

Mount Zion
A United Methodist Congregation
+ Since 1856 +

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Mount Zion Weekly

Sunday November 24, 2024



No matter your background or the language you speak,

our "National Day of Thanksgiving" is a beautiful chance to come together in gratitude for God and our nation. Everyone is welcome in the house of God. Join us for worship, or if you can't make it to the church, take a moment on Thursday to give thanks wherever you are. If you're seeking a church home, we warmly invite you to meet Pastor Shawn to learn more about becoming a friend or even a member of our congregation.



Thank You, LORD!

Through the years our Creator has faithfully guided our church through good times and bad. If you are not able to get to the church building, then take a moment to worship wherever you are.

"Let's be grateful for what we have. Let's be mindful of those who have less and appreciate those who hold a special place in our lives, and make sure that they know it."

+ Mount Zion Cares +

Over the years, the Mount Zion church family has consistently stepped up to respond to disasters across our nation. The recent devastation, including in Western North Carolina, remains a pressing concern for many followers of Christ. Thankfully, we have UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), an organization where 100% of every donation directly supports those in need. Many of you have generously contributed to aid these efforts, and your support is deeply appreciated.



So far, the members & friends of Mount Zion have contributed \$ 3,486 to this cause. The special Thanksgiving offering will be dedicated to disaster relief efforts. If you feel led to contribute, please use the designated "Thanksgiving Offering Envelope." Make checks payable to Mount Zion UM Church and clearly note "Disaster Relief" in the memo line.

Donations can be dropped off at the church or mailed to:

Mount Zion UM Church
PO Box 511
Finksburg, MD 21048

For more information, please call 301-351-6689. This is an ongoing relief effort, so your support is welcome anytime you are able to give.

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

The Four Sunday season called “Advent” was established by the Christian church hundreds of years ago. It is designed to help us prepare once again for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus. We are asking all of members and friends to make congregational worship a “must” during these important days. This year the Advent season begins on the first Sunday of December, the 1st. It is also a very special day as we “break bread” together. Our Pastor Shawn has secured a special Advent daily devotional guide, “2024 A Calendar of Devotions”, which will be available that morning. If you are unable to attend congregational worship let us know 301-351-6689 and we will bring a devotional guide (free of charge) directly to you.



A SPECIAL Church Wide DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP will replace what was once our traditional Holiday Dinner that we had each year. The second Sunday of December immediately following morning worship. We are asking for people to bring desserts. Everything else has been accounted for. See Becky Knop 410-979-3509. Plan now to attend!

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.

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 Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June. We also need **FELLOWSHIP COORDINATORS** for Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June. Can you help with one of these months? See Barb Hayes.

SUNDAY FUNNIES

Hmmm... Some people say they can’t trust the Bible because “it’s written by man” but then turn around and trust newspapers, science journals, horoscopes, and fortune cookies. Ya gotta wonder! ☺



Finance & Attendance

In the “Year 2024” we need \$2136 each week for our Operating Budget
 Last Sunday we received \$ 1290 ABOVE our Operating Expense
 2024 average Sunday attendance: 37 / Last Sunday’s attendance: 34



**Did you know that most people attend because they were personally invited?
 When was the last time you extended an invitation to someone?**

Meet Our Staff...

+ Our Pastor: Shawn Vollmerhausen +

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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

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 8th 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.

See Pastor Lou for more information.



Finance & Attendance

In the "Year 2024" we need \$2136 each week for our Operating Budget
Last Sunday we received \$???????? our Operating Expense
2024 average Sunday attendance: 36.7 / Last Sunday's attendance: 34



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

**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 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

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 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.



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

WE NEED YOU TO DO THIS TODAY!

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

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

This 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 have not received 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!

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.



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+ A Unique Worship Opportunity+

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2650 Strawbridge Lane New Windsor, Maryland 21776

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SUNDAY, DEC. 1st or Dec. 8th, 2024 at 4 P.M.



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Cookies & Hot Punch in the Visitor Center following the service.

Limited seating – Please scan QR Code

Or

Call the curator at 443-389-0191

To reserve your seat!

www.StrawbridgeShrine.org

Dress warmly – It was cold in 1760



For more information see Pastor Lou 301-351-6689



Glyndon United Methodist Church

In Conjunction with

Reisterstown Kiwanis Club

Invite your male members to a
Community Men's Communion Breakfast

Sunday December 8, 2024

7:00 AM until 8:30 AM

Pastor Gary Sheffield-James

of Glyndon United Methodist Church

will speak at the breakfast & give the communion

Freewill offering

Please RSVP for a headcount

Gary Beck garybeck@glbconcrete.com or 443-250-1243

Glyndon United Methodist Church

4713 Butler Road Glyndon, MD. 21071

If you wish to carpool from Mt Zion UMC To Glyndon and back

Contact Lou Piel 301-351-6689 or julo1@verizon.net

Prayer List

Mount Zion Cares



Because
we care

Please help us keep our list up to date!

We remove names after 30 days unless told otherwise.

Report any needs or concerns to any one of the following

Leslie Gabler 443-793-6516 leslie.gabler@gmail.com

Pastor Shawn 410-790-5214; Barb Hayes 410-596-1483; Pastor Emeritus Lou 301-351-6689

David Anderson	Diane Gavalik
Nicole Beeson	Peggy James
Anna Biebl	Elizabeth Kirby
Judith Biovjorro	Mathew Major
Peggy Bosley	Val McNeal
Marty Brown	Rev. Dr. Laura Lee Morgan
Sharon Briggs	Joe Otto
Dick Carter	Lois Pulket
Martha Carter	The Ulrich Family
Mikie Conrad	David Richards
Charles Cooper	Allen & Geri Rhodes
Tracey Davidson	Jenny Stranix
Matthew Davis	Nancy Strong
Olivia Davis	Brennen Summers
Barb Diaz	Joan Tighe
Jean Gartrell	Robert Tighe
Cindy Grabow	Jane Unger
Dick Haught	Rick Valway
Barb & Bob Hayes	Michelle & Vance Valway
Don Hennessee	Chris Vollmerhausen
Jeanette Holdert & Family	Robert Wade
Carol, Fran, Jan	Robert Wells
Carol, Fran, Jan	Cliff Yingling
Marilynn, Susan	Julie Chamberlain

Home Bound

Pat Murphy

138 Lassiter Circle, Finksburg, 21048

Tommy DeMoss

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

Virginia "Ginny" Hoy

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