



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 ... Get ready to ignite your faith at this Sunday's electrifying service, kicking off our STAND series! Dive into Ephesians 6:10-13 with us as we uncover the secret to standing tall in life's fiercest storms—not by your grit, but by God's explosive power!

Church Meetings

Finance & Trustees: Sept 2 / Church Council: Sept 16 /
Both meetings are open to all
In the Social Hall @ 7:00pm – Tuesday

Our **NEW VIDEO SHORTS** (4-5 minutes) at: youtube.com/@MountZionUMC-Finksburg
These are not from our Sunday service. See for yourself! Newest Video 8-6-2025.

****Weekly Challenge: Surrender to Stand Strong****

This week, let's take the sermon's call to heart and put it into action with a bold, practical challenge that will ignite your faith and help you stand in God's strength. Here's your mission to live out the truth of Ephesians 6:10-13 over the next seven days:

➤ Daily Surrender Prayer (5-10 minutes each morning):

Each day, carve out a quiet moment to kneel (physically or in your heart) and surrender your battles to God. Use this prayer as a starting point or make it your own: "Lord, I can't fight today's battles alone. I surrender my worries, fears, and plans to You. Fill me with Your mighty power and help me stand firm in Your truth and grace." After praying, write down one specific area of your life where you're tempted to strive in your own strength (e.g., work stress, a relationship conflict, personal doubts). Then, declare out loud: "This battle belongs to the Lord!" Keep a journal or note on your phone to track how God shows up in that area throughout the week.

➤ Midweek Armor Check (Wednesday):

By midweek, pause for a 10-minute reflection. Read Ephesians 6:10-13 again and ask yourself: "Where am I relying on my own power instead of God's armor?" Choose one piece of God's armor (e.g., belt of truth, shield of faith) and intentionally apply it to a challenge you're facing. For example, if it's the shield of faith, counter a doubt or fear with a specific promise from Scripture (like 1 John 4:4). Write or speak a one-sentence commitment to trust God's strength in that situation.

➤ **End-of-Week Share (Sunday):**

Before next Sunday's service, share your experience with someone—a friend, family member, or your small group. Tell them one way you saw God's strength at work when you surrendered control. It could be a moment of peace, a breakthrough, or even a new perspective. If you're feeling bold, post a short testimony on social media with #StandInStrength to inspire others in our church community.

➤ **Why This Challenge?**

This challenge is designed to move you from striving to standing by actively surrendering to God's power daily. It's not about perfection but about progress—leaning into His strength one intentional step at a time. By praying, reflecting, and sharing, you'll build spiritual muscle to stand firm and inspire others to do the same.

- **Pro Tip:** Set a daily phone reminder labeled "Stand in God's Strength" to prompt your morning prayer. If you miss a day, don't sweat it—just jump back in. God's power is always ready to meet you where you are!

Let's do this, warriors! Surrender, stand, and watch God move.

Share your stories next Sunday as we continue the ****STAND**** series!

Mark your calendars for our Mt. Zion Picnic / Ice Cream Social on September 14th immediately after the worship service. On church grounds. Details to follow. It's also Grandparents Day, so bring your grandchildren.

WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE...



- August Ushers: Bobby & Bonnie Graham
- August – Summer Break! There will be **NO Fellowship** during this month.
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- September 2 – Finance / Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
- September 14 – Church Picnic (at Church) Becky Knop & Melanie Stranix Coords.
- September 16 – Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

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.

The Shepherd's Staff is in need to School supplies: Backpacks, Pocket Folders, 1" Binders, Wide-ruled Composition Notebooks, Wide-ruled Filler Paper, Colored Pencils, 3x5 Post-It Notes, Dividers, 3x5 Ruled Index Cards, Markers & Highlighters, 24ct Crayons, Pink Block Erasers, Rulers.

Festival of Trees: Needs various items for their trees.

See Barb Hayes for details or to donate 410-596-1483 or bbhayes@verizon.net
See flyers in previous Weekly's