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MT. ZION



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Welcome to Mt. Zion! Our message is rooted in the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus.
We embrace a biblical approach, sharing the "good news" in our daily lives.
Join us as we grow in faith and love together!

If you are visiting with us or searching for a church home, we encourage you to connect with Pastor Shawn.
Please fill out a green "Information Card" found in the pew holders in front of you. Drop it into the collection plate or give to Pastor Shawn when you leave today.

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Mt. Zion Family,

As we look back on November, I am filled with gratitude for the ways God's Spirit has been moving among us. We honored the saints who have gone before us on All Saints Sunday, gave thanks for our veterans on November 9, and proclaimed Christ's sovereignty on Christ the King Sunday. Our Thanksgiving Eve Worship was a beautiful pause to reflect on God's blessings, and throughout the month we continued to grow together in discipleship and fellowship. From worship to mission outreach, November reminded us of the strength of our community and the joy of serving Christ together.

Now we turn the page into December, a season that invites us to wait with hope and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Advent is not simply a countdown to Christmas, but a time of holy anticipation. Each candle we light reminds us that Christ is the Light of the World, breaking into our darkness with hope, peace, joy, and love.

Christmas Eve Worship

We will gather for Christmas Eve worship on Wednesday, December 24 at:

- 3:00 PM
- 9:00 PM

Please plan to arrive early for the 9:00 PM service so we can share in a Christmas hymn sing beginning at 8:45 PM. This will be a joyful way to lift our voices together before worship begins.

Holiday Fellowship

This Sunday, following worship, we will gather for a special Holiday Fellowship. It will be a time to share food, laughter, and the joy of community as we continue to walk together through this holy season.

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Living the Season

Advent calls us to slow down, to make room for Christ, and to share His love with others. In the midst of holiday busyness, may we remember that the heart of this season is Emmanuel, God with us. Let us carry that truth into our homes, our neighborhoods, and our worship as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

I am deeply grateful for each of you. Your presence, prayers, and partnership make Mt. Zion a place where faith comes alive and love is made visible. May this Advent be a time of renewal for your spirit, and may Christmas bring you the deep joy of knowing Christ's love.

With hope and joy,
Pastor Shawn

Mt Zion Christmas Card Box: The box is located in the Narthex and is sorted by alphabetical order. If you can please drop your cards into the appropriate slot based on last name. Any cards for the homebound on our Sunday Prayer List will be taken to that person.

CURRENT MISSION NEEDS

For information on our mission/outreach call Barbara Hayes 410-596-1483

A CALL FOR COATS ... Help the Shepherd's Staff reach our goal of 600 New coat donations. New coats will be collected through November 17th. Coats must be new with tags. All sizes, children and youth. New coats will be accepted at 75 John St. in Westminster by appointment only 410-857-5944. Coats can be purchased locally or from our Amazon Wishlist [amzn.to/318LTYI](https://www.amazon.com/wishlist/ref=ast_wishlist_title?list_id=A318LTYI). Winter is coming. Can you help someone?

NEW CHILDREN'S PAJAMAS for kids hospitalized with cancer. Pajamas will be donated to Josh's Jammies a non-profit organization. Donations go to children hospitalized at Sinai Hospital, Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, and University of Maryland Hospital NICU and PICU units. Important: give pajamas to Barbara Hayes by Monday, November 24, 2025

The Shepherd's **FESTIVAL OF TREES** is seeking donations for decorating trees. If you have any of the following things please call 410-596-1483 to schedule drop off. Wooden thread spools, Oriole bird, bats mini, baseball etc. Ravens stocking cap, ornaments, Dr. Seuss/Noah's Ark, High School sports items and ornaments, Minecraft, Legos, mini tea sets, Cardinal items, birds, fishing, Micky Mouse ornaments etc.

Did you know that most people attend because they were personally invited?
Plan now to invite someone to Christmas Eve service Dec 24th 3pm or 9pm.

