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# MT. ZION

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Sunday March 30, 2025

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**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.



## The Fourth Sunday in Lent: Life Is Calling

This fourth Sunday in Lent, we explore how turning to God in confession lifts us from the darkness of sin into His marvelous light. Drawing from John 3:14-21, Ephesians 2:1-10, and Psalm 107, we are reminded that God sent His perfect Son for our imperfect souls, seeing us not as our failures, but as His redeemed children. Through real stories of transformation—like a man freed from addiction and a family sustained through loss—we discover the gratitude that flows from grace. Come ready to lay your burdens down and lift your voice in praise!

**Did you know more people come by invitation than any other way?  
Plan to invite someone to our Easter Service on April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**The March / April Upper Room daily devotional guide** is now available. 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

## WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE...

- March Ushers: Shirley Loveless & Eddie Wessel
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> : Bible Study – 6:30pm in the Social Hall
- April 13<sup>th</sup> : Fellowship Sunday - Joyce Lowe & Bonnie Moores
- April 17<sup>th</sup> : Maundy Thursday 5:00pm / April 18 – Good Friday 5:00pm
- April 20<sup>th</sup> : Easter Sunday 10:00am. Sunrise Service 7:00am.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> : Mt Zion Spring Fling – Crafts & Flea Market – 8:00am til 2:00pm.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> : Fellowship Sunday – **We NEED coordinators for this Sunday!**

## HELP PROMOTE OUR EASTER SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

Like our Facebook page and follow along with new posts related to Mt. Zion UMC Finksburg. There is an EASTER post image at the top on our facebook page ready to share, related to an open invitation for others to join us for our Easter service. Just go to the page and share.

[www.facebook.com/mtzionumcfinksburg](http://www.facebook.com/mtzionumcfinksburg)

## Plan Ahead: Holy Week and Easter 2025



As we journey through Lent, prepare for Holy Week and Easter! We begin with **Palm Sunday, April 13, at 10:00 a.m.**, celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry. Then, on **Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 5:00 p.m.**, join us for a service of reflection and communion. On **Good Friday, April 18, at 5:00 p.m.**, we'll honor Christ's sacrifice. Celebrate the resurrection on **Easter Sunday, April 20: a Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.** with Pastor Lou, followed by **Easter Worship at 10:00 a.m.** with Pastor Shawn. Come walk this sacred path from the cross to the empty tomb with us!

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!

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

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

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

**Adults: \$115 Children (ages 3-12): \$74**

(Prices include show tickets and bus fare.)

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

**Place payments into a clearly marked envelope "NOAH Tickets" and put in collection plate.**

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Usher & Fellowship Coordinators: Becky Knop & Melanie Stranix

*Meet  
Our  
Staff*

**We are grateful that the faithful are supporting the ministry of Mount Zion!**



In the "Year 2025" we need \$2154 each week to meet our Operating Expenses (current expenses).  
For the year 2025 we are \$1322 BELOW our yearly need.  
Our average worship attendance for all of 2025 is 39.3

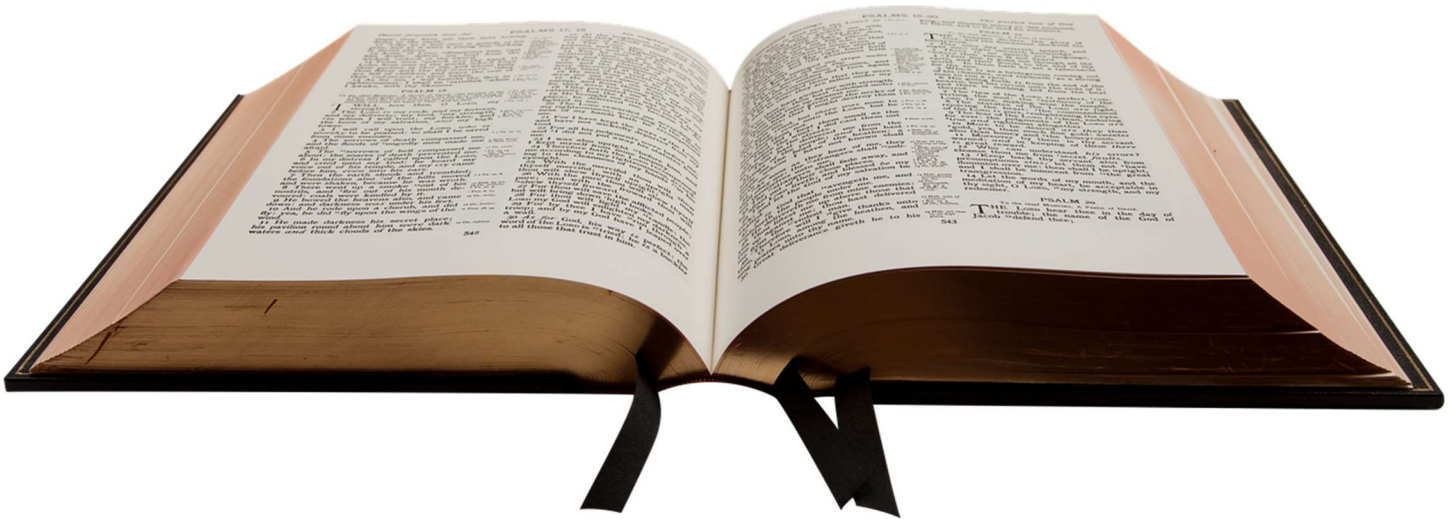
## **USHERS & FELLOWSHIP COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED**

