through the years the congregation rented a house in different parts of the neighborhood for their pastors and their families. In the year of 1917, Rev. Jacob C. McEady was appointed the pastor during which he purchased the present lot and built the parsonage. The property was the old spot of the Mennonite Congregation who abandoned the neighborhood. The lot on which their church was located was sold to the following trustees: Elijah L. Gwynn, John H. Hughes, and Fred Davage. The parsonage was built and at this writing is still used and owned by our church today. It is a very cozy six-room framed structure. The Rev. William T. Brown made the first payment on the lot and during Rev. J. C. McEady's pastorate, the parsonage was built on the one acre of ground located on Kane Road.

The next thing they needed to add to the comfort of the place was to do away

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SARAH HARGROVE WELLS

Sara Hargrove was born in Tye River, Virginia on January 14, 1914. She has been blessed to live 87 beautiful years. She is one of eight children and is the last surviving member of her immediate family. She had four sisters ... Elizabeth, Emma, Gertrude and Rosie and three brothers ... Clarence, Willie and James. Aunt Sarah was raised in Lynchburg, Virginia. After the death of her mother, her father moved the family to Washington, D.C. She later moved to Baltimore with her sister Emma and her girlfriend. There she met James Thursby Wells and was united in marriage 1934. She has resided in Glen Arm, Maryland since her marriage.

From the union three children were born ... James, Mary and Rosa Lee. She has eleven grandchildren and many great grands and a few great-great grands.

Aunt Sarah was always a hard diligent worker. She worked as a domestic worker all of her working years. She was a hard, diligent worker for her church, Mt. Zion A.M.E. also.

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many, many times and always cooked many dishes to be served down in the hall. You would find the hall curtains missing and Aunt Sarah would have She sang on the senior choir for years and had a beautiful soprano voice. She cleaned the church and church hall and looking On Sunday, g she and be hanging iron them. church the starch and curtains would usher in removed them to take home to wash, magnificent job ushering with a smile. an the Over the years she was when we returned to church, splendid. Aunt Sarah is a very kind, loving and generous lady. We love you AUNT SARAH!!!

⁴Data supplies by Sis. Marguirette Levere, who was born in 1905.

Everyone has always loved to come to the LeVere home just to fellowship. Whenever anything went wrong at the Long Green schoolhouse, or Mt. Zion Church, the LeVere household was their refuge. Even when things were going right, everyone loved, and loves to visit with "Ma Ma" as she so affectionately is called.

Unable to attend church, as she would like, "Ma Ma" still supports Mt. Zion with her prayers and finances when she can. She truly is a legacy in her children's lives, and in, and around the Long Green community.

She has two deceased children, Marguirette Carolyn LeVere Ringgold, and John Wesley LeVere Jr. Six living children: Julia Elizabeth LeVere Johnson, Flora Ti-Ming LeVere Gregg, Barbara Jean LeVere, David Hudson LeVere, Paul Harvey LeVere and Joan Lucille LeVere Powell, and their spouses. Albert Ringgold, spouse of Carolyn and Carolyn Scott LeVere, spouse of John Jr.

She has thirty-three grandchildren, seventy-four great grandchildren, and five great, great grandchildren.

The Harvey-LeVere family has been a very productive family!

Momma loves all her children, and every year at Christmas she tries to have a gift for all. That's a lot of shopping!

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Momma, being the strong person she is, has always trusted in God, and instilled in us to lean and depend on Him.

If we had a thousand tongues, we couldn't praise God enough for the many blessings, seen and unseen that He has bestowed upon us. Our mother at 96 years of age is still able to give God the Glory! And for this we are blessed, better than blessed! Thank you Lord!

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies."

Proverbs 31:10

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with the coal oil lamps and install electricity. Electric lights were installed in the parsonage and the church in 1935, when Rev. James G. Martin was the pastor (1935-1942).

for paying the notes during their administration. came, he secured all the paid notes and recorded them in the church book on page ten. These are the names of those who signed the note {Rev. G. A. Hawkins, past and cemetery and thirty-foot road. Rev. Hawkins and Rev. James E. Lee were responsible about a couple acres of land adjoining the old cemetery. He consented and two acres overrun and no place to bury their dead, the trustees two acres for the cemetery from Mr. P. Edward Graw on June 25, 1929. The Rev. G. A. Hawkins and Rev. James E. Lee were the ministers who paid the notes. There Hughes, Fred Davage, Clifton C. Clarke, James Gregg, Alexander Cromwell, and Lawrence Waters} for \$500.00 at the Baltimore County Bank when they bought the chairman of the trustee board, Laura Hughes, secretary, after getting \$500.00 from the Bank of Towson, Maryland. When Rev. J. G. Martin Lee, they were all paid before he left the church. were 21 notes and interest notes included; and during the administration of Rev. J. E. were purchased from Mr. P. Edward Graw and During the pastorate of Rev. G. A. Hawkins, seeing that the cemetery was They paid \$600.00 for the notes Mr. John G. Graw for the new approached Mr. P. {Rev. G. A. Hawkins, past and Albert Winder, John H. **Edward Graw** There

Due to the struggle to meet other obligations in 1855, the foundation was laid, but it was not until Sunday, October 11, 1936, under the pastorate of Rev. James G. Martin, a corner stone was laid and ceremonies were conducted by the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of Towson with the date 1855 inscribed on it, indicating when the first church was built and land purchased; the date 1871 when the present church was built; and the date 1936 when the corner stone was laid. Rev. Martin had the names of the old members, their descendants, other affiliates, and also the President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, State Governor Harry Nice, County Commissioners, all the ex-pastors, copy of Discipline, Bible, Christian Recorder, Baltimore Sun Paper, News-Post Paper, Sunday School Children's names, Superintendent of School, Missionary Society, Choir Members and the white citizens of the neighborhood, etc. were placed in this stone.

