

Mount Zion
A United Methodist Congregation
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Mount Zion Weekly

Sunday October 13, 2024



The other day we were chatting with friends about our United Methodist theme

“Open hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.” Although we may have our own opinions about many things, we need to listen to what others are saying. One person said “that is why God gave us two ears and only one mouth” – we need to listen before we speak. Maybe this is what it means that we are an “open door” church. It means we are “open” to others in how we welcome people, especially those who are new. It is good to have you worshipping with us today. If you are looking for a church congregation, we invite you to see Pastor Shawn and learn more about becoming a friend or even a member.



Today, Sunday, October 13th is not only our “Second Sunday” fellowship following morning worship but also Pastor appreciation Sunday.

This is a special Sunday. We give thanks for our Pastor Shawn, his wife Morrissa and son Noah. Fellowship time is also an opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones.

Refreshments are provided by Judy Beck and Judy Piel.

Please plan to join us!

Why should I support our Disastor Relief’ offering?

As followers of Jesus here is one major reason why we should support disaster relief though our United Methodist Committee on Relief: **Here is why!** “Inside the town that storm nearly wiped off the map – Chimney Rock, North Carolina – In just a few minutes nature undid most of what it had taken humans a century and a quarter to build in the North Carolina mountain town. Nearly 400 miles from where Hurricane Helene made landfall September 26 along Florida’s Big Bend the hamlets of about 140 souls on the banks of the Broad River had been all but wiped from the map. The banks of restaurants and gift shops that boasted riverfront balconies dangle ominously in midair. The buildings along Main Street while still standing are choked with several feet of reddish –brown muck. In another section of town, the homes that weren’t swept away perch precariously near the edge of a scoured riverbank. Literally this river moved – we saw a 1,000-year event. A geological event.” **If you have been blessed, please prayerfully consider being a blessing for others in need. Last Sunday our people gave \$636 for relief. Can we go a step further? Can we reach \$1,000?** If you are willing to go the extra mile, please make your check to Mount Zion UM Church, and clearly mark it “Disaster Relief.” Drop it off or mail it to Mt. Zion UM Church, Post Office Box 511, Finksburg, Md. 21048. If you need more information, please call 301-351-6689. This is an “on-going” disaster relief drive so give whenever you can.



Road Construction Did you notice the road work (by the #140 sign) on the road leading out of our church parking lot? The section of the exit road was in bad condition. Our thanks to Mark Tingler & Bill Tighe for making the “curve” safer and better looking. Also, our appreciation to Mark for cutting down the old tree on the church property and for Bill & Teresa for cleaning up the debris.



Mark down the date and plan to come! Friday evening, October 25th 6-8 p.m. in our church parking lot. Costume contest. Food truck coming. We need those willing to decorate their trunks and give out candy! We have 100 people interested in attending so trunks are needed. Let's have a good turnout. Support this project of our church. Help promote it especially with families with children. A very good chance of publicity for our congregation.

See LaDonna, Mo, Leslie or Megan
Rain date Monday, October 28th 6-8 p.m.



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.



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.

Health News

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

Church Meetings

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

Church Council: Nov 19

Open To All

SUNDAY FUNNIES...

Found in a Church in France... (translated)

“When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear ‘the call of God’. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your cell phone. Thank you for turning off your phones during service. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him in person, send Him a text while driving”.



Meet Our Staff...

+ Our Pastor: Shawn Vollmerhausen +

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Director of Music: Leslie Gabler October Ushers: Sundays 1 & 2 Roger & Megan Davis

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: 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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Our Financial Status

In the “Year 2024” we need \$2136 each week for our Operating Budget
Last Sunday we received \$268 BELOW our Operating Expense

2024 average Sunday attendance: 37.1 / Last Sunday’s attendance: 39

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

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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.**



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 financially support the church and its ministry.



Would you like to see past Mount Zion videos?

It's FREE and you do not have to sign in or sign up to watch.

Note: Some VPN's will force a sign in screen to appear. You must disengage your VPN in that case and refresh your screen.

[YouTube.com/MountZionFinksburg3376](https://www.youtube.com/MountZionFinksburg3376)

We currently have over 150 videos in our library.



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 - Patsy Ash - Elizabeth Kirby - Judith Biovjourro
- Val McNeal - Peggy Bosley - Matthew Major - Marty Brown - Rev. Laura Lee Morgan
- Sharon Briggs - Allen Rhodes - Martha Carter - Geri Rhodes - Mikie Conrad
- David Richardson - Tracey Davidson - Nalea Richardson - Matthew Davis
- Lois Pulket - Joan Tighe - Olivia Davis - Robert Tighe - Barb Diaz - Jean Gartrell
- Michelle & Vance Valway - Marilyn Estep - Robert Wells - Christopher Vollmerhausen
- Diana Gavilak - Nancy Strong - Sandra Hawkins - Fran, Jan - Bob Hayes
- Marilynne, Susan - Don Hennessee - Abby and Sandy Hummel
- Jeanette Holbert & Family - Allen Family - Cindy Grabow - Tina Bonilla - Nicole Beeson

Our sincere condolences to the family of Mark Murphy

Please keep the Brooks family in your prayers at the loss of Mike Brooks

We pray for everyone affected by the hurricanes.

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