

**Mount Zion**  
A United Methodist Congregation  
+ Since 1856 +

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# Mount Zion Weekly

Sunday October 20, 2024



## We talk about the word “welcome” but what does it really mean?

Try this definition. A “welcome” is a kind of greeting designed to introduce a person to a new place or situation and to make them **feel at ease**. The term can simply be used to describe the **feeling of being accepted**. Sometimes, if you want to show someone that they are really welcome you might use the phrase “you are more than welcome” or “you are very welcome”. For over 168 years Mount Zion has been a “welcoming congregation”. 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.

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**We are grateful** for the monetary response for our “disaster relief”. Many good people are still suffering and will be for a long time. You can still donate. Giving through our UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on relief) means every dollar given gets to its destination. Make out your donation to Mount Zion UM Church and clearly mark it disaster relief.



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.

**So far, Mt Zion has given \$ 1386 to this cause.**

## Next Friday Evening + Help us Promote + Plan to Attend!



**Mark down the date and plan to come!**

Next Friday evening, October 25<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm

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 28<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm



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.

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## *Meet Our Staff...*

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+ Our Pastor: Shawn Vollmerhausen +

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

Church Email: MtZionUMCFinksburg@gmail.com Church Office: 410-517-2300

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](mailto: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 \$128 ABOVE our Operating Expense



2024 average Sunday attendance: 37.2 / Last Sunday's attendance: 42

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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.**

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### **Church Meetings**

Finance & Trustees: Nov 12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, this month only)

Church Council: Nov 19

Open To All



## 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.

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## SUNDAY FUNNIES...

A pastor was 10 minutes into his sermon when he noticed his young son in the balcony with a pea-shooter. He was leaning over the balcony aiming, and popping people in the head. As the pastor prepared to deliver a very public scolding of his boy, the 7 year old son hollered out, "You keep preaching Dad, and I'll keep'em awake!"

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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.

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## Health News

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

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

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