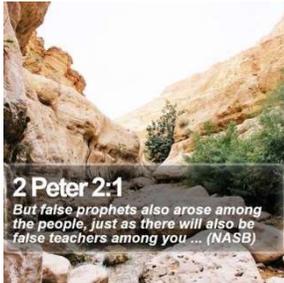


Welcome to Mt. Zion Today! Our message is rooted in the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus. We embrace a biblical approach, sharing the "good news" in our daily lives.

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 as we gather to worship and continue our series, "Faithful to the Finish," diving into 2 Peter! This week, we'll explore how to protect the truth of the gospel in a world full of distractions. Expect inspiring music, a welcoming community, and a message to strengthen your faith. Whether you're new or a regular, come feel God's presence and grow with us.

Service starts at 10:00 AM—invite a friend and let's worship together!

The Mt Zion "Summer Singers" - ANYONE MAY GIVE IT A TRY!

During the summer months, anyone who would like to sing during the special music time of Sunday worship is invited to join us. You are not obligated to all Sunday's, just the ones you choose. We will learn short choruses at 9:15 each Sunday morning. Music will be provided.

These choruses will be easy to learn and add just a little extra to worship.

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES - Peggy James has updated copies of the Mount Zion church directory. If you are listed in the directory and would like a copy please see Peggy peggyjames47@gmail.com or (410) 259-4881

THIS WEEKS CHALLENGE - Set aside 10 to 15 minutes each day to read and reflect on Scripture. Not just to check it off, but to let it nourish your soul. Start by slowly reading 2 Peter 1-2 again. Jot down or highlight what speaks to you. Ask honest questions about what you read. Pray and invite the Holy Spirit to guide you, show you any areas needing correction, and make the truth clear.

When you hear a teaching, podcast, or post that feels off, pause and check it against the Bible. Stay rooted in God's Word to grow in discernment and stand firm in truth!

The NEW July / August issue of "The Upper Room" are available this morning. They are free. They come in regular and large print editions. We encourage all of our people to have a daily Christian devotion to read. Please pass along a copy for those unable to get to the church building.

THE
**UPPER
ROOM**
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

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.

WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE...

2025

- July Ushers: Fran Taylor & Melanie Stranix
- July & August – Summer Break! There will be NO Fellowship during these 2 months.
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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

*Meet
Our
Staff*

... SUNDAY FUNNIES



George W. Bush, in an airport lobby, noticed a man in a long flowing white robe with a long white beard and flowing white hair. The man had a staff in one hand and some stone tablets under the other arm.

George W. approached the man and inquired, "Aren't you Moses?"

The man ignored George W. and stared at the ceiling.

George W. positioned himself more directly in the man's view and asked again, "Aren't you Moses?" The man continued to peruse the ceiling.

George W. tugged at the man's sleeve and asked once again, "Aren't you Moses?" The man finally responded in an irritated voice, "Yes I am."

George W. asked him why he was so uppity, and the man replied, "The last time I spoke to a Bush I had to spend forty years in the desert."

Did you know more people come by invitation than any other way?

Plan to invite someone to join us next Sunday.

Plans are being made for our September 14th Fellowship to hold a picnic at Mt. Zion. Watch for more details in the August Weekly.



Since 1856

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

+ Mount Zion Cares +

The disaster in Texas, New Mexico and
North Carolina
(and related areas)
Is almost too terrible than we can believe!



We are asking our people at Mount Zion to rise to the occasion
and go the extra mile in financial giving.

We work directly with our UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief)
which is an award winning ministry.

*It is important for you to know that giving safely through this fund
means that every dollar given gets to the destination.
Salaries of those working for UMCOR are paid from the "Mission Fund"
that all United Methodists like Mount Zion give to each year.*

We will have special "Disaster Relief" offering envelopes available this Sunday,
July 20th at the church. We can mail you some if you wish 301-351-6689
Or, write a check to "Mount Zion UM Church, Post Office Box 511, Finksburg
Maryland 21048.

Clearly mark your check "Disaster Fund."
For more information, call 301-351-6689

THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR OTHERS IN NEED

+ Our Holy Bible says "we love because He first loved us +

*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!
I love this church!*

Donations Needed!

Financial Contributions
for school supplies and shoe vouchers

New Backpacks
character backpacks for younger students
and standard size for older students

Pocket Folders
with and without brads

Canvas Pencil Pouches

1-Inch Binders

Wide-ruled Composition Notebooks

Wide-ruled Filler Paper

Colored Pencils

Primary, (Fat) Pencils and Crayons

3x3 Post-it Notes

Dividers

3x5 Ruled Index Cards

Markers and Highlighters

24 ct. Crayons

Pink Block Erasers

Rulers



The Shepherd's Staff
Back to School Program

See Barb Hayes for more details
410-596-1483
or
bbhayes@verizon.net



'Tis the Season!
Seeking Donations
for our Festival of
Trees Decorators

If you have any of the following items or materials to donate, please call 410-596-1483 to schedule a time to drop off:

- Wooden thread spools
- Orioles - bird, bats (mini), baseballs, ornaments, baseball cap, bucket hat
- Ravens - stocking cap, Raven ornaments, mini football
- Dr. Seuss/Grinch, "Choose Kindness"
- Noah's Ark
- High School sports items and ornaments
- Minecraft, Legos, and boys collectibles
- Mini tea set
- Cardinal items
- Birds
- Fishing, crabs, lobsters, nice boats - "Waterside"
- Mickey Mouse ornaments and related items

Please call or email bbhayes@verizon.net with any questions.