

Mount Zion
A United Methodist Congregation
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Open Hearts + Open Minds + Open Doors These important words are foundational to our United Methodist Church at Mount Zion. We believe that the “good news” of Jesus reminds us that we are called to have “open hearts” to all!

We are also called to have “open minds” – that does not mean empty minds – rather, open to God’s Holy Spirit. And finally, very important are the words “open doors”. Our church doors are open to all! We, at Mount Zion, stress that our “openness” is built on the faith foundation of our Lord and Savior. We welcome you! If you are an active member or friend, we thank you! If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to talk with our Pastor Shawn for more information. Come, and be part of the church family.

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Why is the Bible Important?

The Bible or often called “Our Holy Scriptures” is the foundational document for all believers. Most important it tells the story of Jesus. Even more so, it reminds us that Jesus does not live in the past but because of Easter and resurrection Jesus is with us NOW! Jesus said (Matthew 28.20) “I am with you always, to the end of the age”. The study of our “holy scriptures” is not boring! Rather it is joyful! The gospels give us the story of Jesus in four somewhat different accounts. The New Testament “letters” tell the story of the early church and offer ways on how to live “faithfully” in daily life. The Hebrew Scriptures or the “Old Testament” tell the history & story of the Jewish people. The prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah or Amos & Micah challenge us to go deeper into our faith.

PLEASE JOIN OUR STUDY GROUP NOW!!

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Faithful Worship 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.

From Our Pastor Shawn

Too many of us go through life without purpose or ever realizing God created us with a purpose in mind. Life can be mundane and even carry a sense of hopelessness, but that was never God's intent for us. **God created us with purpose, and when we discover that purpose in Christ, life takes on a meaning and richness the world can't offer.**



Over these study sessions, we're going to see the purpose for which God created us, how we can recapture that purpose, and what it practically looks like to live life with purpose.

Please Join Us! Pastor Shawn
Even though our study began last week our classes are "open attendance", everyone is welcome at any time.

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. in the classroom.

You do not have to be a member of Mt Zion UMC to participate.

Please let Pastor Shawn know if you are interested.

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

Remote participation via "Zoom" is also available.

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SUNDAY FUNNIES...

Think about this... It makes no sense that God would have told Noah to put 2 roaches and 2 termites on that boat. I'll bet they must have snuck on when Noah was not looking.

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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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OUR MT ZION WORSHIP CHOIR

Please prayerfully think about joining our Sunday morning worship choir. Choir rehearsals began this past Thursday, Sept 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This year, rehearsals are mandatory. If you would like to participate let our Director of Music Leslie Gabler know ASAP. Music folders are being compiled already. If Thursday evening is not a good time and you would like to be part of the choir, please speak to Leslie 410-876-9181 to make sure an alternate time can be planned for you to learn the music. Vacation time is important for all of us. If you have a date when you can't make a rehearsal, we will work it out. New members are welcome to join us at any time.



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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.

Meet Our Staff...

+ Our Pastor: Shawn Vollmerhausen +

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

Director of Music: Leslie Gabler September Ushers: Bonnie & Bobby Graham

Website & Facebook Page: Kathy Giroux / Chair Church Council: Dan Armacost

Worship Technology & Today's Weekly: Mark Hemler Video: Peggy James

Lay Leader: Jerry Knop

September Church Meeting 7:00 pm
Church Council This Tuesday, September 17th



Our Financial Status

In the "Year 2024" we need \$2136.49 each week for our Operating Budget
Last Sunday we received \$217.43 ABOVE our Operating Expense



2024 average Sunday attendance: 37.8 / Last Sunday's attendance: 34

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

If you have questions about either School donations or Festival of Trees, see Barb Hayes

Donations Needed!

Financial Contributions
for school supplies and shoe vouchers

New Backpacks
character backpacks for younger students
and standard size for older students

Pocket Folders
with and without brads

Canvas Pencil Pouches

1-Inch Binders

Wide-ruled Composition Notebooks

Wide-ruled Filler Paper

Colored Pencils

Primary, (Fat) Pencils and Crayons

3x3 Post-it Notes

Dividers

3x5 Ruled Index Cards

Markers and Highlighters

24 ct. Crayons

Pink Block Erasers

Rulers

The Shepherd's Staff
Back to School Program



'Tis the Season!
Seeking Donations
for our Festival of
Trees Decorators

If you have any of the following items or materials to donate, please call 410-857-5944 to schedule a time to drop off:

- African, safari ornaments, animals
- Hummingbirds, butterflies, throat flowers
- Small canoe
- Mermaids (not cartoon or Disney) small
- Collection of matching children figures
- Small totem pole
- Carroll County historical items
- Needlework items - sewing, quilting, knitting
- Gardening - mini tools, pots, etc...
- Collection of elves
- Southwestern colorful items
- Teacher items
- Cardinals of good quality

Please call or email info@shepstaff.org with any questions.

Submitted by JoAnne Clark on behalf of Lois Pulket

The BUSY BEES QUILTING CLUB

The Busy Bees Quilting Club is one of the fortunate groups to have access to Mt. Zion's facility (thanks to Lois Pulket). We are incredibly grateful to have such a wonderful workspace and thank you for your generosity.

We are a group of sewists & quilters who serve the community-at-large with projects that include:

- Quilts for Project Linus (providing quilts to patients in the hospital as well as providing quilts to front-line staff in dealing with crisis events)
- Dress the Girls (a mission project headed by Patricia Matoon that provides girls in Africa and the Appalachians with dresses and underwear and young boys with shorts. As a side note – it has been proven that if children are clothed they are less likely to become a victim of sexual assault)
- A local project that will provide tiny houses for homeless vets (we will provide 12 bed quilts for these homes)
- The American Warriors Care Package project led by Dawn Geigan (providing handmade bags containing various candy & meat sticks to troops being shipped out. Home-made cookies are also sent. The bags when empty can be used by the soldiers for carrying personal items. When notified about a troop move Dawn will notify us as to how many bags are needed and we get to sewing! We will meet at Mt. Zion to “stuff” the bags and prepare the boxes for shipment. On one of our recent shipments there were 24 boxes of cookies and approximately 25 boxes of camo bags with each box holding 20-24 bags). Donations for postage to ship these boxes is always welcome as the U.S. Postal Service does not give a discount on shipping.

We were honored to be asked to provide new fall banners for the sanctuary and in the fall the banners with trees, leaves and pumpkins were our creation. We hope you enjoy them and will continue to welcome us to your facility.

We meet the 2nd Friday of the month at 1pm and you are welcome anytime to drop in and see what we're working on. Mostly our work is done at home, but we have been known to set up a sewing session or two at the church to work on projects. On the 13th of September we will be assembling some of the quilt blocks we've been working on to arrange them into quilts for the tiny house project.

For more information, please talk to Lois Pulket, 443-703-6559.

Mount Zion Cares



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

Tom Assenmacher

Robert & Sandy Bicksler

Judith Biovjorno

Peggy Bosley

Marty Brown

Sharon Briggs

Martha Carter

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Mikie Conrad

Tracey Davidson

Matthew Davis

Olivia Davis

Barb Diaz

Marilyn Estep

Jean Gartrell

Diana Gavilak

Sandra Hawkins

Bob Hayes

Don Hennessee

Jeanette Holbert & Family

Peggy James

Mark Lesky

Val McNeal

Richard Minnerly

Rev. Laura Lee Morgan

Allen Rhodes

Gerri Rhodes

David Richards

Joan Tighe

Robert Tighe

Michelle & Vance Valway

Bobby Wells

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Home Bound

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