In the early 1930s Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Long Green, held it first

Homecoming. This Homecoming was started by three ladies Mrs. Nettie Winder, mother of Mrs. Bessie Scott, Mrs. Laura Hughes, and Mrs. Maggie Dabage Moore that was the means of raising the assessment for the Sunday School Convention and District Conference. Mrs. Laura Hughes was Superintendent of the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Sunday School for a number of years. We did not have a dining Hall so the men erected a tent. We all enjoyed the dinners cooked on an old wood stove – plenty of good food. They always gave dinners to the elderly, Mrs. Winder loved her hot tea. She always carried her tea pot in a Slat Basket, different ones enjoyed the tea together. We have a wonderful spiritually beautiful day with our relatives and friends. We are happy we can still carry on with the help of our Lord after 51 years.⁵

During 1943 to 1948 the Rev. W. E. Spratley was appointed the pastor. In 1944, a roof was put on the church and parsonage, sponsored by Mrs. Bessie Scott.⁶

On Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945, a new Bible was given to the church by the Green Spring Pleasure Club, presented by Mrs. Florence Foster, President.

In 1946 the church was renovated, a new floor and choir loft were installed.

In 1946 through 1949, then Bro. Irvin Harvey use to be in charge of the Youth Choir. He would go around and pick up all the children from far and near. Bro. Harvey would arrive at the Mount Zion with his car packed with children. Mrs. Spratley initially played the organ for him until the end of her husband, Rev. Spratley's pastorate and then Carrie May Harvey played for the young people.

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From 1948 to 1952 Rev. D. E. Makell was appointed the pastor. During the administration of Rev. Makell, the Senior Choir was reorganized under the director of Mrs. Hilda Makell, assisted by Miss Frances Hawkins with Mrs. Florance Chapman as organist.

From this union, eight children were born. Five girls, and three boys. Our parents lived in Timonium, Maryland for the first ten years of their married life, and worshipped at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church. Afterwards, the family moved to several different homes on Kane Road until they were finally able to buy their home where our Mom and Barbara still resides with the help of our sister Julia and our brother David.

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church has been the backbone of our religious training. Our parents, as many other black families had to work hard for a living. They were very dedicated and committed to their cause. God was always the head of our households, and somehow, on Sundays, they made it to the little church out in the field on Manor Road where all the families could come together to praise and thank God for their blessings. Mind you, it wasn't easy getting there. Some families walked, some came by horse and buggy and later by cars.

Now, in our family, our sister Barbara is an invalid, and always someone had to be home because Barbara has never been able to stay alone. So everyone took turns staying home when Momma and Daddy needed to go out. But after all the other siblings left home, and our father died, mother devoted herself to being the main caregiver of Barbara. Our Mom has never complained about taking care of her. She, to this day thinks no one can take care of Barbara the way she can.

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Momma was an active church worker in her time. She belonged to and was the secretary of the Missionary Society at Mt. Zion Church. She also sang on the choir and belonged to the bible league. She believes strongly in the Lord and on His Word. We were always taught to read our bibles, say our prayers and bless our food. To this day, every night before Momma goes to bed, she gets on her knees and prays. Thanks be to God for how He has kept her in her right mind and in good health.

She has come a long way through many trials and tribulations, but through it all, she has learned to trust and depend on God. This is something she has instilled in her children, and hopefully we can pass it on to our children.

Our parents home has always been a shelter and a welcome mat to anyone needing a friend. We were taught to love everybody!

⁵This Homecoming paragraph was written by Sis. Bessie Scott in 1981.

⁶1855 to 1943 written by Rev. James G. Martin.

⁷Data submitted by Sis. Marguirette Levere and the time verified by Rev. Irvin Harvey, Pastor of Salem Community Church

MT. ZION AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 12728 MANOR ROAD, LONG GREEN, MARYLAND 21092 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4,2001 10:30 SERVICE

ALL SAINT'S DAY—THEME: SAINTS OF GOD—COLOR: WHITE

REV. DR. JOAN WHARTON-PASTOR

"A TRIBUTE TO OUR MOM"

"MRS. MARGUIRETTE REBECCA HARVEY LEVERE"

She was born Marguirette Rebecca Harvey to the late Angeline and Lewis Harvey on September 14, 1905. One of five children, of whom she is the only one living, she was christened at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Long Green, Maryland in the same year of her birth.

Her roots are deep seated in Long Green!

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As a child, her dad was kicked by a horse and later died, leaving her Mom to raise the family alone.

Marguirette attended and graduated from the one room schoolhouse on Kane Road. Her mother before her attended the same school.

Later, after her mother remarried, she spent several of her teen years with her Aunt Byrdie in Towson and attended a Baltimore City public school, today known as Douglas High School. Still affiliated with Mt. Zion, she sometimes attended Sunday School at St. James in Towson.

Later she courted and married the love of her life, John Wesley LeVere Sr., on January 14, 1926. Originally from Warsaw, Virginia, John was raised in Towson with his sister because his parents died when he was very young.

