
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 ... This week at Mt Zion, we are leaning into the mystery of Christ's return with boldness and clarity. The timeline may be hidden, but the mission is clear. Wake up. Live ready. Carry the gospel wherever your feet take you.

Weekly Challenge:
"Live Like the Clock Has No Hands"

This week, live like Jesus could return today.

- Wake up early one morning and spend 15 minutes in prayer asking God to make you spiritually alert.
- Share the gospel with one person—a neighbor, coworker, or friend. Don't wait for the "right moment." Make the moment right.
- Read Romans 13:11–14 and reflect on what it means to "put on the armor of light."
- Ask yourself daily: If Jesus came back tonight, would I be found faithful?

Let urgency fuel obedience. Let mystery stir mission. Let your life preach louder than your words.

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 4.

**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.

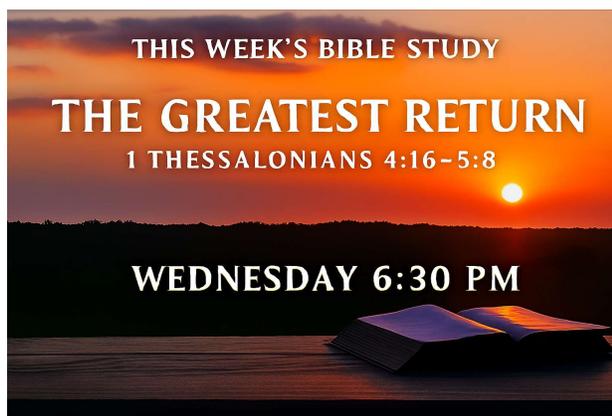
The **UPPER ROOM daily devotional guide** for September/October is available today in both regular and large print. We encourage all of our people to take advantage of this daily Christian guide for daily living. Copies can be mailed out if you are unable to get to the church building (301-351-6689). 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 10-3-2025](#).

WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE 2025

- Today's Ushers: John & Ashley Bigley
- October 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 & time 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. **Make sure to let Becky know if your 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. 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=ast_wishlist_detail?list_id=318LTYI). 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.

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!

NEED A PASTOR... If you have personal needs, illness, hospital visits, accidents, or would like a home visit, please contact LaDonna Schemm, Chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, at 410-812-0262. If she does not answer, please leave a message—she will get back to you as soon as possible.

You're Invited!
Historic Strawbridge Shrine
Open House
2650 Strawbridge Lane
New Windsor, Maryland 21776
November 1st 2025 10 am to 4 pm



John Evans House



Strawbridge House



Log Meeting House

"This settlement of Pipe Creek is the richest in the state: here Mr. Strawbridge formed the first society in Maryland—and America." [Asbury, Journal, II 294]

Every United Methodist should visit the Historic Strawbridge Shrine, a heritage landmark of our United Methodist Church. This is your special opportunity and its free! Step back in time in our special house tour of the home of Irish circuit-rider Robert Strawbridge and his wife Elizabeth who introduced and established the Wesleyan Methodist Movement in 1760 America. The amazing thing is that they were lay persons touched by the teaching of John Wesley and were also committed to Jesus Christ. We will offer tours of the 1760 Strawbridge house, 1768 John Evans House and Log Meeting House. Come walk the same ground that Robert & Elizabeth walked over 260 years ago. Tour guides, some in period attire, will be available to share important background information. More information is featured on the back of this sheet. There is no charge for the tour & convenient parking is available. To RSVP for questions or information call our curator **Helen Kemp at 443-289-0191** or Pastor Lou Piel at 301-351-6689.

Please share this important invitation.

The Strawbridge Shrine Association
The First Home of American Wesleyan Methodism

2600 Strawbridge Lane, New Windsor, MD. 21776 410-635-2600



**Why should I know about the ministry of Robert Strawbridge? (and)
Why should I visit the Strawbridge Shrine a Heritage Landmark of the UM Church?**

Robert & Elizabeth Strawbridge established the “first American Wesleyan Methodist” settlement in North America, arriving from Ireland in the new world about 1760. One former bishop said the “Strawbridge Shrine” is the best kept secret in the BW Conference.

The amazing thing is that “Methodism in America began without authorization of financial support from Wesley’s Methodist Society in England.” It began with lay preachers like Robert who emigrated to American and felt the call to spread the word of Jesus Christ.

Upon settling in the Sam’s Creek area of Frederick County Robert immediately set out about spreading the word of Wesleyan Methodist. In a very short time, he established what is known as a house church. He and his followers built a Log Meeting House for preaching and singing, the first dedicated Methodist structure in America. Visit the Shrine and you will see a replica of the building. At the same time his journeys took him to Delaware, Eastern Shore of Maryland, New Jersey, D.C., Virginia * & Pennsylvania.

While Robert traveled, Elizabeth managed their home, farm, and six children. Through her witness and influence, one of their neighbors, John Evans, (when you visit you will be able to go through his original home) became the first American convert to Methodism.

The Strawbridge Shrine Association was created in 1937. Our mission was to preserve, interpret and share the founding story of American Methodism, the life and legacy of Robert Strawbridge. In 1940 the site was recognized as the first National Methodist Shrine now called a Heritage Landmark. Membership in the Shrine Association is open to all. Membership forms are available in the Visitors Center or can be downloaded from our website.

While on the grounds take a moment to visit our gift shop in the Visitors Center. Interesting books and resources about Robert available. We also have Christmas Tree ornaments in the design of Historic Strawbridge House and also the replica of the Log Meeting House.

Quote by Francis Asbury



Plan now to join us for Advent Candlelight worship in the replica Log Meeting House.

Two services, both at 4:30 p.m. Sunday December 7th & 14th

A wonderful & spiritual way to begin your Advent Journey of Faith to Bethlehem

Imagine what it was like to worship in the 1760's

in the first Wesleyan Methodist Meeting House. Dress warmly!

Refreshments in the Visitors Center following the services!

Information Curator Helen Kemp 443-289-0191