

# MT. ZION



Sunday March 2, 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.



**ASH WEDNESDAY** is THIS WEDNESDAY - March 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Service is at 5:00pm. (Note change of time)  
Please join us to celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 40-day Lenten season leading up to Easter.  
Invite someone to worship with you

**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

THE **UPPER ROOM**  
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



## SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER – MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>

Pancake & Sausage Dinner

Tuesday starting 5:30pm til 7:30pm in the Social Hall

This event is open to Mt. Zion Family & Friends

The dinner is free. A love gift is appreciated. An item for the "Goat" is also appreciated. See form in today's bulletin. Deadline is TODAY, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE...

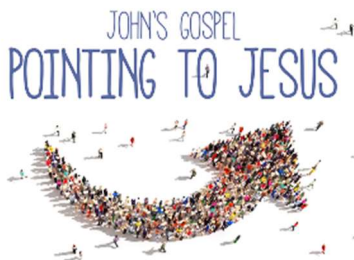
- **March Ushers: Shirley Loveless & Eddie Wessel**
- **March 4<sup>th</sup>: Shrove Tuesday – FREE Pancakes & Sausage – 5:30pm til 7:30pm. Must RSVP**
- **March 5<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday – Service 5:00pm.**
- **March 9<sup>th</sup>: Fellowship Sunday – Morrissa Vollmerhausen & Barb Hayes Coordinators**
- **March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>: Bible Study – 6:30pm in the Social Hall**
- **April 17<sup>th</sup> : Maundy Thursday 4:00pm / April 18 – Good Friday 5:00pm**
- **April 20<sup>th</sup> : Easter Sunday 10:00am. Invite someone to join you!**
- **May 3<sup>rd</sup> : Mt Zion Spring Fling – Crafts & Flea Market – 8:00am til 2:00pm.**

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

## Join Us for Bible Study led by Pastor Shawn

Theme: "All Signs Point to Jesus"

The Gospel of John is not a random collection of events from the life of Jesus. The apostle John purposely chose signs that underscore the person of Christ.



- *The Sign of His Grace*                      *John 4:46-54*                      (Mar 12<sup>th</sup>)
- *The Sign of His Authority*                *John 5:1-11, 17-20*                (Mar 19<sup>th</sup>)
- *The Sign of His Provision*                *John 6:1-15*                      (Mar 26<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in our Social Hall. Classes are always open. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith and worship alongside your Mount Zion family. **Everyone is welcome!** Bring a friend or family member as we dive into God's Word together. The Holy Bible is our foundation—let's study and worship together!

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

Shepherd's Staff is in need of **Hats, Scarves, Mittens and Gloves**. Kids thru adult size. **All Purpose Cleaner, Feminine Pads, Dish Soap, laundry detergent, Shampoos and Body Wash**. Please leave them in the Goat. See Barb Hayes if you have any questions about this.



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

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

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

Adults: \$115 Children (ages 3-12): \$72

(Prices include show tickets and bus fare.)

We will not be stopping for a meal but we can bring food/snacks for the bus ride and there is concessions at the theatre. All are welcome to participate. See Pastor Shawn for details.

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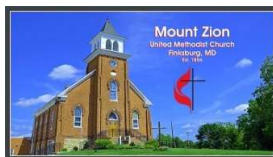
*Meet  
Our  
Staff*

## SUNDAY FUNNIES .....

This pastor decided to skip church one Sunday morning and go play golf. He told his assistant that he wasn't feeling well. He drove to a golf course in another city, so nobody would know him. He teed off on the first hole. A huge gust of wind caught his ball, carried it an extra hundred yards and dropped it right in the hole, for a 450 yard hole in one. An angel looked at God and said "What'd you do that for?" God smiled and said "Who's he going to tell?"



**Mount Zion's Journey of Faith + You are invited to journey with us !!  
Save for information, dates and opportunities!**



**Since 1856**



**Our Lenten Journey takes us to the Resurrection, New life in Christ & Easter!**

**Easter Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunrise Service Rain or Shine 7:00 p.m.**

**Service of the Resurrection 10.00 a.m.**

**For congregational worship information please call our Pastor**

**Shawn Vollmerhausen 410-790-5214**



Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, March 5<sup>th</sup> with a **5:00 p.m.** worship service in our sanctuary (note time change)

Let's think of Ash Wednesday as the first big step on a journey.

We hope you are ready to get started.

Our trip is two-fold.

Each Lent certainly is a journey with Christ as he heads faithfully to the cross in our place. But we also begin – on Ash Wednesday and every day – on a journey through Christ into the world around us and on his behalf. God has a calling, a purpose, a destination in store for me and you and for all of us. From the moment God formed us, from the instant God breathed life into our bodies we have been called by God.

Many faith-growth opportunities: Sunday morning congregational worship 10 am, Ash Wednesday worship 5pm. Free daily devotional booklets (Upper Room & Lent), Pastor's Bible Study, Holy Communion (can't get to the church? We will come to you (301-351-6689), Monthly Second Sunday fellowship following worship, and the list goes on.



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## **A Lenten Thought**

“Since the early days of the Church, Lent has been a time for those who follow Jesus to turn back to God, especially by doing these things: praying, and worshiping, fasting and giving to those in need. Of course, we should always pray, control our appetites, and help the poor and those in need. But in Lent, we do these things to remind ourselves of three things: Our sins, God’s great love for us and the New life in Jesus that we have received in our baptism.

Jesus, help me remember what Lent is all about  
Turn my life toward you this Lenten season. “



## **Fellowship Sunday**

Next Sunday following morning worship - Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>  
Second Sunday fellowship following congregational worship  
For more information, please contact Becky Knop or Melanie

Again, this year we have special Lenten devotional booklets + They are free + Take one to a family!

Our appreciation to LaDonna Schemm who donated these booklets in Loving memory of her husband and honoring her family.



## **Sunday morning congregational worship**

Make congregation worship a vital part of our Lenten Journey to Holy Week and Easter.

Put Sunday mornings on your personal schedule.

Worship is a key to growing in the faith.

Why not reach out and invite a neighbor, family member or a friend to worship with you



*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!*