

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

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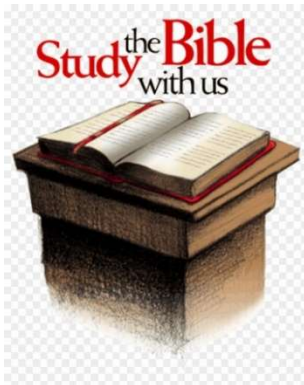


**Mount Zion Weekly**  
**Sunday September 8, 2024**



**Welcome...** The foundation of the Mount Zion congregation is built on the life and message of Jesus our Lord. As followers of John Wesley, who began the Wesleyan movement in 18<sup>th</sup> century England we are the “people of the book” (the Holy Bible). We encourage all our people and their family and friends to take advantage of studies in Holy Scripture which is offered by our Pastor. We thank you for your faithful worship attendance. If you are visiting or are looking for a church home, please see our Pastor for information.

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Introducing  
**BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**  
at Mt Zion UMC - Finksburg, MD  
**SIGN UP NOW!**

Everyone is welcome to join us for bible study on **Wednesday's**, starting **September 11th @ 6:30pm** in the classroom downstairs. Every Wednesday you will receive the study guide for the week. You do not have to be a member of Mt Zion UMC to participate. You may sign up to participate at any time. Classes are always open. Please let Pastor Shawn know if you are interested by using the quick Sign-Up form link.

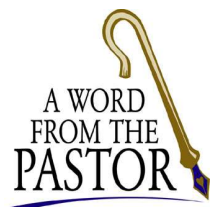
Phone: 410-790-5214 Email: [shawnvollmerhausen@gmail.com](mailto:shawnvollmerhausen@gmail.com)  
Remote participation via "Zoom" is also available.

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Immediately following morning worship please join us in our fellowship hall for light refreshments and fellowship. Our thanks to Bonnie Moores & Joyce Lowe for coordinating our gathering today. If you can help one month, please see Barbara Hayes.



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**Please join in our Bible study!**

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. - Pastor Shawn

## SUNDAY FUNNIES...

Me yelling at squirrels in the street to move out of the way so they don't get run over and die is probably the same feeling God has watching me live my life most days.

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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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## Our Community Service Fund

This past Sunday the congregation gave in support of our Community Servicer Fund the amount of \$314.00. For 17 years since its beginning this special fund has touched the lives of many, in our church and in the community. Many of you very generously have financially supported our reaching out to those with often emergency needs. We are grateful.

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## Autumn is Wonderful!

As we leave summer behind and enter the fall months, we urge you 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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## OUR MT ZION WORSHIP CHOIR

Please prayerfully think about joining our Sunday morning worship choir. Choir rehearsals began this past Thursday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Meet Our Staff...

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+ 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 Tuesday, September 17th**

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**Our Financial Status**

In the "Year 2024" we need \$2136.49 each week for our Operating Budget  
Last Sunday we received \$379.28 BELOW our Operating Expense

2024 average Sunday attendance: 37.9 / 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  
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 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

**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](mailto:info@shepstaff.org) with any questions.

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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.**

Submitted by JoAnne Bienvenu



"SEWING" SEEDS OF  
ENCOURAGEMENT,  
HOPE, AND GOD'S  
LOVE, ONE HANDMADE  
BEAR AT A TIME.

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**Blessing Bears started as an idea from a little boy named Luke who lives in Hampstead. He wanted to bring joy to those in Nursing Homes. He dresses up as a bear when he delivers the handmade Blessing Bears.**

**His grandmother, mom and church members have been working together to create and mail over 550 bears to date. The bears have traveled all over the world!**

**In the boxes are homemade bears that have been prayed over; snacks, along with a little Jesus figure, and a beautiful note of encouragement.**

**The bears can't be purchased, but you can make a donation to the organization. Along with monetary donations, you can donate materials to help create these cute little guys. The Blessing Bear Ministry can be accessed online or on Facebook. They can send the bears for you, or you can pick them up and create your own box. The average cost to mail the box is 8 to 9 dollars.**

**If you are looking for a unique way to lift a friend's spirits no matter what the circumstances.... Blessing Bears are a perfect solution.**

**"Sewing" seeds of encouragement, hope, and God's love one homemade Blessing Bear at a time.**

**Blessingbearsministry.com**

**Contact: Jo Bienvenu for additional information!**

**Emmittdog@comcast.net.**

**443 286 6768**

**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  
Daisy Atkinson-Levy  
Aubrey Ball  
Robert & Sandy Bicksler  
Peggy Bosley  
Marty Brown  
Martha Carter  
Renee Clifford  
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 and Family  
Elizabeth Kirby  
Wanda Law  
Mark Lesky  
Val McNeal  
Rev. Laura Lee Morgan  
Allen Rhodes  
Gerri Rhodes  
David Richards  
Joan Tighe  
Robert Tighe  
Michelle Valway  
Tristan Valway  
Vance Valway  
Christopher Vollmerhausen  
Carol  
Fran  
Jan  
Marilynne  
Susan**

**Home Bound**

**Pat Murphy, 138 Lassiter Circle, Finksburg, 21048**

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

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

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