

Sunday July 6, 2025

MT. ZION



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.



Join us this Sunday at 10:00 AM for a powerful start to our new series, *Faithful to the Finish!* In the sermon *Built to Last*, we'll explore how to forge a faith that endures through intentional growth in Christ-like character, rooted in 2 Peter 1:3–11. Come worship, be inspired, and discover how God has equipped you to build a life that thrives for His glory.

Bring a friend and let's grow together!

The Mt Zion "Summer Singers" - 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.

HAPPY JULY 4TH WEEKEND

July 4th is celebrated as Independence Day in the United States to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, which declared the 13 American colonies independent from Great Britain.

July 4th is celebrated as America's "Birthday".

Weekly Challenge

Dive into 2 Peter 1:5–7: *goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, love.* Prayerfully choose *one* virtue God is calling you to grow in this week.

- Self-control: Set a boundary, like guarding your words or limiting a distraction.
- Perseverance: Push through a challenge instead of quitting.
- Love: Show intentional kindness to someone, especially if it's a stretch.

Action Steps: Pray for guidance, write down one practical step, share with a friend for accountability, memorize a related verse (e.g., 1 Corinthians 13:4–7 for love), and act on it this week.

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 NEW July / August copies 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. We thank our sponsor Betty Thomas, a neighbor of Judy & Lou, who gave it in honor of her daughter Karen Thomas Nattans: “In appreciation for all the love, care and attention for me that she has given.”



WHAT’S ON THE SCHEDULE...

2025

- July Ushers: Fran Taylor & Melanie Stranix
- July 9th : Wednesday - Mt Zion Bus Trip to NOAH at Sight & Sound in Lancaster, PA
- July & August – Summer Break! There will be NO Fellowship during these 2 months.
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Mt. Zion Group Trip to SIGHT & SOUND In Lancaster, PA.

THIS WEDNESDAY - JULY 9, 2025 12:15pm - Depart Mt. Zion UMC

2:00pm - Estimated arrival at Sight & Sound (time for gift shop, concessions, etc.)

3:00-5:30 - "Noah" / 7:30pm - Return to Mt. Zion UMC

Feel free to bring food/snacks onboard the bus during travel time (as long as the bus is left clean & tidy), plus there are concession stands at Sight & Sound.

We will not be stopping for a meal.

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Usher & Fellowship Coordinators: Becky Knop & Melanie Stranix

*Meet
Our
Staff*

... SUNDAY FUNNIES



Two little boys were sitting together in a church during a wedding ceremony. As the couple said “I do”, one of the little boys leaned over to the other and asked, “I wonder how many wives can a man have?”

The second little boy looked at his friend like he was an idiot and said, “He can have 16 wives.” “How do you know that?” The first little boy asked. “Weren’t you listening? The priest just said it.

Four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer.”

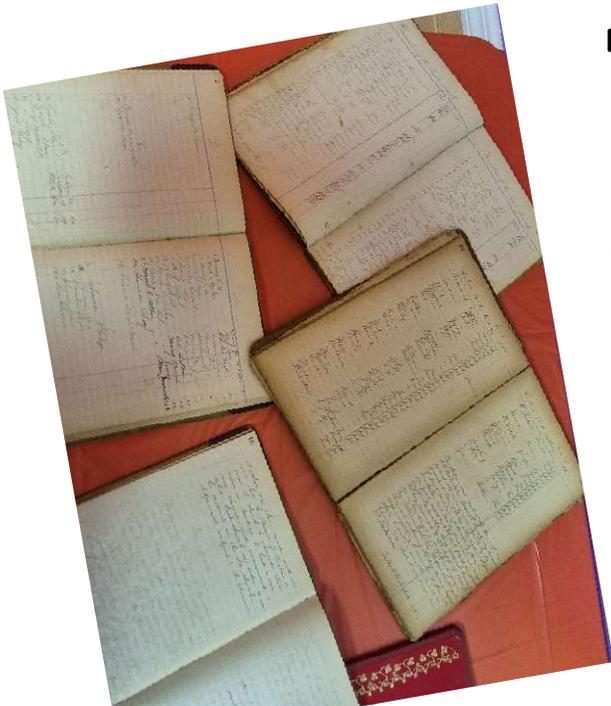
Did you know more people come by invitation than any other way?

