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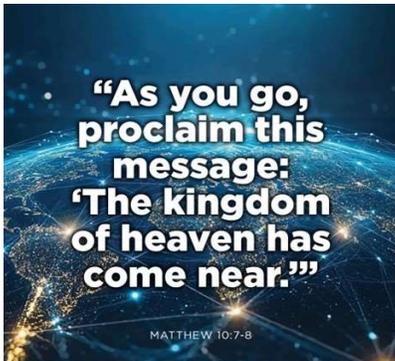
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Welcome to Mt. Zion Today! Our message is rooted in the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus. We embrace a biblical approach, sharing the "good news" in our daily lives. Join us as we grow in faith and love together!

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 ... for Worship as we gather to explore what it truly means to be *Called and Commissioned*. Through Scripture, testimony, and song, we'll reflect on how Jesus sends ordinary people—like us—into the world with an extraordinary message of peace, forgiveness, and hope. Whether you've been walking with Christ for years or just beginning the journey, this is a moment to be renewed, recharged, and reminded of your purpose. Come ready to be inspired—and maybe even surprised by where God might be sending you next.

Weekly Challenge: Walk in Your Commission

This week, step into your calling with intention. Each morning, take a moment to pray, "Lord, where are You sending me today?" Then keep your eyes open—not for grand gestures, but for quiet opportunities. Maybe it's a conversation with someone who's hurting, a word of encouragement to a coworker, or a moment to share your story with someone who needs hope.

You don't need a pulpit to preach or a platform to lead. You just need a willing heart and a listening ear. Remember, Jesus sent ordinary people with an extraordinary message—and He still does.

So be bold. Be available. Be faithful. You are commissioned. Let your life reflect the peace, forgiveness, and hope of Christ in every space you enter this week.

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

The **UPPER ROOM daily devotional guide** for September/October is available today in both regular and large print. We courage 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 9-12-2025](#).

WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE 2025

- September Ushers: Melanie Stranix & Shirley Loveless
- September 24: Weds - Bible Study – Contact Pastor Shawn for details
- October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Weds - Bible Study – Contact Pastor Shawn for details
- 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 24: Christmas Eve Service – 3:00pm & 9:00pm

SUNDAY FUNNIES... The Miraculous Cane

Bent over and obviously in pain, the old man with a cane hobbled laboriously through the sanctuary and into the pastor’s office while the choir practiced. Ten minutes later, he came out, walking upright and moving gracefully and quickly. “No,” the old man said with a smile. “He just gave me a cane that wasn’t six inches too short!” “Good gracious,” the choir director exclaimed. “Did the pastor heal you by faith?” “No,” the old man said with a smile. “He just gave me a cane that wasn’t six inches too short!”



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Director of Music: Leslie Gabler / Missions: Barb Hayes / Treasurer: Bob Hayes

Website & Facebook Page: Kathy Giroux / www.mtzionumc-finksburg.org

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

*Meet
Our
Staff*

9/24 This Weeks Bible Study: "The Greatest Sin" Matthew 12:22-32

Wherever Jesus’s work is happening, opposition is bound to arise. In Matthew 12:22-32, God’s people who had studied His Word missed the prophesied Messiah while He was ministering right before their eyes. Of all people, they should have celebrated His ministry, but they condemned it instead. Jesus provided a way to salvation, and the only thing that can keep us from it is an unwillingness to accept it.

All are welcome!!

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169 Years of Faithful Service to our Lord and to the Community

Thank You to everyone who made last Sunday morning's picnic a great success. A wonderful congregation in morning worship. So many people in our fellowship hall sharing great food & fellowship we had to add tables. We also celebrated "Grand-Parents Day. Pastor Shawn lifted up the importance that grandparents (and parents in general) have in our lives. Appreciation to Dan Armacost who supplied the grill and to Melanie & Becky for coordinating the event.

I love this church!

I love its history and heritage! + I love its vision and future!

I love the spirit of Jesus which is in the hearts and lives of our members and friends!

We aren't perfect but we are pressing on to be more "Christ-like" every day!

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Sunday School This past Sunday morning we had a Sunday School program for three of our children, Eva, Rebekah and Rachel. Mo Vollmerhausen, her son Noah and Jewelyanna were the leaders. Pastor Shawn said children will share in "children's moments" at the beginning of the worship service and then go to the Sunday School class. Material will be supplied. Several people have signed up to take a turn. If you are interested please see our Pastor. All children are invited.

Coming "Second Sunday" fellowship following morning worship. Mark down the date, Sunday, October 12th. This month Becky Knop is our coordinator (410-979-3509) Please give her a call if you are willing to help out. We always appreciate those who volunteer to take one of our "Second Sunday" fellowship events.

Coming - Our church wide Friday evening Fellowship Supper. We are bringing back an old favorite time to bring our people together. Mark down the date, Friday evening, October 17th. Come at 5:30 p.m. and we eat at 6:00. If possible, bring a food item to share. More information is coming. See Becky at morning worship or call 410-979-3509.

Wow! Back again! You don't want to miss this! Our community "Trunk or Treat" in our church parking lot. Friday evening, October 24! Time is 6.00 - 8:00 p.m. Pastor Shawn said we had over 60 children (and their families) last year. For more information call or see Mo Vollmerhausen.

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?



FOR COLORED PICTURES OF THE FOUR ITEMS BELOW WHICH WILL GIVE YOU MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL Pastor Emeritus Lou 301-351-6689
+ For information on our mission/outreach call Barbara Hayes 410-596-1483 +

1. **Caring for one another #1** 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.
2. **Caring for one another #2** Call for new 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=318LTYI). Winter is coming. Can you help someone?
3. **Caring for one another #3** We are collecting 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
4. **Caring for one another #4** 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.

Wait No Longer!! – 2026 Wait no longer, your special 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.

Your Help is 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!

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.

Daily Reading to Deepen Your Faith Our pastor encourages all of our people to deepen their faith. Faithful sponsors make available without charge guides in both a regular and large print edition. The September/October edition is available now. If you are unable to get to the church building, please call 301-351-6689 and one will be brought to you. Our thanks to Dave Landis for sponsoring the current edition in memory of his wife and in honor of his family. We need a sponsor for the November/December edition and we also have openings in 2026. Can you help?



**SEPT 14, 2025 MT ZION CHURCH PICNIC & ICE CREAM SOCIAL
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