
MT. ZION



Sunday July 27, 2025

WEEKLY

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.

Next Week is usually our Communion Sunday but because of vacation schedules it is changed to the 2nd Sunday of August



Join us this Sunday Join us for worship as we explore "Live for What Lasts." Drawing from 2 Peter 3:8–18, we'll reflect on the call to live with holy urgency, embracing holiness, peace, and purpose as we await Christ's return and the promise of new heavens and a new earth. Bring a friend and come worship with us!

The Mt Zion "Summer Singers" - ANYONE MAY GIVE IT A TRY!
Practice is 9:15am on Sundays before service. Everyone welcome!

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. If you would like an electronic copy send a request to Mark Hemler: Mark.Hemler428@gmail.com and one will be sent to you.

THIS WEEKS CHALLENGE: Live with Eternal Purpose

Inspired by 2 Peter 3:8–18, let's live this week with the urgency of Christ's return! Pause each day to ask: How can I reflect Jesus' holiness in one specific choice today? Where can I extend forgiveness or build peace with someone? What step can I take to grow in grace—perhaps diving deeper into Scripture, letting go of a lingering resentment, or prioritizing eternity over temporary distractions? Stay vibrant, stay focused, and keep pressing forward, because Jesus is coming, and He's preparing a place for those who live faithfully for Him (Matthew 25:23). Share your journey with a friend to stay encouraged!

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.
- July & August – Summer Break! There will be NO Bible Study during these 2 months.
- September 14 – Church Picnic (at Church) Becky Knop & Melanie Stranix Coords.

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Church Council Chair: Dan Armacost / Trustees & Finance Chair: Bill Tighe

Usher & Fellowship Coordinators: Becky Knop & Melanie Stranix

Meet
Our
Staff

... SUNDAY FUNNIES



The Church Organist

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to, at the end of the worship service, ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was out and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently.

"But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty. The roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular.

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.



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



Jesus said it and “I believe it!”

A long time ago a follower of Jesus said” some Christians are so heavenly bound they are no earthly good.”

WE often forget what Jesus said in the “Lord’s Prayer (when we say it too quickly) *“thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”* *The will of God* will be done, when we take seriously the teaching of Jesus.

Jesus’ Command #1 “The disciples said to Jesus this is a deserted place. Let the people (a large crowd) go to surrounding villages to find food/something to eat. Jesus said to the disciples **“You give them something to eat.”** To follow Jesus means to accept responsibility. (The Gospel according to Mark 6.35)

Jesus, Command #2 “The followers of Jesus said “Then the righteous will answer Jesus, Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or imprisoned and visited you? And the King will answer them; **Truly I tell you just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it for me!**” To follow Jesus means to accept responsibility. (The Gospel According to Matthew read 25.31ff).

+ Mount Zion Cares +



WE thank ALL OF YOU who have already contributed to our Disaster Fund to those in New Mexico, Texas & Western North Carolina. All financial gifts go through our UMCOR, (The United Methodist Committee on Relief) which means 100% of what you give goes to those in need.

You can still give financially. Use the special “Disaster Envelope” or you can write a check – make it out to Mount Zion UM Church and clearly mark it “Disaster Fund.” Bring it with you or mail it to Mount Zion, UM Church, Post Office Box 511, Finksburg, Maryland 21048

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.

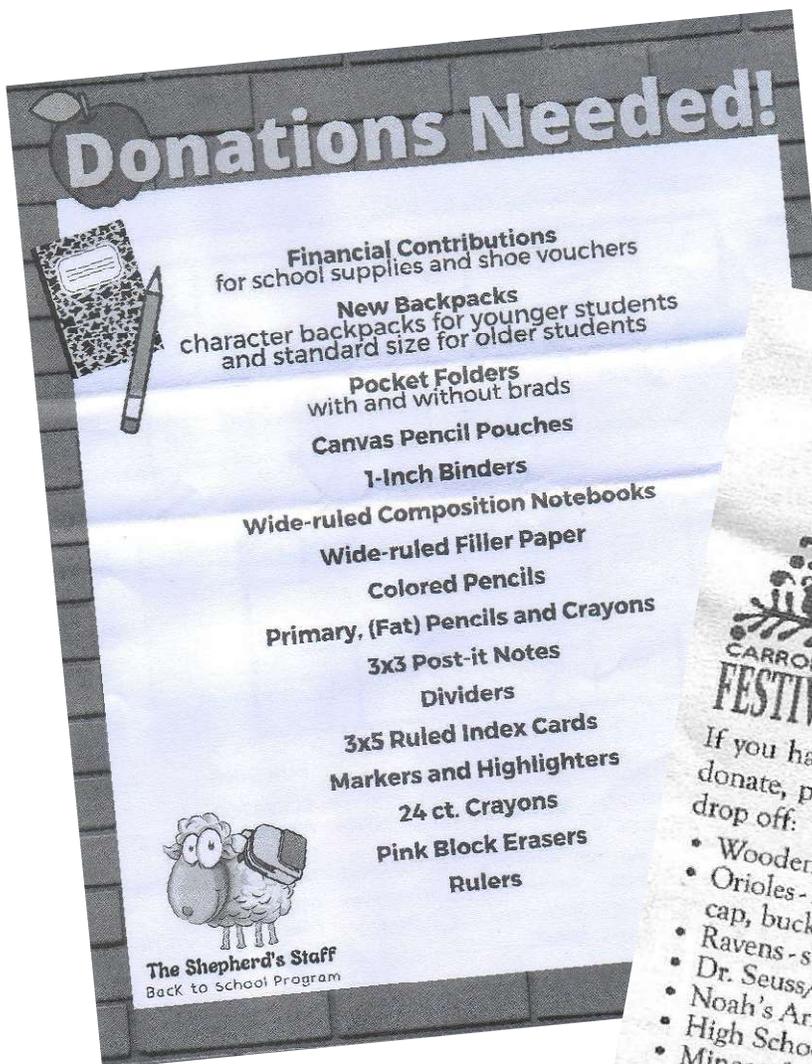
It is important for you to know that giving safely through this fund means that every dollar given gets to the destination. Salaries of those working for UMCOR are paid from the "Mission Fund" that all United Methodists like Mount Zion give to each year.