Plan to invite someone to join us next Sunday.

Take a Stroll Down Memory Lane

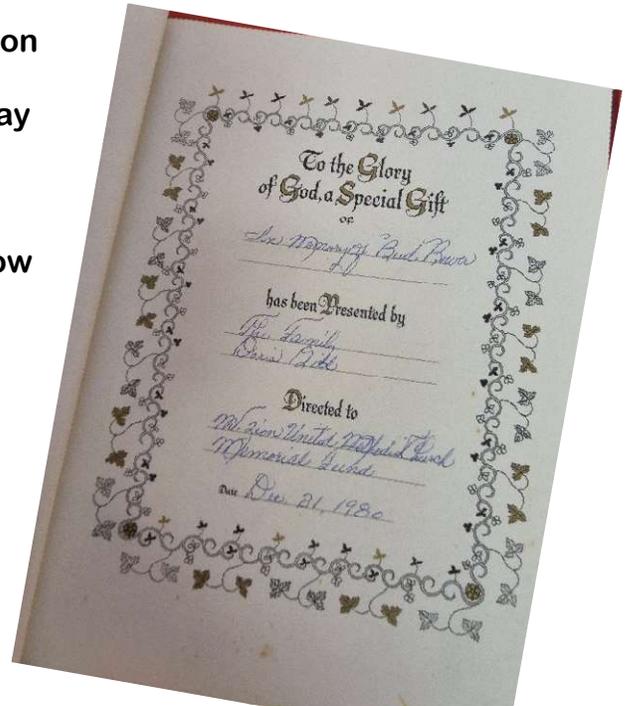
Some pictures from the "Take a Stroll Down Memory Lane" which is a collection of "historic pictures" of our church congregation. On Anniversary Sunday, Leslie & LaDonna went through our collection of pictures and created in our class room a museum of "I can remember" events.

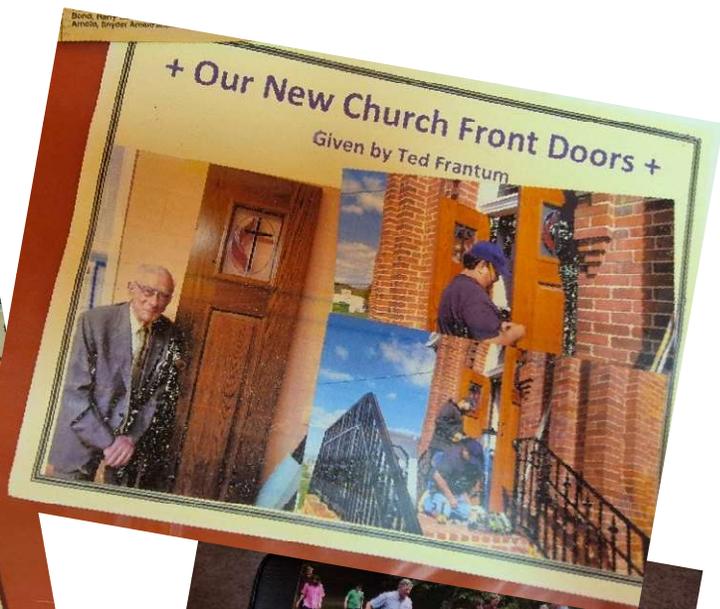
You can help! Do you have any "old" or historic pictures of events at Mount Zion, its people, a picture of the old parsonage, a historic picture of past Anniversary Sunday celebrations? If so, please contact Leslie Gabler. Many times families of past church members do not realize how valuable they are and discard them.



Mount Zion

Yesterday
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Today
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Tomorrow





“God bless America, land that I love,
 stand beside her and guide her
 Through the night with a light from above.
 From the mountains, to the prairies,
 to the oceans white with foam,
 God bless America, my home sweet home”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
 and to the Republic for which it stands,
 one nation under God, indivisible,
 with Liberty and Justice for all.