

**Mount Zion**  
A United Methodist Congregation  
+ Since 1856 +

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## Mount Zion Weekly

Sunday November 17, 2024



### The worship of God is foundational ... ... for the people of Mount Zion.

At the same time we value Christian fellowship like we have every second Sunday of the month following morning worship. It is essential for God's people to worship and fellowship together. Welcome to regular worshippers, and to those who "have returned home" to new friends. For over 168 years Mount Zion has been a "welcoming" congregation. Not only in Sunday morning but how we reach out to those unable to get to the church building. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to see Pastor Shawn and learn more about being a friend or even a member of the congregation.

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**Make plans now** to worship God on the eve of our National Day of Thanksgiving. We have been truly blessed as a people and as a nation. It is right and fitting that we should take time from our busy schedule and worship with us on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Two worship opportunities: Mid-Day at 12 Noon and

Evening at 7:00pm. Please remember if you are too busy to give thanks maybe you are too busy!

"Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. Suddenly, so many things become so little when we realize how blessed and lucky we are". (Joyce Graud)

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### The Pain & Suffering is Still There!

Even though you haven't heard lately much about the disaster in Western North Carolina IT IS STILL THERE. Homes lost. Families who have lost everything personal. And most important lives lost. Many of you have financially contributed to help those in need through our own (UMCR) United Methodist Committee on Relief.

The special offering on Thanksgiving will go to this disaster relief. If you are willing to go the extra mile in disaster relief, please make out your check to Mount Zion UM Church and clearly mark it "Disaster Relief". Drop it off at the church or mail it to Mt. Zion UM Church PO Box 511, Finksburg, Md. 21048. If you need more information, please call 301-351-6689. This is an "ongoing" relief program so give whenever you can.

**So far Mt. Zion has given over \$ 3,486 to this cause.**

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**A SPECIAL DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP** will replace what was once our traditional Holiday Dinner that we had each year. We are asking for people to bring deserts. Everything else has been accounted for. See Barb Hayes 410-596-1483.

**The Sunday following our National Day of Thanksgiving** is often called “Thanksgiving Sunday”. The Sunday after that begins a whole new Christian Church season called “Advent”. This four Sunday season (begins on December 1<sup>st</sup>) helps us prepare once again for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus often called Christmas. Plan now to worship on all four Sundays. Our Pastor Shawn has secured a very meaningful booklet for daily Advent readings and it is free as a gift. Invite a family member or a friend to worship with you.



First Sunday of Advent

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**THE UPPER ROOM**  
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

**The NEW “Upper Room” for November/December** is available this morning. Or we can get a copy for you simply by calling 301-351-6689. It is given free of charge (regular or large print) by Charles & Inez Beckhardt in memory of our parents Louis & Theresa McClelland and Charles & Naomi Beckhardt and Lillie Daugherty. Also, LaDonna Schemm in memory of her husband George and in honor of her children George W. Schemm, and Michael & Lisa Schemm and her grandchildren Aubrey & Colson.

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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.

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**Church Meetings:** Church Council: Nov 19 - 7:00pm. In the Social Hall. Open to all! Contact Dan Armacost, Chair, for more information

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We need **USHERS** for the months of Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June.  
We need **FELLOWSHIP COORDINATORS** for Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June.

Can you help with one of these months? See Barb Hayes.

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### **SUNDAY FUNNIES .....**

Did anyone notice that Jesus Christ, talking to 5,000 people at once without a microphone and such, was in of itself a Miracle? NO? .... We just focus on the bread. But we all do love bread! 😊

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**CHRISTMAS CARDS** may be deposited in the designated box for distribution within the congregation beginning the first week of December. Box is to be located in the Social Hall. Do you need a church directory to mail out cards directly yourself?

See Peggy James 410-259-4881

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## Meet Our Staff...

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+ Our Pastor: Shawn Vollmerhausen +

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Church Email: MtZionUMCFinksburg@gmail.com Church Office: 410-517-2300

Director of Music: Leslie Gabler November Ushers: Becky Knop & Joan Tighe

Website & Facebook Page: Kathy Giroux / Chair Church Council: Dan Armacost

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

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

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**Men's Community Prayer & Communion Breakfast.** The men (of all ages) of Mount Zion have been invited to attend the annual men's breakfast hosted by the Glyndon UM Church and the Reisterstown Kiwanis Club. Sunday morning, December 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00am to 8:40 a.m. Let's have a good turnout from our church. Reservations are requested to Gary Beck 443-250-1243 or [garybeck@glbconcrete.com](mailto:garybeck@glbconcrete.com).