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The Church Hall, which had been destroyed by fire when Rev. J. G. Martin was the pastor; was rebuilt in 1950 by Rev. Makell sponsored by Mrs. Edna Beary—with the cooperation of the men of the church, who would come out and help whenever they had a day off from their regular work. The church hall's corner stone bears her name, i.e., The Edna Beary Parish Hall.

It had been many years since we have had anyone from our church to enter the ministry, Rev. Joseph Gwynn entered more than fifty years ago. On July 9, 1950, a license to preach was given to Jackson Johnson by Presiding Elder John M. Cox.

In the year 1951, the church was painted on the inside and outside. The vestibule and church roof were also repaired.

From 1952 to 1954 Rev. W. A. Bell was the pastor. During his pastorate a new pulpit was installed; also, a pulpit light. In 1953 an Artesian Well was dug — a rally sponsored by Mrs. Ethel Cook was held to help pay for it.

A concrete walk was laid from the front and side doors of the church to the Parish Hall.

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From 1954 to 1967 Rev. Ellison B. Burch was the pastor. When Rev. Burch began his administration as our pastor, the members continued to work for the improvement of our church and property. The men would come out on Saturdays whenever they could to cut the grass and they began to completely clean the cemetery. The women would come out and serve lunch.

An Electric Organ was purchased from Chestnut Grove Church.

On July 20, 1956, the church was burned; destroying the altar, pulpit, bible, piano, electric organ and much of the interior which was a great disaster for us. Through the kindness of the Priest and members of Trinity Episcopal Church, Long Green, Maryland, we were invited to worship there on Sunday, July 22, 1956; it was a sad day for all.

After that we held our worship services in the Edna Beary Parish Hall. With the prayers and cooperation of our Presiding Elder, Dr. John M. Cox; our Pastor, Rev.

Ellison B. Burch, members, friends and the many white people of the neighborhood and surrounding communities, we were able to secure the services of the Jolly Company, Baltimore, Maryland, [Mr. Freeman was the representative] to restore our church, a pastor's study, adding rest rooms, and a furnace to the building.

With GOD's blessing on February 2, 1958, we were able to worship in the church once more. (See attached copy of the program donated by Sis. Deloris Speed.) We will always be thankful for the many donations sent to us for our Building Fund from the different churches, organizations, clubs and individuals — May GOD bless them. The original foundation of 1871 is still in place.

With GOD to guide us, under the leadership of Rev. Ellison B. Burch, we continued to work for the up building of GOD's Kingdom.8

The rededication ceremony was to be celebrated every year after that date to march into the church, however, after Sis. Mary Adams' death, the ceremony was not repeated.

The piano was purchased during Rev. Burch's pastorate and the Inspirational Choir was formed in August 1961 by Sis. Betty Nolan. There were nine members in the initial choir: Sis. Charlotte Cook, Bro. Amos Harvey, Sis. Carolyn Harvey, Sis. Joyce Harvey, Sis. Marie Jackson, Sis. Martha Jackson, Sis. Betty Nolan, Sis. Lucinda Wells, and Sis. Penny Wells.

During Rev. James C. Stewart's pastorate (1967-1981) at Mt. Zion, the fellowship hall was enlarged and the parking lot was paved. The present organ was bought during Rev. Stewart's administration. Also the women's room was remodeled, the altar rail replaced, and the aluminum siding was installed on the church. The baptismal fountain was donated by the family in memory of Sis. Edna Winder Beary and Rev. Stewart brought the holy water back from Jerusalem. Bro. Robert Hamer, Jr. (a cousin to Sis. Edna Winder Beary) was the first baby baptized with the holy

CITY OF BALTIMOR

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR 250 City Hall Baltimore, Maryland 21202

April, 19

The Congregation Of Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church

A.M.E. Church on this occasion of its 140th anniversary and Women's Day.

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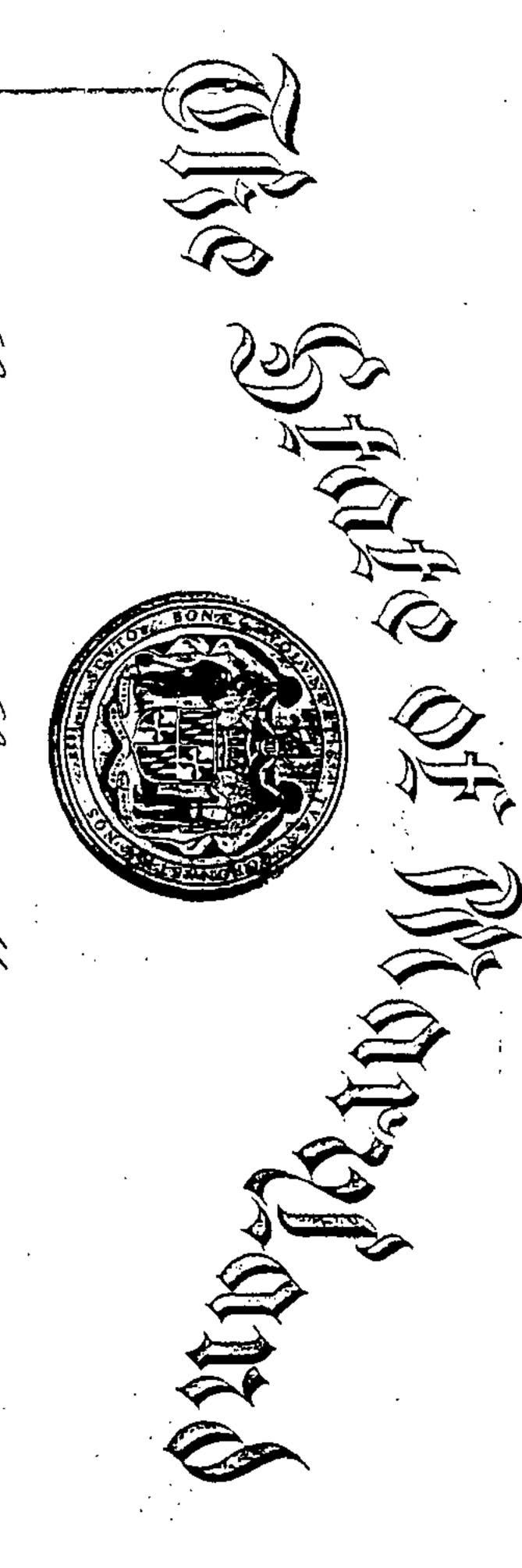
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⁸¹⁹⁴⁴ to 1958 written by Sis. Florence Robinson.

