



Welcome to Mt. Zion! 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!

If you are visiting with us this morning or searching for a church home, we encourage you to connect with Pastor Shawn. Please fill out a green "Information Card" found in the pew holders in front of you. Drop it into the collection plate or give to Pastor Shawn when you leave today.

Join Us for Worship

Join us this Sunday! "The Ascension: A Charge to Share the Gospel." We'll explore Acts 1:1-11, where Jesus' ascension marks not the end but the beginning of the Church's mission to share His love worldwide, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Through Scripture, and a call to live boldly as Christ's witnesses, we'll be inspired to carry His message from our neighborhoods to the ends of the earth.



Come worship with us as we celebrate our risen King and embrace His mission together!
All are welcome—bring a friend and let's lift our hearts in praise!



This Morning We Break Bread Together

We "break bread" in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We set the Communion Table but Jesus is the "Host". He is the one who invites "all" to the Table to eat and drink. If you cannot get to the

church building or you are homebound or in a nursing home PLEASE contact one of our Pastors and we will bring the Communion directly to you.

The **May / June Upper Room daily devotional** is sponsored by Bill Tighe "in honor of my soul mate and the love of my life". They are available in both a regular and large print edition. It is free thanks to our sponsors. We urge you to make use of it. If you are not able to get your copy at the church please call 301-351-6689 and one will be brought to you free of charge.



ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY is NEXT SUNDAY! – RED is the color of the day
Are you attending the Fellowship? Please RSVP By Wednesday, June 4th
Call or email LaDonna: 410-812-0262 or LSchemm1358@gmail.com

Please plan to attend and join us for Mt Zion's 169th Anniversary
As Anniversary Sunday is rapidly approaching, a list of requested foods for the luncheon is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up today!

Please consider making a dish or dessert to share.

See Becky Knop or Melanie Stranix with questions.

Let's make this a special fellowship day!

Ushers & Fellowship coordinators needed: See Becky or Melanie for details.

The Mt Zion **“Summer Singers”** will be starting on Sunday June 18th. During the summer months, anyone who would like to sing during the special music time of Sunday worship is invited to join us. We will learn short choruses at 9:15 each Sunday morning. Music will be provided. These choruses will be easy to learn and add just a little extra to worship while the Faithful Few are resting for the upcoming fall session.

We are grateful that the faithful are supporting the ministry of Mount Zion!



In the “Year 2025” we need \$2154 each week to meet our Operating Expenses (current expenses).
For the year 2025 we are currently \$381 ABOVE our yearly need.
Our average worship attendance for all of 2025 is 40.2

WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE...



- June Ushers: Bobby & Bonnie Graham
- June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th: Bible Study – 6:30pm in the Social Hall
- June 8th: Mt Zion’s 169th Anniversary Sunday – Fellowship Sunday – **Wear RED**
- July 9th: Wednesday - Mt Zion Bus Trip To NOAH at Sight & Sound in Lancaster, PA

A Mt. Zion Group Trip to SIGHT & SOUND In Lancaster, PA.

12:15pm - Depart Mt. Zion UMC

2:00pm - Estimated arrival at Sight & Sound (time for gift shop, concessions, etc.)

3:00-5:30 - "Noah" / 7:30pm - Return to Mt. Zion UMC

Feel free to bring food/snacks onboard the bus during travel time (as long as the bus is left clean & tidy), plus there are concession stands at Sight & Sound.

We will not be stopping for a meal.

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

Usher & Fellowship Coordinators: Becky Knop & Melanie Stranix

*Meet
Our
Staff*

... SUNDAY FUNNIES



Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he flipped through the old pages in the part that tells of Adam & Eve. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was a big old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages.

"Grandma, look what I found," he called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" she replied.

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

Why Should I Worship God on My Church's Anniversary Sunday?

Answer #1

Because for over 169 years the people of Mount Zion have faithfully proclaimed the “good news” of Jesus and faithfully supported the Finksburg & beyond community!



Answer #2

Because our Anniversary Sunday is also the Celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost!

If possible, wear red!

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all gathered in one place and suddenly from heaven there came the sound like the rush of a violent wind and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues as of fire appeared among them and a tongue rested on each one of them, all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts of the Apostles 2.1 ff (Read the rest in your Bible)

Answer #3

Because all of us as the “people of God” will gather around the table for our “famous anniversary luncheon.”

We break bread together



Fellowship Meal

Note: It would help if you would call LaDonna Schemm and let us know that you are coming (by Wednesday) 410-812-0262



Seventeen things you should know about Mount Zion

1. 1856: April 19 - A group known as the “Finksburg Congregation” belonging to The Methodist Protestant Church (MP) makes plans for a church. A plot of land was purchased across the road (Old Westminster Pike) from the present church.
2. 1869: A 30 ft x 40 ft brick church was completed.
3. 1869: Since the congregation had outgrown the small church, four acres were purchased for a new church and cemetery. July 5 1896 was the last meeting in the old church and construction on the new church began July 15, 1896. The old building was torn down in such a manner to make it possible to reuse the old bricks and lumber in the new building. The corner stone was laid August 20, 1896. During construction, services were held in the George W. Horner store – the two story brick building – directly across the road from the present church.
4. 1909 July 22: A 1,000-pound bell was hung in the steeple. The bell was purchased from the McShane Bell Foundry.
5. 1918: Lighting was added to the church and parsonage which was powered by a Delco generator.
6. 1925: Electric lines were extended Reisterstown to Finksburg. The church and parsonage were rewired and electric lights were installed.
7. 1939: The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Methodist Protestant Church merged. The name of our church was changed to Mt. Zion Methodist Church. Question: When and why did our church take the name of “Mount Zion.” If you know please share it with Dan Armacost.
8. 1946: Numerous meetings were held with the Maryland State Roads Commission concerning a right-of-way for a four-lane highway between the church and the cemetery. The condemnation proceedings case was then held in the Circuit Court of Carroll County resulting in Route 140 separating the church building from the cemetery grounds.
9. 1958: The first Semi-Annual Pancake brunch was originated by the Clarence Kaylor Bible class. This event continued until the pandemic about four years ago.
10. 1958: A new organ was installed in the sanctuary.
11. 1961: March 28 A meeting was held to make plans for an addition to the church. This was to include a social hall, kitchen and additional Sunday school space.
12. 1962: On June 17 the cornerstone for the new addition was laid on the 93rd Anniversary Sunday, and on Oct 28 the new addition was dedicated.
13. 1968: The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church were united to form The United Methodist Church.
14. 1981: The first elevator was installed helping to make the sanctuary more accessible.
15. 1992 A new Allen organ with expanded features was installed in the sanctuary.
16. Mid 90’s: A new commercial elevator was installed.
17. 2017: The church parsonage building which had fallen into disuse, was torn down making room for additional parking.

If you can add to “Things You Should Know” please contact Dan Armacost