

Mount Zion
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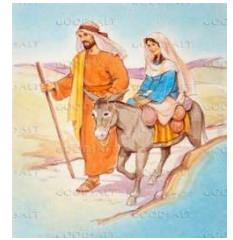
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Mount Zion Weekly

Sunday December 15, 2024



Advent Week Three – Our journey of faith continues

We're journeying to Bethlehem alongside Mary and Joseph, and we hope you'll join us! If you haven't yet, we invite you to worship with us this Sunday. Our arrival is just 10 days away. Don't miss our weekday Wednesday evening Bible study with Pastor Shawn, a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith together. Bring a family member, neighbor, or friend to worship with you—we'd love to see you all there! If you're searching for a church home, Pastor Shawn would be happy to share more information. At Mount Zion, everyone is welcome!



Christmas Eve Worship at Mount Zion, Two services of worship. An afternoon worship service at 3:00 p.m. and an evening candle light service at 9:00 p.m. Plan to worship now on this very special evening as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus.
Invite someone to worship with you.

Advent Two weeks ago, our worship theme was "Hope," and last Sunday, it was "Peace." Today, on the third Sunday of Advent, our focus is "Joy."

One of our favorite Christmas hymns declares, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come." The "joy" we celebrate is an inner, unshakable joy rooted in our faith—a joy so profound that nothing can separate us from the love of God. This true joy gives us the strength to navigate life's dark moments and face challenging situations with resilience and hope. We invite you to worship with us and deepen your faith by reading your daily devotional guide each day. Let's walk this journey of joy together!

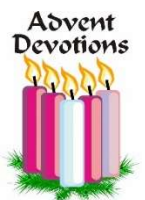


Third Sunday of Advent



Remember & Honor those that you love. Included with the Mount Zion Weekly is your opportunity to remember or honor your loved ones this Christmas season. We will feature the list in our Christmas Eve worship bulletin. The deadline to submit is **December 18**, and we encourage all members and friends to participate. Simply fill out the form on the last page of this handout or use the online link provided in our email for quick and easy submission. This is a free and meaningful way to celebrate those you hold dear. Don't miss this special opportunity!

We have a special Advent daily devotional booklet available free, and we hope you will read it every day during this special season. Free copies are in the vestibule. If you are not able to get to the church building, please call 301-351-6689 and we will deliver one to you. Our Pastor wants everyone to have a copy. Good meaningful reading.





You are invited to get two items “free” from our church. You can get an “official” church pen. Second, you can be the first to get your “official” 2025 church calendar. Thanks to LaDonna Schemm.
See one of the ushers or call 301-351-6689 and we will get it to you.

We need **USHERS** for the months of Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June.
We also need **FELLOWSHIP COORDINATORS**. Can you help with one of these months? See Melanie Stranix or Becky Knop.



..... **SUNDAY FUNNIES**



The church service was over, and the pastor stood at the door shaking hands with the people as they left. A woman shook his hand and said, “I have a concern about your Hymn selections here. Every time I come you people sing the same two songs. You either sing Silent Night or He Arose.”
(I bet you can tell how often she attends church) ☺

Finance & Attendance

In the “Year 2024” we need \$2136 each week for our Operating Budget
Last Sunday we received \$731 BELOW our Operating Expense
2024 average Sunday attendance: 37 / Last Sunday’s attendance: 49



Did you know that most people attend because they were personally invited?

Plan now to invite someone to Christmas Eve service Dec 24th 3pm or 9pm.



Meet Our Staff...



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**Did you call or send a card to a homebound or shut-in this week?
For more information, please contact one of our Pastors.**



CHRISTMAS CARDS may be deposited on the designated table for distribution within the congregation. The table is located in the Social Hall.
Do you need a church directory to mail out cards directly yourself?
See Peggy James 410-259-4881, peggyjames47@gmail.com

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

Sharing Your Love at Christmas

Our "Poinsettia" Love List 2024



Poinsettia "love" has always been important to the people of Mount Zion

This year we will do it similar to last year.

Instead of purchasing individual Poinsettias as we have done in the past.

The Altar Team will purchase them to decorate the altar of our church.

You can share names "free of charge" names of those you would like to honor or those you would like to remember at this special time of the year. We will publish those names in the Christmas Eve worship service hand-out!

The "ABSOLUTE" dead line is Wednesday December 18^h. Please use the "official" form at the bottom of this sheet or call Mark 410-299-7517 (Leave voice mail for a call back if no answer)

If turning in form in person, give to Mark Hemler

See your email that includes an online form to instantly submit your information

Official Form for our Poinsettia Love List Christmas 2024



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 Email address:

If you would like to support our Mission Fund, (this is optional / not required) make your check out to **Mount Zion UMC** and clearly mark it "**Mission Fund**". Do not send cash in the mail.

Mail to: Mt Zion UMC

Poinsettia List 2024 ... Post Office Box 511 ... Finksburg, Maryland 21048