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.

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.



## You're Invited to Our Bible Study – A Journey Like No Other!

We'd love for you to join us for a Bible study that's a little different from what you might remember growing up. This isn't just about reading the Word—it's about bringing it to life in ways that connect deeply with our hearts and our world today.

Here's what makes our time together special:

- **Diving into Scripture:** We dig into God's Word with curiosity and purpose, uncovering its timeless truths.
- **Sharing That Matters:** Through group questions, we share our own life stories, seeing how God's Word weaves through our experiences to inspire and encourage one another.
- **Virtual Holy Land Adventures:** Picture yourself walking where Jesus walked! We take virtual field trips to the Holy Land, exploring the places that shaped the stories we love.
- **A Multimedia Experience:** With videos, music, and more, we bring fresh perspectives to our study.
- **Connecting to Today:** We tie God's Word to current headlines and stories, discovering how it speaks to our lives right now.

**This week**, we're diving into "The Sign of His Light" John 9:1-11, 30-33

Ever wonder what it takes to *really* see? This week, we dive into an incredible moment from John 9—Jesus healing a man born blind. It's more than a miracle; it's a sign pointing straight to who He is. Through dust, spit, and a command to wash, Jesus doesn't just open the man's eyes—He reveals a light no darkness can dim. Join us as we explore how only through Jesus can we truly see the world, ourselves, and God's power at work. Get ready for a story that's messy, miraculous, and full of meaning!

We meet every **Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall**. Come as you are—no prior experience needed, just an open heart. We'd be thrilled to have you with us! For more details or to RSVP, feel free to reach out to Pastor Shawn.

Looking forward to exploring this journey together!



Some thoughts as you prepare for Holy Week  
Kneeling in Jerusalem + Ann Weems +

Holy Week is the lead-up to the most important reversal in human history when Christ was raised from the dead.

We have nothing against Jerusalem, in fact it's the place to be on a sunny Easter morning. It's Golgotha that we fear And yet we've been to church enough to know that the way to Jerusalem leads though Good Friday. Keeping the covenant means keeping covenant under a cross, As well as by an empty garden tomb. What we'd like to do of course, is wave palm leaves and shout Hosanna and then rest up for the Hallelujah Chorus. We dismiss the others as religious fanatics, Who wallow in the woe of Holy Week. O Lamb of God, Lamb of God, Lamb of God feed us! Have mercy upon these O God, Have mercy upon us all!

"Lent is a time to take the time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us a time to let the events get up and walk around us, a time to intensify our living unto Christ, a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts, a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem, or walk along the sea and listen to his word, a time touch his robe and feel the healing surge through us, a time to ponder and a time to wonder. Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!

When the people of God gather for worship the whole earth trembles and the angels sing.

O God, we pray this day, for all who have a song they cannot sing,  
For all who have a burden they cannot hear,  
For all who live in chains they cannot break,  
For all who wander homeless and cannot return,  
For those who are sick and for those who tend them,  
For those who wait for loved ones and wait in vain,  
For those who live in hunger, and for those who will not share their bread,  
For those who are misunderstood and for those who misunderstand,  
For those who are captive and for those who are captors,  
For those whose words of love are locked within their hearts,  
And for those who yearn to hear those words,

# Easter Love 2025



Please Print:

Name of the Person(s) you wish to Honor:

Name of the Person(s) you wish to Remember:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to support our Mission Fund, make your check out to **Mount Zion UMC** and clearly mark it "**Mission Fund**". Do not send cash in the mail. Deadline Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Give to Mark Hemler or Mail to Mount Zion UMC  
Easter Lilly List 2025 P.O. Box 511 Finksburg, MD 21048