
MT. ZION



Sunday September 28, 2025

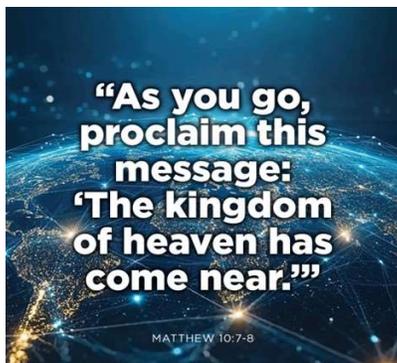
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Welcome to Mt. Zion Today! Our message is rooted in the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus. We embrace a biblical approach, sharing the "good news" in our daily lives. Join us as we grow in faith and love together!

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.

NEW: The Prayer List will now be emailed out on Friday's with copies available on Sunday's for pickup as desired. It will no longer appear as part of the bulletin. Please read your emails from Mt Zion.



Join us this Sunday ... as we continue our "Sent" series with a powerful message: "Sent with Power."

Last week, we discovered that we're all called by God, but what happens when we feel unprepared, uncertain, or overwhelmed by the mission? This week, we'll explore how Jesus not only sends us, but empowers us through the Holy Spirit to live boldly, love deeply, and witness faithfully.

Come ready to be encouraged, challenged, and reminded: you are not alone. You are sent with power.

Weekly Challenge: Step Into the Harvest

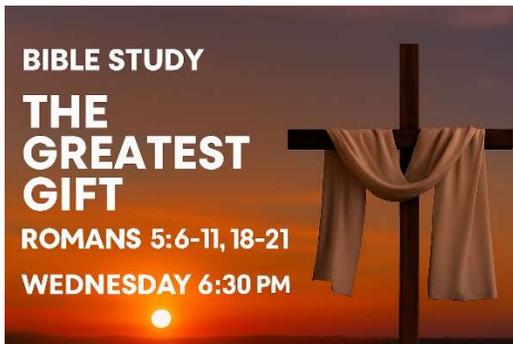
This week, ask the Holy Spirit to show you one person who needs encouragement, prayer, or a reminder of God's love. Then take one intentional step to engage—whether it's a conversation, a note, a prayer, or an invitation. Don't worry about having the perfect words. Trust that the Spirit who sends you will also speak through you. You are not alone. You are sent with power.

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

Sunday School every Sunday when kids attend. Starts after the "Children's Moments" of service.

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 is the best gift you've received from another person? Undoubtedly you will always treasure this gift, whether by keeping it safe or cherishing it in your heart. When it comes to the greatest gift of all time, God's love for us, we cherish it in our hearts and share it with others. This week join us as we are reminded that God sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to die for us.

WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE 2025

- September Ushers: Melanie Stranix & Shirley Loveless
- 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 13: Sat – 12:00pm – Wreath's Across America at Finksburg cemetery
- December 24: Christmas Eve Service – 3:00pm & 9:00pm



Coming October 5th We gather around the "Table of the Lord" to celebrate Holy Communion. We urge all of our people, even if you have been inactive to worship with us. If you are unable to get to the church building call one of our Pastors and they will bring the "holy elements" directly to you. It is one of the ministries of our church. Sunday, October 5th

Coming October 12th "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 October 17th Our churchy 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 p.m. in the Social Hall. If possible bring a food to share. See Becky at morning worship or call 410-979-3509 for suggestions on what to bring or get more information.

Coming October 24th "WoW!" You don't want to miss this! Remember the fun we had last year? Our community "Trunk or Treat" in our church parking lot. Friday evening, Oct. 24! Time is 6.00 p.m. – 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 or Pastor Shawn.

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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

*Meet
Our
Staff*

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?



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_title?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.

2026 CALENDARS 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.

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!

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.