⁹Inspirational Choir information furnished by Sis. Betty Nolan and verified by Sis. Edna Miller.



Governor of the State of Maryland to

MT, ZION A.M.E. CHURCH

Erretim:

Be it Known: That on behalf of the citizens of this State,

in recognition of your serving as a beacon of spiritual light to a grateful flock for over 140 fruitful and productive years - as this religious institution's founders began to worship together in 1849, purchased the property for your church in 1855, and have positively impacted upon your community ever since... and as Maryland shares with such an active and proud congregation in celebrating your grand 140th Anniversary,

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water (September 1973) after Rev. Stewart's return from Jerusalem. 10 John Wells donated the cross at the top of the church and erected by the men of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church. The present drapes were donated to the Church by Sis. Susie Gwynn in memory of her husband, Bro. Aaron Gwynn. Mt. Zion bought an old bus. The house at the beginning of the church lane on Manor Road was purchased in October of 1980 and then rented out as an investment.

Mount Zion was responsible for sparking the spiritual aspiration their several people who were trained and preached their initial sermon at Mount Zion, i.e., Irvin Harvey, Jack Johnson, Priscilla Guy, Carolyn Harvey, William Quickley, Andrew Williams, Mark Nolan, Cheryl Lewis, Julia Harvey, Henry Demby, Elmer Miller, Phillip Miller, Robert Harvey, Terry Harvey, and Milton Harvey just to name a few. Some of them went on to other edifice and some are still preaching today. Eight young people began their ministry under the leadership of Rev. James Stewart: Bro. Henry Demby, Bro. Philip Miller, Bro. Milton Harvey, Sis. Betty Nolan, Bro. William Quickley, Bro. Mark Nolan, Sis. Priscilla Jackson, and Sis. Carolyn Conor. Rev. Demby, Rev. Quickley, Rev. Nolan, and Rev. Conor are now preaching.

Mount Zion have had several organist down through the years who included: Bro. Melvin Whims, Sis. Bessie Scott, Sis. Margaret Nolan, Sis. Margaret Gwynn, Sis. Florence Chapman-Rice, Sis. Deloris Speed, Sis. Felecia Ringgold, Sis. Carrie May Harvey-McBride, Bro. James Washington, Bro. Clarence "Rusty" Ghee, and Sis. Alice Fields.¹¹

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The choirs that were started were: Adults Choir, Junior Choir, Long Green Pilgrims, Pilgrim Crusaders, Zionettes, Youth Ensemble, Inspirational Choir, Gospel Choir, Sunbeams, and the Youth and Young Adult Choir. The Inspirational, Gospel, Youth and Young Adult Choir, and the Pilgrim Crusaders are currently letting the Lord use their gifts and talents every month.

Sis. Florence Chapman-Rice loved her music. She had a glorious way of playing the piano and moving everybody. She really let the Lord inspire her to share

¹⁰Information donated by Mary Miller (Robert's Mom).

¹¹Data supplied by Sis. Marguirette Levere.

her blessings with others as she helped them sing the praises of the Lord. develop their inner talents. Sis. Rice has enhanced many individuals inner talents during her forty years of playing the piano at Mount Zion between 1949 and 1989 until she became ill and couldn't play any more.

their Women's Day; just to name a few acknowledgments. The children of the Zionettes have formed their own group called the Mighty Men. They sing along with which was signed by Rev. Charles T. Sembly, Pastor and Mary E. Jackson, President. Every August they go to the Church of the Trinity Zion in Delta, Pennsylvania for the Zionettes on occasions plus every second and fourth Sunday the Mighty Men sing Methodist Church in their first Homestead Community Outreach Festival; and • one with professional groups, on television and radio) in-state and out-of-state. They got Havre de Grace signed by the Mayor, Council · a Certificate of Appreciation from Montrose School; • a Certificate of Appreciation for singing at the Homestead United from the Union Bethel A.M.E. Church Mass Choir in celebration of their anniversary called the Zionettes which included: Michelle, Tammy, Tonya and Marsha Bradley and Martin Miller who ranged in age from one to six. They have been singing for more than thirty years. The Zionettes sing along with the Youth and Young Adults Choir plus they sing in the Lord's name at other churches and functions (such as, Anniversaries, Women's Days, Gospel Explosions, Retirements, Funerals, Festivals, a Baltimore City Citation signed by Mayor Martin O'Malley where they sang at the at Pier Six. They have received other citations: One Sunday, Sis. Florence Rice was playing "Fill My Cup Lord" and Marsha and singing load that their uncle, Philip Miller got them started in their own group · one from the Maryland Office of the Harford County Executive and the Secretary Bradley, who was one years old started to sing. The sisters were harmonizing so well to the County Executive; • one from Harford County United Negro College Fund, and Martin Miller who ranged in age from one to six. SOWEBO Festival on May 27, 2001 another citation from the City of I their Women's Day; just to name at Almost Family Nursing Home 12 President and Council Members; Choir plus they

