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**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 finish our "STAND" series with a powerful message on standing firm through prayer and perseverance! Based on Ephesians 6:18-20, we'll explore how a daily rhythm of prayer keeps us rooted, alert, and connected in life's battles. Expect inspiring stories, like Nehemiah's unwavering faith and modern testimonies of perseverance, plus practical steps to deepen your prayer life. Come ready to be encouraged to stand strong in God's strength!

## Weekly Challenge: Build a Rhythm of Prayer

Build a rhythm of prayer and pray with perseverance—not just for yourself, but for others.

### Practical Steps:

1. Set three prayer alarms—morning, mid-day, and evening. When they go off, pause and intentionally reconnect with God through praise, confession, thanksgiving, or intercession.
2. Make a list of three people to pray for daily: someone close to you, someone hurting, and someone leading (like a pastor, missionary, or community leader).
3. End each day with this simple prayer: "God, keep me standing. Keep me alert. Keep me close."

**Our annual CHURCH PICNIC will be at Mt. Zion this year on Sunday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service. There will be sign-up sheets for what will be needed and who is interested and who is not interested in attending. Grandparents' Day is Sunday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup> and we also would like to celebrate this special day at the picnic. Bring your children, grandchildren and guests, however, we need to know how many will attend. Our picnic will also include an Ice Cream Social, so please plan to join us on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. Worship Service begins at 10 a.m. with the picnic immediately following.**

**If you are not at Sunday service but wish to attend just call Becky Knop to reserve your spot 410-979-3509.**

## CHURCH MEETINGS

Church Council: Sept 16

Meeting is open to all

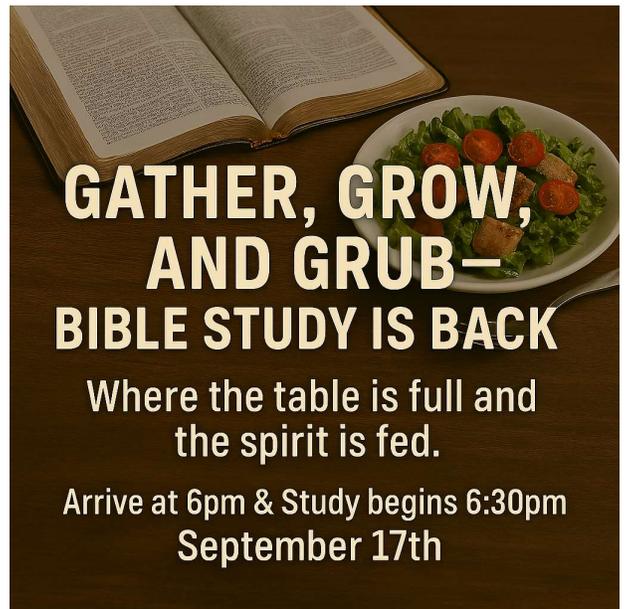
In the Social Hall @ 7:00pm – Tuesday

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! [Newest Video 8-21-2025](#).

## USHERS & FELLOWSHIP COORDINATORS

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.



## GATHER, GROW, AND GRUB – BIBLE STUDY IS BACK

Where the table is full and  
the spirit is fed.

Arrive at 6pm & Study begins 6:30pm  
September 17th

The **UPPER ROOM daily devotional guide** for September/October is available today in both regular and large print. We courage all of our people to take advantage of this daily Christian guide for daily living. Copies can be mailed out if you are unable to get to the church building (301-351-6689). We still need sponsors for the November/December edition. If you are interested call the phone number. Thank you for your support.

## WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE 2025 .....

- September Ushers: Melanie Stranix & Shirley Loveless
- September 17: Bible Study starts – See details above – Contact Pastor Shawn for details
- September 14: Church Picnic (at Church) Becky Knop & Melanie Stranix Coords
- September 16: Church Council Meeting 7:00pm
- October 24: Trunk or Treat at Mt Zion 6:00pm – 8:00pm

### The Shepherd's Staff is in need to School supplies:

Backpacks, Pocket Folders,  
1" Binders, Wide-ruled Composition Notebooks, Wide-ruled Filler Paper, Colored Pencils,  
3x5 Post-It Notes, Dividers, 3x5 Ruled Index Cards, Markers & Highlighters, 24ct Crayons,  
Pink Block Erasers, Rulers.