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 +

See Barb Hayes for more details
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or
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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

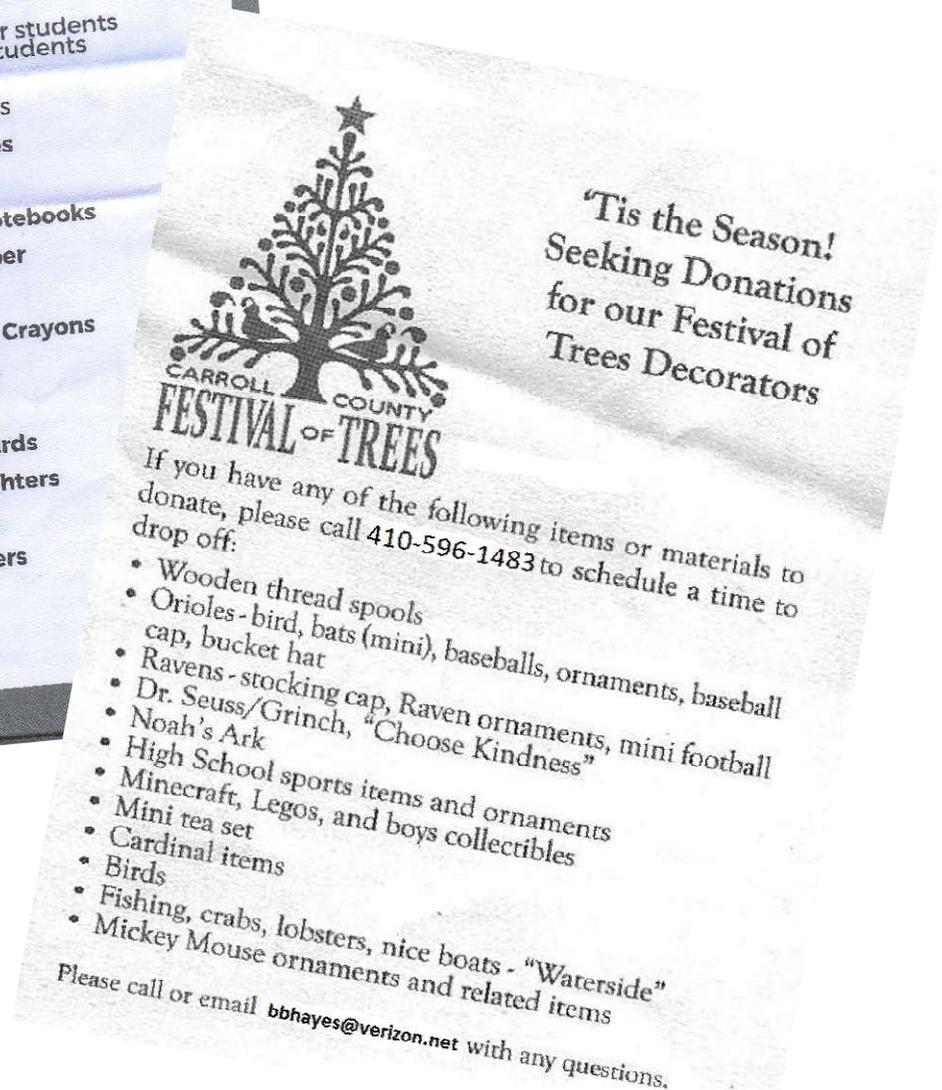
Markers and Highlighters

24 ct. Crayons

Pink Block Erasers

Rulers


The Shepherd's Staff
Back to School Program



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


CARROLL COUNTY
FESTIVAL OF TREES

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.