In 1974 the Mustard Seed was purchased. Wilson Church sold it to Mt. Zion because part of the ground runs down beyond our church hall. Also, because developers had begun to erect houses in that area, it could no longer be used as a parking lot. Wilson Church used to use it as a hall and now the Mustard Seed

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

March 27, 1989

Dear Friends:

Barbara and I are delighted to send our congratulation as you commemorate the 140th anniversary of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church of Long Green.

congregation many the for for together thanks the for give and shipped ther you gat where in families sanctuary join

May your community continue to grow in faith and friendship, and may the love that you share with each other be a witness to all.

Sincerely,

Jan Dan

Members of the Congregation of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church 12728 Manor Road Long Green, Maryland 21092

¹²Data supplied by Jean Bradley.

PROGRAM

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:30 to 12:00 (Plan to Re-organize the School)

MRS. JULIA JOHNSON, PRESIDING

DINNER - 12:30 to 2:00

Scripture

MARCH FROM THE HALL SINGING: "WE ARE MARCHING TO ZION"
MARY ADAMS

Worship Service, 3:00 p.m.

REV. P. M. TILGHMAN, PRESIDING

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Pastor, Shiloh A.M.E. Church

... Rev. V. Sewell

SIDNEY GREGG, PRESIDING

REFERENCES: Lucinda Foote Eunice Harvey Corrine Wells Solo Mary Adams Hymn "Oh God Our Help In Ages Past" Presentation of Speaker Rev. C. E. Johnson Pastor, Rock Circuit Selection......Choir SERMON - DR. J. M. COX of Baltimore District Presiding Elder Invitational Rymn Rev. W. N. Edwards Pastor, Randallstown, Md. "Bringing In the Sheaves" p. 538 Selection by Junior Choir "Beautiful Zion" OFFERING Hymn "Jesus is All the World to Me" #499 Announcements and Remarks....... Ministers and Friends Recognition of Visitors Mrs. A. Myers Selection "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" p. 235 HOLY COMMUNION - DR. COX AND MINISTERS Selection.... "Down at the Cross" Doxology

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Organization sells second hand clothes and furniture. It sells solely for the benefit of their organization and helping the mis-fortunate, not as a profit.

During the first year of the pastorate of Rev. Maurice Wilson (1981-1983), the yard lights were installed. The house at the beginning of the church lane on Manor Road was entered into the conference and accepted as an additional parsonage [hereinafter referred to as the new parsonage in order to distinguish the difference from the parsonage on Kane Road]. The church sign (donated by Deloris Speed) at the beginning of the road was installed. The men's room was remodeled and the PA (public address) system was put in the church. Mrs. Wilson formed the Angel Choir consisting of young men and women 14 years old and younger.

through the Faith, Hope, Charity Missionary Society. existence today. operating this co-op were truly a Christian experience. 13 The Food Bank is still in needy under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Jackson, Sis. Edna Miller and Sis. Jeannie Myers. family, some other key people involved were Sis. Joyce Underwood, Bro. Michael Sis. Marlene Lehman was the contact person for Harford County. Among our church Bank that is now housed in the Mustard Seed. Nolan continues to serve the community and all who are in need through the Food Maryland Food Bank in Baltimore. The time, effort, patience, and love involved in Ardella Jackson, Sis. Mary Thomas was the contact person for Baltimore County, and From 1981 to the present, Mt. Zion had a Food Bank co-op program initiated Sis. Elsie Cook, Sis. Edna Miller, Sis. Sharon Miller, and Sis. Betty Wilson. The director was Sis. It was set up to help feed the We were a member of the

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During the pastorate of Rev. Edgar Carter (1983-1985), the church was painted and the curtains cleaned. The entrance to the choir loft was remodeled. A large pastor's chair and two associate pastors' chairs were donated to Mt. Zion from Mt. Olive Baptist Church [Sis. Susan Beale was responsible for getting them for us]. The other pulpit furniture was refinished by Bro. Henry Amos.

During Rev. Milford Rhodes' pastorate (1985-1988) at Mt. Zion, Sis. Deloris Speed donated the new ceiling lights in the church that were installed, the two lamps for the musicians, and also the paving of the walkway with a gradual incline leading

¹³Information verified by Sis. Ardella Jackson.

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front step. Rev. Dr. Lois Poag-Rhodes donated the pastor's silver pitcher and goblets. The new roof was put on the fellowship hall and the down spout, gutters and other repairs were done to the church. from the parking lot to the church's

Lewis, and Bro. Robert Harvey began their ministry. Rev. Julia Harvey and Rev. Cheryl Lewis are currently associate ministers. The men and women worked together and held their first and only "Men and And in 1987, Sis. Julia Harvey, Sis. Cheryl Women's Day" on October 18, 1987.