### Festival of Trees: Needs various items for their trees.

See Barb Hayes for details or to donate 410-596-1483 or [bbhayes@verizon.net](mailto:bbhayes@verizon.net)  
See flyers in previous Weekly's

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

Usher & Fellowship Coordinators: Becky Knop & Melanie Stranix

*Meet  
Our  
Staff*



**Mount Zion United Methodist Church – Finksburg + Since 1856  
169 Yeas of Faithful Service to our Lord and to the Community**

## **The Table of the Lord**

Jesus was to have his final meal with his disciples. We call it by many names, the Last Supper, the Holy Communion, Eucharist, the Lord’s Table. The Holy Meal. Sundays at Mount Zion are always special but the first Sunday of every month is “very” special. Jesus said “do this in remembrance of me.” By partaking of the bread and the cup we remember that Jesus gave himself for me and you. Please make every effort to worship with your faithful sisters & brothers. If you cannot come to the church building call one of our Pastors and we come directly to you. Our thanks to church member Mary Ellen Barnes for donating communion funds for many years in loving memory of her husband Kenny.

## **Annual Church-Wide Picnic.**

On the “Second Sunday” of the month, September 14<sup>th</sup> immediately following morning worship we gather to fellowship together. This month the fellowship time is also our annual picnic. Good food, strong fellowship and this month we have our annual “ice-cream social.” Arrange your schedule so you can be with us. For more information please call Becky Knop 410-979-3509 or Melanie Stranix 410-294-6488.

## **Grandparent’s Day**

Bring your grandchild to church on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> A special children’s message. A wonderful time to bring our own family and our church family together.

## **Wait No Longer!! – 2026 Calendar**

Wait no longer, your special Mount Zion 2026 calendar has arrived. Get your copy now! Get a copy for your neighbor or family member. If you cannot get to the church building call 301-351-6689 and we will bring one to you. Once again our thanks to LaDonna Schemm for making them available in memory of her husband and in honor of her family.

**“Gather, Grow and Grum – Our church-wide Bible study with Pastor Shawn begins again on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Plan to come a few minutes early at 6.30 p.m. and enjoy some light food fellowship. Our study is based on “where the table is full and the Spirit is fed.” John Wesley, founder of Methodism in 18<sup>th</sup> century England reminds us that we are called to be “people of the book (the Bible).”**

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!

## **Faithful Worship Attendance**

There is a Bible passage that goes *“Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some,” (Hebrews 10.24)*. Faithful congregational worship attendance is critical and is the foundation of our Christian life together.

## **Our Community Service Fund**

When asked why she supports and contributes to our Community Service Fund the response was “because I know where my financial gift is going. There are so many causes and requests. We often hear how some people were taken because the people wanting our finances are putting it into their own pockets. I know this special church mission/outreach fund helps those in our own church and in our growing community.”

## **Your Help is Needed**

We need volunteers to help with Sunday morning worship ushers and also Second Sunday fellowship coordinators. Give a call to Becky Knop 410-979-3509 or Melanie Stranix (410) 294-6488 and get some “no-obligation” information on how you can help your church

## **Always Available**

Our pastors, Lead Pastor Shawn and Pastor Emeritus Lou, are always available if you have personal needs, illness, hospital, accidents, or home visits. At the same time if you are unable to reach one of them you can call LaDonna Schemm, Chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Her phone number is 410-812-0262. Please call her cell phone number and if she does not answer LEAVE a message. She will get back to you ASAP.

## **Our Profession of Faith**

Our United Methodist ritual asks our faithful members and even committed friends of the Mount Zion congregation to affirm these words: “Will you faithfully participate in the ministries of the local church by (1) your prayers, (2) your presence (3) your gifts (4) your service and (5) your witness.

## **Daily Reading to Deepen Your Faith**

Our pastor encourages all of our people to deepen their faith. Faithful Bible study is one way. Another is to read the free daily devotional guide called “The Upper Room.” Thanks to sponsors it is available without charge in both a regular and large print edition. The September/October edition is available now. If you are unable to get to the church building please call 301-351-6689 and one will be brought to you.

Our thanks to Dave Landis for sponsoring the current edition. We need a sponsor for the November/December edition and we also have openings in 2026.

## **Finance Faithfulness**

Our Finance Committee urges all of our people to use free church offering envelopes. This means even if you miss a Sunday your support of the church goes on. We are grateful! Call our Financial Secretary Mark Hemler for information 410-299-7517. New envelopes will be coming soon for 2026.