

Mount Zion
A United Methodist Congregation
+ Since 1856 +

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Mount Zion Weekly

Sunday September 29, 2024



If you lived here you would be home now. The other day we saw this sign promoting a new housing development. The key word was “home.” Home means a place where it is warm, a place where you are accepted just like you are. A place where you are comfortable. We like to feel that Mount Zion is that kind of place. Although our people come from many different directions the one thing that binds us together is the love of Jesus and that results in loving one another. In many ways for 158 years, we have been “home”. If you are looking for a church congregation we invite you to see our Pasto Shawn and learn more about becoming a friend or even a member.

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Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday. For followers of Jesus around the world this is a very important Sunday as we “break bread” with Christians around the world. It is always on the first Sunday of October. **We are asking “all” of our members & friends to come together next Sunday morning as we celebrate the Holy Communion with sisters & brothers in many different countries and in many different ways.** There is a beautiful hymn in our UM hymnal that goes like this “Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring.” We invite and urge you (if you can get to the church building) to worship with us. Rememembr, if you cannot get to the church building we can bring the Holy Communion to you (free of charge). Contact Pastor Shawn 410-790-5214 or Pastor Lou.

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Our church Rt. 140 road sign. Who keeps our church road sign exciting and up to date? Thanks goes to Bill Tighe who changes the letters on a regular basis and to Pastor Shawn who provides some of the wording. Did you see the most recent one? Something like “*Our church is like fudge, sweet with a few nuts?*” Another one was “*The Lord wants you to be the person your dog thinks you are*” If you have suggestions share them with Bill.



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Our new church altar kneeling pad. Thanks to a gift from LaDonna Schemm we now have new kneeling pads given in memory of her husband George. There are five of them and were custom made under the supervision of Dan Armacost by Wilhide Draperies. They add a lot of beauty to the altar area especially on Sundays when we celebrate Holy Communion.

We are grateful.

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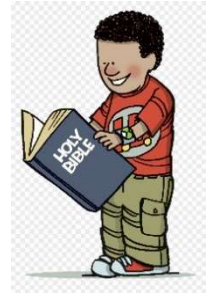
Health News

You can now order your FREE 4 Covid test kits at: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

The Holy Bible is the foundational document of our Christian faith.

That is why we encourage our people to read and study the Holy Scriptures. Often people will say "I would like to read the Bible but I don't understand it."

There are now many good and up to date translations and paraphrases available. Many have good foot notes to help understand Biblical passages and compared to older translations are much easier to read and understand. One new translation is "The Westminster Study Bible" from the reliable John Knox Press. It is based on the popular New Revised Standard Version-Update Edition. We want our people to read and understand the Bible. See one of our Pastors for more information on Bible translations.



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We are now in the Autumn season!

The fall months offer us a special invitation to deepen your commitment to worship every Sunday. Don't forget that the ministry & outreach of Mount Zion continues every day.

Please worship faithfully and financial support the church and its ministry.

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SUNDAY FUNNIES...

Cop: What's in the bottle?
Lady: Just some water
Cop: Ma'am that's wine.
Lady: WOW! Jesus did it again.



Meet Our Staff...

+ Our Pastor: Shawn Vollmerhausen +

Phone: 410-790-5214 Email: shawnvollmerhausen@gmail.com

Director of Music: Leslie Gabler September Ushers: Bonnie & Bobby Graham
Website & Facebook Page: Kathy Giroux / Chair Church Council: Dan Armacost
Worship Technology & Today's Weekly: Mark Hemler Video: Peggy James
Lay Leader: Jerry Knop

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Church Directory Update: We have an update on 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.

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NEW! We now have an official church email

mtzionumcfinksburg@gmail.com

It is monitored daily and all emails forwarded to the appropriate person related to the subject matter.



Our Financial Status

In the "Year 2024" we need \$2136.49 each week for our Operating Budget
Last Sunday we receive \$97.17 BELOW our Operating Expense

2024 average Sunday attendance: 37.3 / Last Sunday's attendance: 34
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Did you know more people come by invitation than any other way?

MT. ZION - GIVING ONLINE OR TEXT

- Give safely
- No need to handle the offertory plate
- No special APP needed
- Give one time or set up recurring gifts
- Use credit / debit card or bank ACH transaction
- Fast, Easy and Safe!
- Instructions included on link

For Questions or Help: Mark 410-299-7517 / Mark.Hemler428@gmail.com

ONLINE: mtzionumcfinksburg.breezechms.com/give/online

TEXT: (410) 204-2194



NEW TIME!

The Church Council has voted to officially change the start time of
our Sunday Services to 10:00am starting today!

The videos will start to play at 9:55am

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The Shepherd's Staff

Mt. Zion has always been diligent in providing donations for
Shepherd's Staff and 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 in 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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The Upper Room daily devotional guide is available this
morning for the months of **September / October**. We have
regular print and large print. If you are unable to get to
the church building, please call 301-351-6689 and one will
be delivered (no charge) directly to you. Our appreciation
to Willa Kensinger Johnson in memory of loved ones & in

honor of her family and Tom & Melanie Stranix in memory of Tom's brother Jim, & in honor of
their family for making these fine devotional booklets available free of charge.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
3006 Old Westminster Pike,
Finksburg MD
Friday, October 25th / 6 - 8 pm

FOOD TRUCK COSTUME CONTEST



**EACH TRUNK OR TREATER, PLEASE BRING AT LEAST 1
NON-PERISHABLE ITEM TO BE DONATED TO OUR LOCAL
FOOD PANTRY.**

RAIN DATE - MONDAY 10/28 / 6 - 8 PM

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

Patsy Ash

Robert & Sandy Bicksler

Judith Biovgorro

Peggy Bosley

Marty Brown

Sharon Briggs

Martha Carter

Rev. Joel Conklin

Mikie Conrad

Tracey Davidson

Matthew Davis

Olivia Davis

Barb Diaz

Marilyn Estep

Jean Gartrell

Diana Gavilak

Sandra Hawkins

Bob Hayes

Don Hennessee

Jeanette Holbert & Family

Peggy James

Matthew Major

Val McNealgy

Richard Minnerly

Rev. Laura Lee Morgan

Allen Rhodes

Gerri Rhodes

David Richards

Joan Tighe

Robert Tighe

Michelle & Vance Valway

Bobby Wells

Christopher Vollmerhausen

Nancy Strong

Fran, Carol

Jan, Marilynne

Susan, Rich

Nalea Richardson

Baby Nevaeh

Home Bound

Pat Murphy, 138 Lassiter Circle, Finksburg, 21048

Tommy DeMoss, Westminster Health Care, #221 1234 Westminster Rd., West. 21157

Virginia "Ginny" Hoy, 5060 Harney Road, Taneytown 21787

Ginny had a fall and is recovering at Encompass Health Rehab

1850 Normandie Drive; York, PA 17408

(443) 918-8042

The Westminster Lions Club

is collecting new pillows and child-themed, twin-size bed sets, bedspreads, blankets, and pillowcases. These items will be donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit dedicated to building beds for children in need.

The organization helps ensure that kids don't have to sleep on the floor.

Donations are due no later than Thursday, November 7.

Contact Barb Hayes to assist in making a donation.

bbhayes@verizon.net

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