Through the help of several volunteers, the Sunday School Retreat was County. The Sunday School Superintendent was Sis. Mary E. Newman and the teachers were: Rev. Mark Nolan for the teens, Bro. Michael Miller, Sr. for the primary group and Sis. Anita Miller for the Mt. Zion A.M.E. held its first Sunday School Retreat on August 13, 14, and 15, exercises and fun and the third day with the Christian Olympics help in Queen Annes two days with structured learning The retreat was held for three days: preteen, Sis. Mary Miller for the

Superintendents of Sunday School throughout the years have included: Laura Chapman, Julia Johnson, Charlotte Cook, Mary Hughes, Mayme Bradford, Florence Esther Newman, and Alice Hayes. 14

August 11, 12, and 13, 1988, with two days of teachers were: Sis. Alice Hayes for the Teens, Sis. Ardella Jackson for grades five and six, Sis. Mary Miller for grades three and four, Sis. Barbara Demby for grades one and two, Sis. Mary Newman for kindergarten, and Sis. Anita Miller for the preschoolers. Sis. Alice Hayes is currently the Sunday School Superintendent and A Door Knob Rally, sponsored by Sis. Mary Wilson, was held in order to raise d day was an old fashion family picnic. funds for the second Sunday School Retreat. Christians, the Retreat was held on fund learning exercise and the thir our Retreats are held yearly. 15

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¹⁴Data supplied by Sis. Marguirette Levere.

¹⁵Data verified by Sis. Mary Newman, previous Sunday School Superintendent, and Sis. Alice Hayes, the current Sunday School Superintendent.

the conversation evolved around everyone having an individual relationship to Christ having respect for their elders and in turn the the way they Another topic was show their feelings about spirituality, towards Youth h Choir. They strongly voiced their fast prepared by our young adults of his first Lock-in was a learning, fun, should not have to sing in the as buried at Mt. Zion and the children elders having respect for the young Christ plus being true to Christ. Sis. let the feeling be real. they talked about Basically, and Sis little

and spirits. This lead to a real deep discussion. The children expressed how they feel it of people didn't realize that the first free man w in church and can tell when adults are faking th relations to sunbeams - a child over 8 or 9 got a history lesson. The youth also raised concern over the difference in age with children's choir, they want to sing in a turkey bacon, sausage, pancake, eggs, and fried potatoes. Rev. Dr. Joan L. Wharton, Lauren, Ramsingh joined the children for brea concerns relevant to the adults treating them like babies and not letting them grow spirit-filled evening the ended with break Susie Beale, Sis. There was next to no sleep by anybody. I Tonya Foster, Sis. April kfast and their closing devotion. Harvey, Michele Price,

S church is a historic landmark. physically. Christian forefathers and foremothers to have GOD's way, which has inspired our church Over the past 150 years, Mount Zion has grown from the strong faith of our With GOD as our divine leader, we continue to march onto Zion. h to continue to grow spiritually and the right to worship freely according This

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Mark Nolan) and played the game in a Christian manner and we had fun. 16 radio station WBGR. It was a soul fulfilling event. WBGR was short by one player, fellowship. Mt. Zion A.M.E. members versus the members of Baltimore's Gospel In July 1987, Sis. Sharon Miller sponsored a softball game in the spirit of

thirty during the summer month and ten-thirty became the permanent time for in and re-rented. Morning Worship Service was changed at first from eleven to tenwere replaced in the new parsonage on Manor Road, the building was repaired During Rev. Theodore McPherson's pastorate (1988-present), the carpet and

and Rev. Elmer Miller are the associate ministers at initial trial sermon on April 2, 1989. Sis. Julia Harvey and Sis. Cheryl Lewis were ordained at the Conference on April 7, 1989. Bro. Elmer Miller dedicated himself to the call of the ministry and preached his Rev. Julia Harvey, Rev. Cheryl Lewis, Mt. Zion.

January 22, 1989. The initial officers were Sis. Charlotte Cook as President, Sis. Methodist Episcopal Church. Lillian Jones as the Secretary, Bro. Elmer Miller as Chaplin, Sis. Ann Phillips as Director of the Lay Organization, and Bro. Michael Miller, Sr. as Director of Public Relations. Currently Lay representative in the Second Episcopal District Lay Organization of the African The Lay Organization was established during the reign of Rev. McPherson on Bro. Treasurer, Sis. Elsie Cook as Amos Harvey is Mt. . Zion's

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attached copies). of the United States, George Bush, William Donald Schaefer, and the Mayor of Baltimore City, Kurt Schmoke, (see In 1989, 140th anniversary recognition letters were received from the President Sr., the Governor of the state of Maryland,

church in her name by her son Bro. William Robinson. After the passing of Sis. Florence Robinson, new hymnals were donated to the

1990, the first fire extinguisher was in the church and through

¹⁶ Verified by Sis. Sharon Miller.

donation of Ms. Sue Gwynn, the carpet was put in the hall. The railing for the choir loft was constructed and a complete floor and carpet was installed in the sanctuary in 1991. Also during 1991, the exit lights where put in the church and the hall. Hot water was put in by Amos Harvey in June 1995.

In 1996 a multi purpose shed was bought and erected for the Food Coop which later became the finance building used by the Stewards and Trustees. In 1997 a wheel chair accessible walkway was built on the back of the church.

