

Mount Zion
A United Methodist Congregation
+ Since 1856 +

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Mount Zion Weekly

Sunday November 3, 2024



We remember last Christmas ...

when we sang “Joy to the World”. One of our worshippers said *“I wish there was joy in our world and people would learn “joyfully” how to live in peace with one another”*. Maybe the best way to start is to have “joy” in the church where, different though we might be, to live in the joy of Jesus our Lord. Maybe, just maybe, we are called to set the example of “joy to the world”. For over 168 years Mount Zion has been a “welcoming” congregation. 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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Celebrating the Holy Communion is a wonderful way to celebrate the “saints of God” who have gone on to their eternal reward and to the “saints of God” still living today. As William W. How wrote in his great hymn (711) “For All the Saints” – *“For all the saints who from their labors rest, thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine.”* Lesbia Scott wrote in her great hymn (712) *“I sing a song of the saints of God, they lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still, and I mean to be one too.”*

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The “Trunk or Treat” event held in our church parking lot was a “Wow” event! About 20 cars opened their trucks not only with candy but many creative holiday designs. Pastor Shawn estimated that over 57 children, many from the neighborhood, came to celebrate with us. Our thanks go out to many people who made the evening a success. From the planning, promotion, games, food and just plain “fellowship”! Thank you! Let’s do something like that again – soon!



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This Coming Sunday, November 3rd we remind you to set your clocks one hour back. Thus, you gain one more hour of precious sleep. See you in congregational worship.
Wide awake!

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... **SUNDAY FUNNIES**

The Oldest Computer Was Owned By Adam & Eve.
It Was An Apple With Very Limited Memory.
Just 1 Byte And Everything Crashed!

For over 18 years our local “Community Service Fund” has been helping those in our congregation and in the community with pressing needs. In a time when we aren’t sure where our money goes YOU KNOW when you support this vital local program you are helping some person or family in need. Please use the attached envelope. If you are not able to get to the church building you can mail your gift – made out to “Mt. Zion UM Church, Post Office Box 511, Finksburg, Md. 21048



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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 \$ 1486 to this cause.

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

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Veterans Day, Next Sunday, November 10th. As part of morning worship, we honor all of those who have served in the United States military. Please see Leslie Gabler to make sure we have not missed a name. Thank you.

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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

Finance & Trustees: Nov 12 (2nd Tuesday, this month only)

Church Council: Nov 19

Open To All

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We need **USHERS** for the months of Nov, 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.

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

Lay Leader: Jerry Knop

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Our Financial Status

In the "Year 2024" we need \$2136 each week for our Operating Budget

Last Sunday we received \$ 697 BELOW our Operating Expense

2024 average Sunday attendance: 36.7 / Last Sunday's attendance: 30

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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 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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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 YES 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.

**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.



October 31, 2024

To the Members, Friends, and Supporters of Mount Zion UMC.

During the months of June and July I performed the annual review of the finances of the Community Service Fund for 2023. In October, I performed the annual review of Mt. Zion's general financial accounts for 2023. All funds were handled in a safe and proper manner with documentation that was available to follow for my review.

In my opinion, your financial contributions to Mt. Zion are in good hands and are well protected.

Copies of my audit report have been given to those individuals designated to receive a copy for their review and information.

It is my opinion; both accounts are being handled in compliance with the general policies outlined by the Baltimore/ Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The following people were instrumental in making sure the funds received and disbursed were properly handled and accounted for: Bob Hayes, Church Treasurer, Jim Mirfin/Bill Tighe Finance Chairs. Mark Hemler Financial Secretary, Barb Hayes, Community Service Fund and Rev. Dr. William Louis Piel Pastor Emeritus Community Service Fund.

So, when you see any of the individuals named above, you may just want to say, "thank you."

Blessing

**Charles A. Beckhardt, Jr.
Review Auditor**

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 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
Elizabeth Kirby
Peggy Bosley
Rev. Dr. Laura Lee Morgan
Joe Otto
Mikie Conrad
Allen & Geri Rhodes
Olivia Davis
Robert Tighe
Jean Gartrell
Cindy Grabow
Barb and Bob Hayes
Fran, Jan, Marilyn, Susan
Chrissy Hithner
Diane Gavalik

Peggy James
Judith Biovorro
Val McNeal

Martha Carter
David Richards
Matthew Davis
Joan Tighe
Marilyn Estep
Michelle and Vance Valway
Christopher Vollmerhausen
Robert Wells
Jeanette Holbert & Family
Dick Carter
Anna Biebl

Nicole Beeson
Matthew Major
Marty Brown
Sharon Briggs
Lois Pulket
Tracey Davidson
Nancy Strong
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