

Mount Zion
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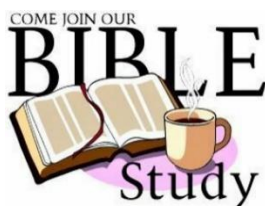
Mount Zion Weekly

Sunday January 26, 2025



Welcome to our church! 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!

As we gather for the worship of God, we welcome you! If you are visiting with us this morning or searching for a church home, we encourage you to connect with Pastor Shawn. For those who are already part of our church family, we are delighted to have you with us today! If you want to receive our weekly mailing, please call 301-351-6689.



Join Us for a New Bible Study Led by Pastor Shawn!

Theme: "Our Worship of God"

Explore the meaning and depth of worship through these inspiring topics:

- *The Inspiration for Worship* – Psalm 25:4-15 (January 29th)
- *The Attitude in Worship* – Psalm 40:1-11 (February 5th)
- *The Benefits of Worship* – Psalm 63:1-11 (February 12th)
- *The Lifestyle of Worship* – Colossians 3:1-5, 12-17 (February 19th)
- *The Gathering for Worship* – Hebrews 10:19-25; 13:12-15 (February 26th)

It's not too late to join us! **When:** Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. **Where:** Fellowship Hall Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith and worship alongside your Mount Zion family. For more information, see Pastor Shawn on Sunday morning or call 410-790-5214. **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!

Mount Zion Cares! Last Sunday our congregation gave \$200.00 in support of the devastating fires in California.

Though Mount Zion is a small congregation, we deeply care. We are blessed to be part of the United Methodist Church and its incredible program, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Thanks to the Mission Fund supported by all congregations 100% of your donations go directly to those in need.

To contribute, please use the special offering envelope attached to this weekly guide. You can also give by mail. Make your check payable to "Mt. Zion UM Church," clearly mark it "Fire Damage," and send it to: **Mount Zion UM Church - Post Office Box 511 - Finksburg, MD 21048.** For more information, please call 301-351-0668. Through YOU, Mount Zion makes a difference!



Upcoming Church Meeting - Rescheduled

Church Council Meeting Tuesday, January 28 - Dan Armacost Chair

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

Meet Our Staff...

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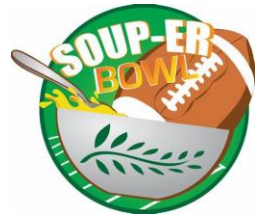
Website & Facebook Page: Kathy Giroux / Lay Leader: Jerry Knop

Worship Technology & Today's Weekly: Mark Hemler / Video: Peggy James

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

Usher & Fellowship Coordinators: Becky Knop & Melanie Stranix

Our annual "Soup-er Bowl" Sunday is coming! Following morning worship on Sunday, February 9th. If you can bring a crockpot of soup, or if you can bring something like (saltine) crackers or desserts please see or call Melanie 410-294-6488 or Becky 410-979-3509.



Volunteers are needed to handle our **FELLOWSHIP** Sundays throughout the year. We are asking that refreshments be kept simple...cookies, cake, fruit salad. The church will always provide drinks and chips. Our Fellowship is meant to be a time for sharing and friendship. There will be a few "special" Sundays throughout the year in addition to our Soup-er Bowl Sunday February 9th. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please reach out to Melanie or Becky.

THE **UPPER ROOM**
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

As we begin this new year, we encourage everyone to commit to a *daily faith devotion*. This practice will help us grow deeper in our faith in God and our Lord Jesus while providing guidance for our daily lives. The Upper Room devotional for January/February is available free of charge in both regular and large print editions. You can pick up a copy at the church or call 301-351-6689 to have one delivered directly to your home.

Finance & Attendance

In the "Year 2025" we need \$2154 each week for our Operating Budget.

Last Sunday we received \$1775 BELOW our Operating Expense

2025 average Sunday attendance: 37 / Last Sunday's attendance: 17 (Snow Day)

WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE...

- January Ushers: Bonnie & Bobby Graham.
- January 28th - Church Council Meeting Tuesday 7:00pm ... Dan Armacost Chair
- January 29th – Bible Study in Social Hall 6:30pm, Join us anytime!
- January 28th - End Of Year Giving's Statements will be sent out in the mail
- February 5th, 12, 19, 26 – Bible Study in Social Hall 6:30pm, Join Us Anytime!
- February Ushers: Allen & Jeri Rhodes
- February 9th - Soup-er Bowl Sunday Fellowship: Becky Knop, Melanie Stranix
We're looking for volunteers to bring soups and desserts.
- March 5th Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent)
- April 20th - Easter Sunday