Through strong faith, dedication, and determination, our church, "The friendly church by the side of the road" has accomplished what you see today. Giving honor to GOD, this is our church — Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church — which is truly a family church. Mt. Zion is a striving church and sponsors several programs yearly. The different yearly functions consist of the following programs:

• Women's Day • Men's Day • Mothers' Day Youth Day • Stewards' Day • Missionary Day • Pilgrim Crusaders Anniversary • Ushers Day • Homecoming • Fellowship Day • Trustees Day • Founders' Day • Baby Rally • Seniors Day • Black History Programs • Pancake Supper for Shove Tuesday • Mother/Daughter Banquet • Heritage Day • Willing Workers Day • Missionary's Christmas Basket Donations • Sunday School and Young People's Division Christmas Program • etc. 18

On November 30, 1997, thanks to the money raise by the functions leading up to and including the second "Men and Women's Day," the mortgage of the new parsonage was paid off. As recognition of the parsonage being paid off, a Mortgage Burning Ceremony was held on Sunday, March 1, 1998, with Bishop Vinton R. Anderson

In March 1998, the late Margaret Nolan's property was sold. The took over maintenance, caring for, the insurance of, and the property of the late Margaret Nolan's property when she took sick, later when in the nursing home for years, and after continued to do so after her demise.

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pastored by females. Mt. Zion was one of the co-host churches that sponsored this Conference. During the week of April 6-10, 2002, Mt. Zion's representatives were: Sis. Sharon Miller and Sis. Julia Johnson as the delegate and alternate delegate; Rev. Elmer Miller was pinned as a Missionary; Bro. Albert Ringgold and Bro. Stanley White were Mt. Zion representatives during the men's Night of Thunder service; Bro. Amos Harvey delegate for the Lay Organization; Sis. Brittany Smith danced and Bro. Stanley White played the bells at the Youth Night Service; and Sis. Mary Miller and Sis. Dorothy Magruder were Ushers and Stewardess during the Conference.

On May 8, 2002, Baltimore County held its 7th Annual "Good Neighbors". Award Ceremony on the campus of Towson University in Baltimore, Maryland. Over 200 certificates were presented to nominees and 19 winners in different categories. In recognition of her efforts as a Bridge Builder to advance harmony among different races, religions and ethnic groups, Mt. Zion's Mary E. Miller, Sunday School Superintendent, received a 2002 Good Neighbor Week Certificate and Plaque.

On June 29, 2002, the Young Peoples Division of the Baltimore Council of the Women's Missionary Society honored Mt. Zion new Y.P.D. Director, Lucinda Burgess. She received a plaque of appreciation.

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"P.J." Price, Niya Ramsingh, Ryan Ramsingh, David Richardson, Benita Selby, Brittany Smith, Marcia Turner, James Wells III, Justin Wells, Stanley White, Latoya Shoes, Volleyball, Ball, Ball Toss, Hula Hoop, Ball Bouncing, Running, Singing, walk, rap sessions, and skateboarding. In the church having their beginning Nicholas Johnson, Araelle Matthews, Dominique Matthews, Christopher Price, Willie Some of the activities the children were involved in were Horse the Rap Sessions, the youth discussed their concerns about respect: young people Michael Cooper, Jeryan Foreman, Tierria Foster, Corey Johnson (Michael Jackson), and 5 adults: Lucinda Burgess, Deborah Davis, Barbara Demby, Mary Miller, and Bradley-Price were grilling and Mt. Zion's first Lock-in was held on Friday, July 19th over night to Saturday, preparing a bodacious entre' to start the event off right. Teresa Wells set up the VCR July 20, 2002. In attendance were 22 youths: Wayne "J.R." Burgess, Zhane Burgess, and talent show, some of the mothers: Jean Bradley, Bradley-Foster, and Michele While the children were in watching videos, story telling, midnight devotion service Tonya for the children. Sharon Miller. Bradley,

July 20, 2002

¹⁷Data donated and verified by Sis. Deloris Speed, Secretary of the Trustee Board.

¹⁸All purchases and donations were verified by records for each pastors' administration by the Trustees: Bro. Howard Gregg, Sis. Susie Gwynn, Bro. Leslie Harvey, and Sis. Deloris Speed.

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Trustee, was at the signing of the contract. The on Palm Sunday, the Mt. Zion congregation marched around the newly purchased land in prayer with their palms. Twenty-one families were asked to pledge a monthly Covenant Pledge of one hundred dollars to go toward the building fund.

During 2001 Bro. Neal Rumsey, Trustee, worked on the upkeep of Mt. Zion. He rebuilt the picnic tables and benches, sealed cracks and wholes in the church and hall plus he repaired the windows and installed windows in the vest-a-view doors in the church.

also learned the World Trade Center in New York, a second hi-jacked airplane crashed into the member of Mt. Zion including adults, past members, and children to have prayer with Frederick-the passengers struggled with the terrorist and the plane missed its intended site. At 7:00 p.m., the Prayer and Fast Warriors of Mt. Zion called every phone conversations, it was learned that the passengers struggled with the terrorist third hi-jacked plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Through cell second World Trade Center building. crashed in the Pentagon. A fourth hi-jacked pl and instead of the plane crashing into the White House it's intended destination, it in prayer, and to place the whole situation in the hands of the Lord. Mt. Zion along them to reassure them that GOD is still in-charge, to keep the families of the victims with other churches in America prayed together. On September 11, 2001, a terrorist hi-jacked a plane and crashed it into one of that the intended destination lane crashed into Pennsylvania, it was Camp both towers collapsed. David in Thurmont,

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On Sunday, November 4, 2001, Mt. Zion honored four distinguished senior members of the church who have spent their entire lives through dedication and spiritual commitment letting the Lord use them in their works in and around Mt. Zion. They were Bro. James L. Harvey, Sr. (80 years old), Sis. Marguirette Levere – 96 years old (Appendix B), Bro. Edwin Moals (86 years old), and Sis. Sarah Wells (87 years old). These four Kings and Queens were recognized on our Family and Friends Day.

