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Church family,

June has arrived and with it comes a fresh season of reflection and renewal. Over the past several Sundays our worship has carried us through some powerful moments in Scripture. Ascension Sunday invited us to lift our eyes and remember that Jesus sends us into the world with purpose. Pentecost reminded us that the Spirit still breathes life into ordinary people and still empowers the church to move with courage and compassion. Trinity Sunday helped us remember that God is not distant or abstract but is relationship itself, drawing us into a life shaped by love and unity. And most recently as we listened to the words from John 12, we were reminded that faith is not meant to stay in the realm of almost. God calls us to trust Him fully and to follow Him with a heart that is all in.

All of these messages have been preparing us for a meaningful moment in the life of our church. Depending on when you are reading this, Anniversary Sunday is either just ahead of us or we are celebrating it today. No matter the timing, the heart of this day remains the same. We pause to remember that God has been faithful to Mt. Zion through every generation. We stand on the prayers, the service, and the sacrifices of those who came before us. Their faith built the foundation on which we now stand. Yet anniversaries are never only about looking back. They are also about looking forward with hope and expectation. God is still writing our story and each one of us has a place in what comes next. Your presence matters. Your gifts matter. Your faith matters. We honor the past best when we step faithfully into the future God is calling us toward.

As we move into the month of June I want to encourage you to let this be a month of spiritual growth. June is a season when the world around us begins to bloom. Days stretch a little longer and creation seems to breathe more deeply. It can be the same for our spiritual lives. Take time to notice the ways God is showing His faithfulness in your daily routines. Reach out to someone in the church you have not spoken to in a while and offer a word of kindness or encouragement. Spend time in the Gospels and let the voice of Jesus guide your thoughts and decisions. Look for opportunities to serve in small but meaningful ways. And hold on to hope because God is not finished with you or with this church or with this community.

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I am grateful for each of you. Your faith, your kindness, your resilience, and your love for one another continue to shape the life of this congregation. As we step into this new month, may we do so with hearts full of gratitude and eyes lifted toward the One who leads us. May June be a month of renewal, joy, and holy expectation.

Grace and peace, **Pastor Shawn**

LOOKING AHEAD...

- June 14th : 170th Anniversary Sunday & Fellowship
- July 3rd @ 6:00pm a FREE concert will be held at Mt Zion Finksburg featuring WESTWARD ROAD. Refreshments afterwards. Must RSVP. More Details coming out shortly.
- July & August : No Fellowship during these months
- Wednesday Bible Study has concluded for the summer. We will resume in the fall.

The Mt Zion **"Summer Singers"** will be starting on Sunday June 21st. During the summer months, anyone who would like to sing during the special music time of Sunday worship is invited to join us. We will learn short choruses at 9:15 each Sunday morning. Music will be provided. These choruses will be easy to learn and add just a little extra to worship while the Faithful Few are resting for the upcoming fall session.



ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY **170TH Anniversary of Mt Zion UMC**

The **UPPER ROOM** daily devotional booklet for **MAY / JUNE** is now available free of charge. We urge all of our people to use this fine Christian resource on a daily basis. We have two editions, regular and large print. It comes free of charge thanks to our sponsors. The May/June edition is given by Willa Johnson Kensinger to the glory of God and in honor of her daughters, Debbie, Cindy and Joan and family members.

USHERS still needed for August, November & December. See Becky Knop to volunteer.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday June 21



MISSIONS

Mt Zion Missions Coordinator Barb Hayes – 410-596-1483 – bbhayes@verizon.net

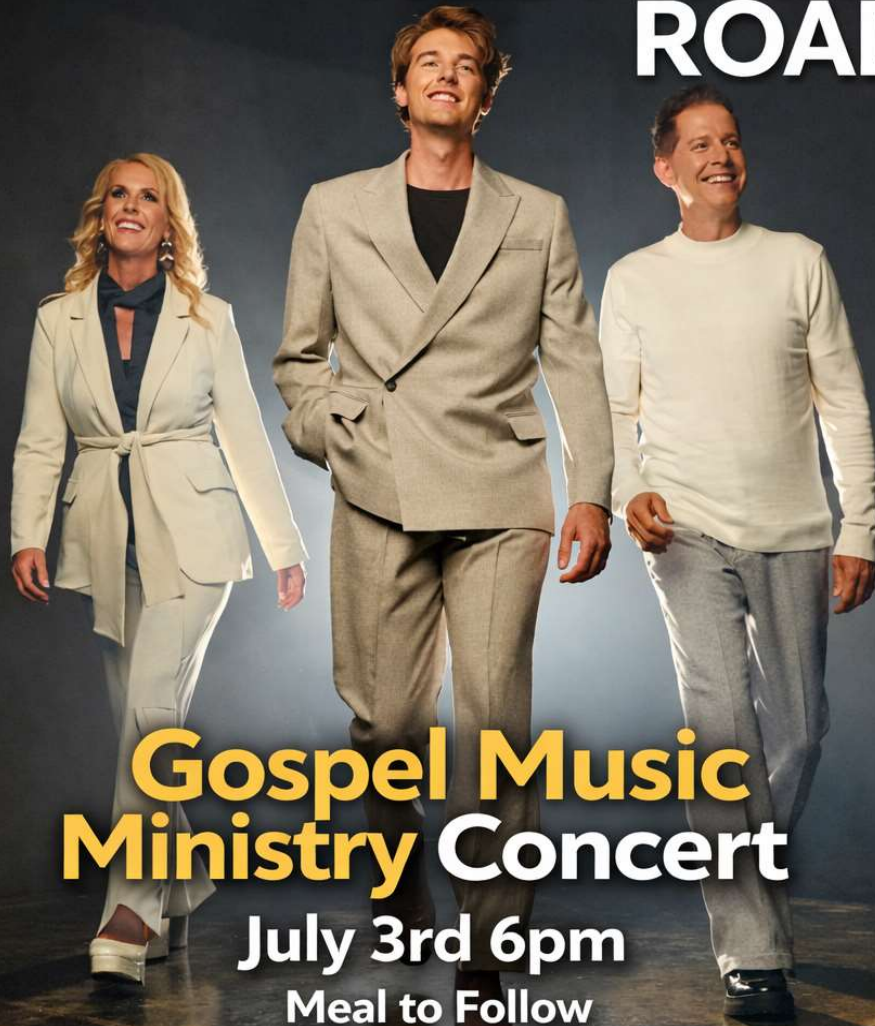
FEED THE GOAT: Things that are needed most...

Food Items, Paper Towels, and Toilet Paper.



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WESTWARD ROAD



Gospel Music Ministry Concert

July 3rd 6pm
Meal to Follow

Mt Zion UMC Finksburg

Free Concert
(Love offering appreciated)

A special email will be sent out with more details about this!