

# Mt. Zion Messenger

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Pastor Shawn**

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**Community Service Giving  
can be done at anytime. There  
are envelopes available in the  
narthex. This is a vital part of  
our outreach program.**

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**Continue to fill the goat with  
non-perishable food items,  
personal items, baby items,  
paper items, etc.**

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**We collect school supplies all  
year round.**

## **S**pecial Dates

September 10th - Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

September 13th - Church Picnic after worship

September 25th - Pasta Dinner - See Becky to sign up

October 4th - World Communion Sunday

October 11th - Pastor Appreciation Sunday after worship

October 18th - Laity Sunday

October 25th - Reformation Sunday

October TBA - Potluck TBA

November 1st - All Saints Day (Submit names for remembrance)

November 8th - Veterans Sunday

November 22nd - Thanksgiving Sunday

November 25th - Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 p.m.

November 29th - First Sunday of Advent

December 24th - Christmas Eve Time TBA

## **The Mt. Zion Cares Team**

Have you ever missed a Sunday and wondered if anyone cared? It is important to stay in touch with our church family. If you would like to be a part of the Mt. Zion Cares Team, we need people for visitation, card ministry, phone chain and email chain. Let's keep in touch with church family! See Leslie for information.

**Bible Study****Beginning Bible Study –  
Wednesdays Starting****September 16**

**I am excited to begin our  
weekly Bible Study gatherings  
on Wednesday, September 16.**

**These studies will continue  
every Wednesday and are open  
to anyone who wants to grow  
deeper in Scripture and  
community.**

**We will offer two opportunities  
each week:**

**11:00 AM at Sandy Mount  
UMC**

**6:30 PM at Mt. Zion UMC**

**Whether you prefer daytime or  
evening, there is a place for  
you. Bring your Bible and your  
questions. I am looking  
forward to learning and  
growing together.**

**Church Family,**

As we step into September I am grateful for the way God has been moving in our congregation. Last month we wrapped up our “God Didn’t Say That” series. I appreciated how willing you were to lean into Scripture, ask honest questions, and let God’s Word reshape familiar phrases. Those moments reminded me that spiritual growth often comes when we slow down, listen well, and allow truth to take root.

We are not entering a set sermon series this month but September still offers something meaningful. It gives us room to breathe and reflect. It invites us to pay attention to what God is doing in our lives right now. Some of the most important seasons are the ones where we simply walk faithfully, stay open to God’s voice, and let Him guide us step by step. My prayer is that this month encourages you, strengthens you, and reminds you that God is present in every ordinary moment.

**A Word of Encouragement**

As we move into this new month I want you to know how grateful I am for each of you. Mt. Zion is a church with a strong heart for God and a steady commitment to caring for people. I see that every Sunday. I see it in the way you welcome others and in the acts of kindness that happen throughout the week.

My hope is that September becomes a month of steady growth, renewed joy, and deeper trust in the One who leads us. Let’s keep walking together, praying together, and expecting God to do good things in and through our church family.

Grateful to be your pastor,

Pastor Shawn

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### September/October UPPER ROOM

Given by, Bobby & Bonnie Graham, to the Glory of God, and in  
loving memory of our deceased parents, and in honor of our  
family: our daughters, Karen & Stephen, Lisa & Tommy, Amy  
& Tim, and our grandchildren, Megan & Kyle, Haley &  
Heather, Colleen & Jackson