For the first time in the A.M.E. History, the 187th Session of the A.M.E. Annual Conference was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Towson and co-hosted by nine churches

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On April 20, 1998, Rev. McPherson was recommissioned to Fairview A.M.E. Church and Mt. Zion received a new pastor. On April 26, 1998, Mt. Zion's new pastor, Rev. Dr. Joan L. Wharton, preached her initial sermon. The Presiding Elder Edward Wilson introduce Rev. Dr. Wharton to Mt. Zion. She is the first woman pastor in Mt. Zion's history. The new slogan for Mt. Zion is "A Church with an "I Can" Spirit," and the scripture is "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."—Philippians 4:13.

July 1, 1998, Rev. Wharton held the first Official Board Meeting in years, of which she apprized all members of what is required by the A.M.E. Discipline. The new Church Secretary was appointed, Sis. Mary E. Miller. All organizations were recognized. The Pastor emphasized her plans for the long-term range of Mt. Zion's future, the budget, the plans for the building of the new church, and the selling of the late Margaret Nolan's property. The property was sold for \$78,000.00 and the church received \$73,000.00 which has been earmarked for the building of the new church. As a result of the meeting, the church was slated to receive five computers from the State of Maryland's Department of Human Resources for church/educational purposes.

On December 8, 1998, at the Official Board Meeting, Rev. Wharton announced that the Church has \$90,000 in their building fund. Rev. Wharton stated that she spoke to Mrs. Hess. Mrs. Hess was fine with our process but she will not sell us any more land. We need to move toward believing in our hearts that we are going to build a new church. There are two banks interested in giving us a loan, Carrollton and Nations Bank. Our CD's were placed in the Carrollton Bank so that we can establish a relationship. \$20,000 long term and \$10,000 short term. We need to be happy about what is going on here at Mr. Zion.

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The 1998-1999 Highlights that were reported to the 183rd Session of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Second Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church are as follows:

ी We can do all things through Christ who gives us the strength. ी

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Food Coop Serviced many individuals and families. Faith, Hope and Charity
- Contributions to Overseas Missionary projects; Bea Gaddy Homeless Shelter; Prison; Towson Detention Center; MADD (Mothers' Against Drunk Driving); Volunteer Firefighters Jessup Women's
- Assistance to Emergency Fire Victims; BGE turn-off notices; Rental Evictions

AND DEVELOPMENT CHURCH LIFE

- Instituted First Annual Pentecost Sunday
 - Instituted First Fall Revival
- Instituted First Combined Leadership Retreat with Mt. Joy حتل ا
 - Instituted First Two-week "Day Vacation Bible School" 奪
 - Instituted First Church-wide Bible Teaching ζ
- Instituted First Adult Sunday School Teaching 43
 - Instituted First Good Friday Service ₹,
- Instituted First Betty Gregg Scholarship Penny Rally Fund حي
 - Instituted First Candlelight Christmas-Eve Service 4
 - Instituted an Audio Tape Ministry دي
- Instituted First African Vintage Month **₹**
- Instituted Salute Dr. Martin Luther King Sunday **₹**

- . Early Morning Prayer at Church Instituted First 6:00 a.m. ∜⇒
 - Fasting/Prayer Instituted First Weekly l ⇍
- Newly Organized Women of Hope Ministry

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- Reactivated Love Feast **₹**
- Reactivated Steward/Finance Committee حي
- Children's Sunday School

RESTORING THE TABERNACLE

- Sold Property for \$68,000.00
- Replaced windows in Sanctuary
- Upgraded the Microphone System حله
 - Newly Furnished Pastor's Study ᡧ
 - Refinished the Podium حي
- New Liturgical Apparels (Pulpit Bible, Cross, Candle holders, Candle lighter)
 - New Fax Machine 4
- New Cabinets in Hall

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July 20, 2002

New Pavements installed in the parameter of the church, from the Fellowship

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Hall to the Sanctuary.

- New Porch on Parsonage
- Cleared the Property Land

VISION FOR MT. ZION'S MINI

- spirit is believing GOD for a new edifice in the Please join us in prayer and fasting every Wednesday. This Church with an "I CAN" near future.
 - "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." جري

Psalm 127:1a

Julia Johnson for Mt. Zion's Communion Sundays. These covers replaced the Communion covers that Sis. Amelia Wells daughter of the late Charles and Eunice Whims Harvey had made fifty years 1999 Sis. Lillian Sands, daughter of Sis. covers that she had made donated a new set of altar and pulpit ago (approximately 1950).19 September 4, On

years of faithful and dedicated service, and he and Bro. Howard Gregg were honored In 1999, Bro. Leslie Harvey resigned from the Trustee's Treasurer after fifty Trustee Emeritus in 2000.20

Woman, Stand Up! For the Long Mount Zion is the only African-American Church in the surrounding of at least of each church come together to have a prayer In 2000 Mount Zion sponsored the World Day of Prayer where they performed Green Neighborhood Churches. On the second Thursday of every month in 2001, Mount Zion was asked to participate in the Long Green Community Prayer Meetings hurch takes a turn. a play entitled "Talitha Kumi" which means Young meeting at a designated church. Each cl The members fifteen churches.


In March 2001 a partial of land was purchased from Mrs. Hess for the site of Wharton and Bro. Amos G. Harvey, Sr., Mount Zion's new church. Rev. Dr. Joan L.

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¹⁹Data supplied by Sis. Julia Johnson, Vice President of the Steward Board.

²⁰Data submitted by Sis. Mary Harvey Miller, Church Secretary and daughter of Bro. Les Harvey.



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