
MT. ZION



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WEEKLY

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Welcome to Mt. Zion Today! 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 this morning 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.



Join us this Sunday ... as we dive into what it means to follow Jesus not with titles, but with humility. Discover how true influence begins at ground level, where love kneels and grace gets its hands dirty. Join us as we continue our SENT series with "Sent to Serve."

Weekly Challenge:

Find one person to serve this week—quietly, humbly, and without recognition. It could be a neighbor, coworker, family member, or stranger. Do something unexpected that lifts their burden or shows love. Don't announce it. Don't wait for thanks. Just serve, and let it be your act of worship.

From the Pastor's Desk: World Communion Sunday

This Sunday, we join hands spiritually and symbolically with Christians around the globe to celebrate World Communion Sunday. It's a sacred reminder that the Table of Christ is not confined to one sanctuary, one denomination, or one culture. It stretches across continents and languages, welcoming all who follow Jesus to come, taste, and remember.

World Communion Sunday began in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, during a time of global uncertainty and division. The idea was simple yet profound: to emphasize the unity of the Church through the shared act of communion. By 1940, it had spread across denominations and became a tradition embraced by churches worldwide.

This year, as we continue our SENT sermon series, we reflect on what it means to be "Sent to Serve." Before Jesus broke bread, He bent low. Before He poured the cup, He poured water over dusty feet. The Table and the Towel go hand in hand. Communion is not just a meal, it's a mission. We are nourished by grace and commissioned to serve.

So, as we gather this Sunday, let us remember: We are one body, broken and poured out for the world. We are one Church, sent to serve with humility and love. We are one people, united not by uniformity, but by Christ. Come to the Table. Receive the grace. Take up the towel. Let's be the Church the world is hungry to see.

Grace and peace, Pastor Shawn

NEW: The Sunday Prayer List is now part of the Friday email Weekly with copies available on Sundays for pickup as desired. It will no longer appear as part of the bulletin. Please read your emails from Mt Zion. See page 5.

Support **“Wreath’s Across America”** and the **Finksburg Cemetery Flyers** on the back table or see **Mark & Lisa Tingler**



CAN YOU HELP? We are looking for someone to be a backup Sunday Slide Presentation operator. Everything is ready for you. All you need to do is connect 4 plugs on the laptop and click the mouse to advance the slides that are already in order. If you want to try it out to see if you are interested see Mark Hemler.

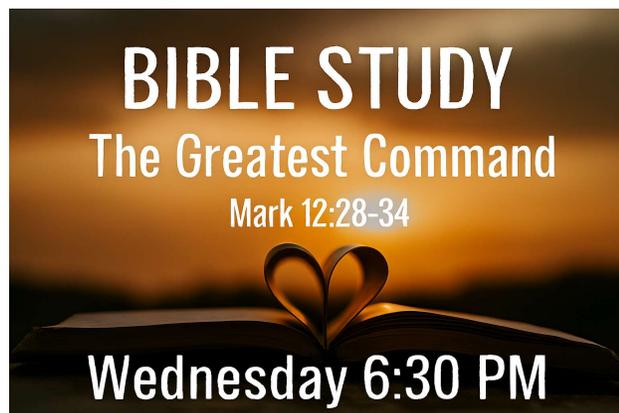
The **UPPER ROOM daily devotional guide** for September/October is available today in both regular and large print. We encourage all of our people to take advantage of this daily Christian guide for daily living. Copies can be mailed out if you are unable to get to the church building (301-351-6689). We still need sponsors for the November/December edition. If you are interested call the phone number. Thank you for your support.

Our **NEW VIDEO SHORTS** (4-5 minutes) at: youtube.com/@MountZionUMC-Finksburg
These are not from our Sunday service. See for yourself! [Newest Video 9-24-2025](#).

WHAT’S ON THE SCHEDULE 2025

- Today’s Ushers: Lee & Jean McDonough
- October 8, 15, 22, 29: Weds - Bible Study – Contact Pastor Shawn for details
- October 12: Fellowship & Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- October 17: Fri - Mt Zion “Potluck Dinner” 5:30pm – 6:00pm til ...
- October 24: Fri - Trunk or Treat at Mt Zion 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- November 26: Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm
- December: Mt Zion Holiday Dinner – Date to be announced
- December 13: Sat – 12:00pm – Wreath’s Across America at Finksburg cemetery
- December 24: Christmas Eve Service – 3:00pm & 9:00pm

POT LUCK FELLOWSHIP DINNER - OCTOBER 17th Come at 5.30 p.m. and we eat at 6.00 p.m. in the Social Hall. If possible bring a food to share. There will be a sign up sheet for food items and also for who is attending. See Becky at morning worship or call 410-979-3509 for suggestions on what to bring, to get more information and to let her know that you will be attending.



Coming October 24th Our community “Trunk or Treat” in our church parking lot. Friday evening, Time is 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. Pastor Shawn said we had over 60 children (and their families) last year. Trunks & Helpers needed. For more information call or see Mo Vollmerhausen or Pastor Shawn.

When Was the Last time that you invited someone to come to Sunday worship? When was the last time you invited someone to attend a church fellowship event? Did you know that more people come by personal invitation than any other way?



MEET OUR STAFF

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Worship Technology & Today's Weekly: Mark Hemler / Video: Peggy James

Church Council Chair: Dan Armacost / Trustees & Finance Chair: Bill Tighe

Usher & Fellowship Coordinators: Becky Knop & Melanie Stranix

Pastors attention for congregation: sick, accidents, hospital or home visits LaDonna 410-812-0262

CURRENT MISSION NEEDS

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES are STILL needed. Support our children through donations to the Shepherd Staff. They can be placed in Mount Zion's Goat. Items like wide ruled notebooks, filler paper, primary crayons, post it notes, rulers, dividers.

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=wl_cr_text). 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.

2026 CALENDARS... your Mount Zion 2026 calendar has arrived. Get your copy now! Get a copy for your neighbor or family member. If you cannot get to the church building call 301-351-6689 and we will bring one to you. Once again, our thanks to LaDonna Schemm for making them available in memory of her husband and in honor of her family.

USHERS NEEDED... We need volunteers to help with Sunday morning worship ushers and also Second Sunday fellowship coordinators. Give a call to Melanie Stranix (410-294-6488) and get some “no-obligation” information on how you can help your church. Please take a turn!

FELLOWSHIP COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER NEEDED... It is easier then you may think. See Becky Knop to know exactly what it involves and how to go about it. Becky 410-979-3509.

ALWAYS AVAILABLE... Our pastors, Lead Pastor Shawn and Pastor Emeritus Lou, are always available if you have personal needs, illness, hospital, accidents, or home visits. At the same time if you are unable to reach one of them you can call LaDonna Schemm, Chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Her phone number is 410-812-0262. Please call her cell phone number and if she does not answer LEAVE a message. She will get back to you ASAP.