

Mount Zion
A United Methodist Congregation
+ Since 1856 +

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Mount Zion Weekly

Sunday October 6, 2024



In the last community where we lived a number of residents displayed “welcome” signs in front of their homes. Some even went a little further with “welcome friends”. One family commented that “welcome friends” meant a stranger is a friend we haven’t met yet. At Mount Zion we once had a sign that read “enter a stranger and leave a friend”. For over 168 years we have had an “open door” policy meaning “all are welcome”. If you are one of our faithful regulars, we once again welcome you. If you are looking for a church congregation, we invite you to see our Pastor Shawn and learn more about becoming a friend or even a member.

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Today is World Communion Sunday. Today we join with Christians around the world “breaking bread together”. We affirm (UM Hymnal #548) *“In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide world.”* Please support our special offering. We thank you for being part of our worshipping congregation! Remember, 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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We urge you to support our church “disaster relief” fund.

As United Methodists we are “blessed” to have UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) where 100% of money given gets to those in need. The reason is that all salaries are paid from each church paying 100% of the mission asking (which Mount Zion has done for years).



The hurricane, tornadoes, and floods have ravaged North Carolina. Thank you for supporting neighbor to neighbor, packing cleaning kits, and offering financial gifts for unfolding needs,” said Bishop Connie Mitchell Shelton. “Our Western NC Conference family’s flooding is treacherous. We trust God is near as we enter into the suffering of our neighbors.” Please be generous in your giving. If you are in morning worship, please use the attached “Disaster Relief” offering envelope. If you are receiving this on email or by post office, you can donate this way: Write your check to Mt. 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.

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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.

Pastor APPRECIATION DAY

Next Sunday, October 13th is not only our “Second Sunday” fellowship following morning worship but also Pastor appreciation Sunday. We urge you to make every effort to attend morning worship even if you have not been regularly attending or have drifted away. This is a special Sunday. We give thanks for Pastor Shawn, his wife Morrissa and son Noah. This is also an opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones. Refreshments are provided by Judy Beck and Judy Piel. Plan to join us!

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Today we will be using for the first time our new altar kneeling pads. We appreciate the gift from LaDonna Schemm in loving memory of her husband George. They were custom made for us by Wilhide Draperies under the supervision of Dan Armacost. They add a lot of beauty, especially on Sundays like today when we celebrate the Holy Communion.



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THE UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

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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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...

A pastor giving a children’s sermon on vestments asked: “Why do you think I wear this collar?”
One kid answered: “Because it kills ticks and fleas for up to 30 days?”

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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 we have over 150 videos in our library.

Meet Our Staff...

+ Our Pastor: Shawn Vollmerhausen +

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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 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 \$1368 BELOW our Operating Expense

2024 average Sunday attendance: 37.1 / Last Sunday's attendance: 29

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

MT. ZION - GIVING ONLINE OR TEXT

- Give safely
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- No special APP needed
- Give one time or set up recurring gifts
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- 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



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.

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

We also need those willing to decorate their trunks and give out candy!
See LaDonna, Mo, Leslie or Megan



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
Judith Biovjorro
Peggy Bosley
Marty Brown
Sharon Briggs
Martha Carter
Mikie Conrad
Tracey Davidson
Matthew Davis
Olivia Davis
Barb Diaz
Marilyn Estep
Jean Gartrell
Diana Gavilak
Sandra Hawkins
Bob Hayes
Don Hennessee

Peggy James
Elizabeth Kirby
Val McNeal
Matthew Major
Rev. Laura Lee Morgan
Allen Rhodes
Geri Rhodes
David Richardson
Nalea Richardson
Joan Tighe
Robert Tighe
Michelle & Vance Valway
Robert Wells
Christopher Vollmerhausen
Nancy Strong
Fran, Carol, Jan
Marilynne, Susan
Jeanette Holbert & Family

Home Bound

Pat Murphy

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Tommy DeMoss

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