

MT. ZION



Sunday April 6, 2025

WEEKLY

Welcome to Mt. Zion! 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.



The Fifth Sunday in Lent: Hope in the Midst of Grief

The fifth Sunday in Lent, sets the stage for Jesus' own death and resurrection with the raising of Lazarus. We are reminded that God sent His perfect Son for our imperfect souls, seeing us not as our failures, but as His redeemed children. As we see in John 3:16 - God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.

**Did you know more people come by invitation than any other way?
Plan to invite someone to our Easter Service on April 20th.**

Next Week Is PALM SUNDAY & Fellowship Sunday – April 13th



The March / April Upper Room daily devotional guide is given to the Glory of God by Charles & Inez Beckhardt. In loving memory of dear friends, Beatrice & Jimmy Shriver and Doris & Bill Keegan. Also, in honor of our children and grandchildren. The Upper Room daily devotional guide is given in both a regular and large print edition. It is free thanks to our sponsors. We urge you to make use of it. If you are not able to get your copy at the church please call 301-351-6689 and one will be brought to you free of charge

WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE...

- April Ushers: Roger & Megan Davis
- April 9th: Bible Study – 6:30pm in the Social Hall
- April 13th: Palm Sunday – 10:00am
- April 13th: Fellowship Sunday - Joyce Lowe & Bonnie Moores
- April 17th: Maundy Thursday 5:00pm / April 18 – Good Friday 5:00pm
- April 20th: Easter Sunday 10:00am. Sunrise Service 7:00am.
- May 3rd: Mt Zion Spring Fling – Crafts & Flea Market – 8:00am til 2:00pm.
- May 6th: Church Finance / Trustees Meeting – 7:00pm
- May 11th: Fellowship Sunday – Mother's Day
- May 20th: Church Council Meeting – 7:00pm

It's Time To Start Sharing!
HELP PROMOTE OUR EASTER SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

Like our Facebook page and follow along with new posts related to Mt. Zion UMC Finksburg. There is an EASTER post image at the top on our facebook page ready to share, related to an open invitation for others to join us for our Easter service. Just go to the page and share.

www.facebook.com/mtzionumcfinksburg

Our **NEW VIDEO SHORTS** (4-5 minutes) at: youtube.com/@MountZionUMC-Finksburg
These are not from our Sunday service. See for yourself!

A Mt. Zion Group Trip to SIGHT & SOUND In Lancaster, PA.

We are going to see the spectacular performance of *Noah!*

Wednesday July 9, 2025 3:00pm (Show Time)

Adults: \$115 Children (ages 3-12): \$74

(Prices include show tickets and bus fare.)

We will not be stopping for a meal but we can bring food/snacks on the bus ride and there are concessions at the theatre. All are welcome to participate. See Pastor Shawn for details.
Place payments into a clearly marked envelope "NOAH Tickets" and put in collection plate.

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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

*Meet
Our
Staff*

We are grateful that the faithful are supporting the ministry of Mount Zion!



In the "Year 2025" we need \$2154 each week to meet our Operating Expenses (current expenses).
For the year 2025 we are \$2544 BELOW our yearly need.
Our average worship attendance for all of 2025 is 38.6

USHERS & FELLOWSHIP COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED

We still have many openings to be filled. See Becky Knop or Melanie Stranix as to what months need to be filled or for more details.



We can't find the "Zoo Keeper". The Goat is Hungry. He is eating all the plants down in the Social Hall. **SOMEONE, PLEASE, FEED THE GOAT!**
Community Service has received approx. \$1,966 so far in 2025. Thank You.

**With Easter & the Celebration of Resurrection just around the corner
be CAREFUL that you don't miss Holy Week!**



Bill put up our Rt. #140 highway sign and it reminds
Christ Jesus followers

**UNLESS GOOD FRIDAY IS IN YOUR LIFE,
THERE CAN BE NO EASTER!**

Far too often those who follow Jesus jump directly from The Hosanna's (Palm Sunday) to the Alleluia's (Easter Day) and we miss two crucially important days.



< Holy (Maundy) Thursday + Worship 5:00 p.m.

To

Good Friday + Worship 5:00 p.m. >



**The Celebration of Easter is more, much more than bunnies or flowers or even good food.
Thursday & Friday worship will help you go deeper in faith.
Consider rearranging your schedule to include Holy Week at Mount Zion!**

Palm Sunday, April 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 5:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18, at 5:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday, April 20: a Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. with Pastor Lou,
followed by Easter Worship at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Shawn.**

SUNDAY FUNNIES

"Sometimes we don't realize the blessings we have
until we no longer have them.
Appreciate all the blessings in your life, take none for granted."



Last Day To Submit Names For Easter Love List is Wednesday April 16th.

Upcoming Church Meetings

Church Finance / Trustees – Tuesday May 6th

Church Council – Tuesday May 20th

Sharing Your Love at Easter

Our “Easter Lily” Love List 2025
Easter “love” has always been important to the
people of Mount Zion



Instead of purchasing individual Easter Lilies as we have done in the past
the Altar Team will purchase them to decorate the altar of our church

You can share names “free of charge” of those you would like to honor or those
you would like to remember at this special time of the year. We will publish those names in
the Easter Sunday worship service hand-out!

The “ABSOLUTE” deadline is Wednesday, April 16th.
Please use the “official” form at the bottom of this sheet or call 410-299-7517.

If you would like to make a monetary gift to our Mission Fund
information at the bottom of this sheet

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Easter Love 2025



Please Print:

Name of the Person(s) you wish to Honor:

Name of the Person(s) you wish to Remember:

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Your E-mail Address: _____

If you would like to support our Mission Fund, make your check out to **Mount Zion UMC**
and clearly mark it “**Mission Fund**”. Do not send cash in the mail. Deadline Wednesday, April 16th

Give to Mark Hemler or Mail to Mount Zion UMC
Easter Lilly List 2025 P.O. Box 511 Finksburg, MD 21048