



Mount Zion Weekly

Sunday December 22, 2024



-- Advent Week Four --

Our journey of faith + we are almost there!

If you haven't been journeying with us it is not too late. Mary & Joseph are on the way from the north country Nazareth to the little town of Bethlehem in the south. Their arrival is only three days away. We urge you to read Biblical accounts of the nativity: In Matthew 1.18-25. In Luke 1.1-2.20. Refresh your memory even if it is for the first time. Contact Pastor Shawn about our "on going Bible study." A wonderful opportunity to grow in faith together. Bring a family member, neighbor, or friend to worship with you on Christmas Eve—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 Our worship themes over the last three Sundays were (1) Hope (2) Peace and (3) Joy. Today the fourth Sunday of Advent, our focus is on "Love". In understanding the Nativity of Jesus "Love" is the key word. John (3.16) said it best "God loved the world so much God gave his only son." Read in John (15.12) Jesus said "this is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you" or (I John 3.16) "We know love by this that Jesus laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for one another." Because I have believed and accepted the love of God I can now reach out to others (even the unlovable) in that same love. Celebrate Love by living a life of Love!

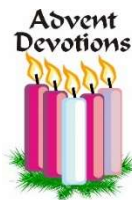


This morning is absolutely the last day you can remember or honor those that you love. See Mark Hemler today and give him your information. Simply fill out the form on the last page of this bulletin. This is a free and meaningful way to celebrate those you hold dear. If you reading this before Sunday, although the deadline has passed you can call Mark 410-299-7517 TODAY!

Pick up your 2025 Church Envelope Box on the back pew near the Sound cabinet!



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.



Church Meetings @ 7:00pm

Finance/Trustees Tuesday, January 7th Bill Tighe Chair
Church Council Meeting Tuesday, January 21st Dan Armacost Chair



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.



Finance & Attendance

In the "Year 2024" we need \$2136 each week for our Operating Budget
Last Sunday we received \$767 BELOW our Operating Expense
2024 average Sunday attendance: 36.9 / Last Sunday's attendance: 33



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



Meet Our Staff...



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Trustees & Finance Chair: Bill Tighe Lay Leader: Jerry Knop

**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 or picked up at the designated table for 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

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" deadline TODAY! 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.

***Help Us Promote Our
Christmas Eve Services
Throughout The Community***



***CHRISTMAS EVE
TUESDAY - DECEMBER 24, 2022
Mt. Zion UMC - Finksburg, MD
3:00PM & 9:00PM
(9:00 Candle Light Service)
IF YOU USE FACEBOOK
PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING***

Go to our Mt Zion facebook page at
www.facebook.com/mtzionumcfinksburg
and find the image that looks like this one.



It should be at the top of the page.
Click the share link under the picture and share it on your
own page and/or share it to a community page.
This helps to spread the word and invite others to attend our services.

Please invite a family member, friend or neighbor to
worship with you.

If you have not been back to Mount Zion to
worship recently this is a wonderful time to
"come home" and worship with us.