

Mount Zion
A United Methodist Congregation
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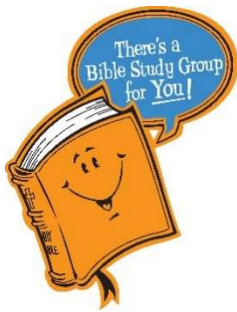
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Mount Zion Weekly
Sunday September 22, 2024

Always room for one more. Betty knew how important family meals were, especially for her grandmother. So, it was with hesitation she called her grandmother to ask if she could bring some unexpected guests home for the evening meal. Her grandmother's response was "*certainly, there is always room for one more.*" At Mount Zion we feel the same way. With an "open door" policy we extend an invitation - come and worship with us and hopefully be part of the family of God right here! This morning, we say "welcome!": 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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There is a Bible study group for you! We are grateful that our Pastor Shawn has made available for our congregation and invited guests our present study of the Holy Scriptures.

Pastor Shawn wrote: "*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.

Introducing BIBLE STUDY CLASSES at Mt Zion UMC - Finksburg, MD

Everyone is welcome to join us for bible study on **Wednesday's, 6:30pm** downstairs

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

Remote participation via "Zoom" is also available.

PLEASE JOIN OUR STUDY GROUP NOW!

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First
Day of Autumn

The Season of Autumn Begins Today!

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...

They said Noah was a crazy conspiracy theorist.
Then the rains came and the fact-checkers drowned.





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.

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

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Sending "Love" Your Way! Please prayerfully think about sending a note (or card) TODAY to the following folks. **Call 301-351-6689 for more information.** (a) Virginia Hoy, Encompass Health Rehab Hospital,

Room #409, 1850 Normandie Drive, York, Penna. 17408.

Please do it now, she may only be there a short time.

Also, Marty Brown 240 Ram Drive, Apt. 116, Hanover, Penna. 17334.

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For Christians World Communion Sunday is a very important day.

Followers of Jesus all around the world will be "breaking bread" in different ways. Always on the first Sunday of October, this year on October 6th. **We are asking "all" of our members and friends come together that morning in celebration.**

The words of this beautiful hymn express our belief: "*in Christ there is no east or west, in him no south and north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*"

Worship with us!

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Church Directory Update: We have an update on 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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NEW! We now have an official church email

mtzionumcfinksburg@gmail.com

It is monitored daily and the all emails forwarded to the appropriate person related to the subject matter.



Our Financial Status

In the "Year 2024" we need \$2136.49 each week for our Operating Budget
Last Sunday we received \$1320 BELOW our Operating Expense

2024 average Sunday attendance: 37.4 / Last Sunday's attendance: 20
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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 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.
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The Westminster Lions Club is collecting new pillows and child-themed, twin-size bed
sets, bedspreads, blankets, and pillowcases. These items will be donated to Sleep in
Heavenly Peace, a non-profit dedicated to building beds for children in need.

The organization helps ensure that kids don't have to sleep on the floor.

Donations are due no later than Thursday, November 7.

Contact Barb Hayes to assist in making a donation.

bbhayes@verizon.net

410-596-1483

MT. ZION - GIVING ONLINE OR TEXT

- Give safely
- No need to handle the offertory plate
- No special APP needed
- Give one time or set up recurring gifts
- Use credit / debit card or bank ACH transaction
- 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



NEW TIME!

The Church Council has voted to officially change the start time of
our Sunday Services to 10:00am starting today!

The videos will start to play at 9:55am

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

Patsy Ash

Robert & Sandy Bicksler

Judith Biovjorro

Peggy Bosley

Marty Brown

Sharon Briggs

Martha Carter

Rev. Joel Conklin

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

Matthew Major

Val McNeal

Richard Minnerly

Rev. Laura Lee Morgan

Allen Rhodes

Gerri Rhodes

David Richards

Joan Tighe

Robert Tighe

Michelle & Vance Valway

Bobby Wells

Christopher Vollmerhausen

Nancy Strong

Fran, Carol

Jan, Marilynne

Susan, Rich

The Whole World

Sincere condolences to the family of Tom Assenmacher at his passing.

Congratulations to Abigail Fitzwater on her upcoming wedding.

Home Bound

Pat Murphy, 138 Lassiter Circle, Finksburg, 21048

Tommy DeMoss, Westminster Health Care, #221 1234 Westminster Rd., West. 21157

Virginia "Ginny" Hoy, 5060 Harney Road, Taneytown 21787

Ginny had a fall and is recovering at Encompass Health Rehab

1850 Normandie Drive; York, PA 17408

(443) 918-8042