See Pastor Lou for more information.

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### Finance & Attendance

In the "Year 2024" we need \$2136 each week for our Operating Budget  
Last Sunday we received \$ 1032 BELOW our Operating Expense  
2024 average Sunday attendance: 36.7 / Last Sunday's attendance: 37

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### The Shepherd's Staff

Mt. Zion has always been diligent in providing donations for Shepherd's Staff & feeding our Goat. Currently they need School Supplies and items for the Festival of Trees.

Please continue to support them.

Just a note – we will collect School Supplies all the time. When the students run out of what they are given at the beginning of the year they come back asking for more.

If you have questions about either School donations or Festival of Trees, see Barb Hayes

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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.**

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**Church Directory:** We have recently updated our Mount Zion church directory. If you would like a copy, it is free. You can either email Peggy James (who keeps it up to date-thank you!) at [peggyjames47@gmail.com](mailto:peggyjames47@gmail.com) and she will email a copy that you can print. Or, you can call 301-351-6689 and ask for a copy and we will print it and get it to you.



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

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**Did you know more people come by invitation than any other way?  
When was the last time you invited someone?**

**\*\*\*\*\* CHURCH TEXT FROM MT ZION \*\*\*\*\***

In order to help reduce SPAM text's from unknown persons, NEW safeguards are being rolled out in order to receive a TEXT from organizations these days.

The is beyond our control.

You may receive a TEXT from Mt Zion someday. It is a request for a double opt-in by confirming you wish to allow TEXT from us. Simply reply with YES in caps.

If you did not yet receive this message just text START to 87447.

Then reply YES again to the confirmation message.

This will tell our TEXT system to include you for any TEXT that we send out.

**PLEASE DO SO ASAP!**

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**We are collecting NEW children's pajamas for kids  
hospitalized with cancer!**

**Infant to Teens**

**Please give NEW children's pajamas to Barb Hayes  
by Monday, November 25, 2024.**



Pajamas will be donated to Josh's Jammies, a non-profit organization that collects new pajamas for children with cancer. Pajamas are donated to children hospitalized at Sinai Hospital, Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, and University of Maryland Hospital's NICU and PICU units.

For more information, visit [www.joshsjammies.org](http://www.joshsjammies.org).

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# Prayer List

## Mount Zion Cares



Please help us keep our list up to date!

We remove names after 30 days unless told otherwise.

Report any needs or concerns to Pastor Shawn 410-790-5214 or Leslie Gabler 443-793-6516,  
Barb Hayes 410-596-1483, bbhayes@verizon.net or Pastor Emeritus Lou.

David Anderson  
Peggy James  
Judith Biovjorro  
Val McNeal  
Sharon Briggs  
Lois Pulket  
Mikie Conrad  
Allen & Geri Rhodes  
Matthew Davis  
Brennen Summers  
Jean Gartrell  
Jane Unger  
Barb & Bob Hayes  
Chris Vollmerhausen  
Jeanette Holbert & Family  
Cliff Yingling

Diane Gavalik  
Anna Biebl  
Mathew Major  
Marty Brown  
Joe Otto  
Martha Carter  
David Richards  
Tracey Davidson  
Nancy Strong  
Barb Diaz  
Robert Tighe  
Dick Haught  
Michelle & Vance Valway  
Don Hennessee  
Robert Wells  
Carol, Fran, Jan

Nicole Beeson  
Elizabeth Kirby  
Peggy Bosley  
Rev. Dr. Laura Lee Morgan  
Dick Carter  
The Ulrich Family  
Charles Cooper  
Jenny Stranix  
Olivia Davis  
Joan Tighe  
Cindy Grabow  
Rick Valway  
Chrissy Hithner  
Robert Wade  
Dick Carter  
Marilynn, Susan

### Home Bound

#### **Pat Murphy**

138 Lassiter Circle, Finksburg, 21048

#### **Tommy DeMoss**

Westminster Health Care, #221 1234 Westminster Rd., Westminster, MD. 21157

#### **Virginia "Ginny" Hoy**

5060 Harney Road, Taneytown 21787