

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

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## Mount Zion Weekly Sunday September 1, 2024



**Welcome to the Table of the Lord!** On the first Sunday of every month the Mount Zion congregation celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It is based on the “Last Supper” of our Lord Jesus (see below). We have an “open table” meaning that all people are welcome at the Lord’s Table. When the invitation is given by Pastor Shawn please come at the direction of the ushers. Since 1956 Mount Zion has been an “open” church meaning “all are welcome”. If you are visiting or are looking for a church home please see our Pastor for information.

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**Holy Scripture concerning Holy Communion (1)** “For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way Jesus took the cup also, after supper saying ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” (The Apostle Paul to the I Corinthians 11.23-26

(2) Jesus said “I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give the life of the world is my flesh.”

(The Gospel According to John 6.48-51)

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Let us bring the Holy Communion to you. If you cannot get to the church building and want to receive the “Communion Elements” we would like to serve you. There is no obligation. Simply contact Pastor Shawn (410-790-5214) or Pastor Piel and we will bring it directly to you.



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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 a 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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**BIBLE STUDY COMING TO MT ZION FINKSBURG – SEE SHEET 3**

**Our Community Service Fund.** 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. Please use the special offering envelope attached to the bulletin. Thank you!



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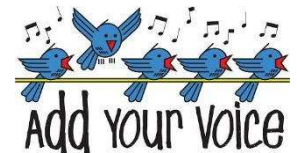
### Summer is Wonderful!

But please don't forget that the ministry & outreach of Mount Zion continues every day. Please worship faithfully and financially 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 will begin on Thursday, September 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

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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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September Church Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Finance & Trustees Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Church Council Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

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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 \$880.59 BELOW our Operating Expense

2024 average Sunday attendance: 37.8 / Last Sunday's attendance: 29

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

## BIBLE STUDY at MT ZION - FINKSBURG

Everyone is welcome to join us for bible study starting **Wednesday, September 11th @ 6:30pm** in the classroom downstairs. Every Sunday starting Sept 1st you will receive the study guide. Please let Pastor Shawn know if you are interested.

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


Remote participation via Zoom is being offered. Contact Shawn for Zoom details.

### THRIVE: LIVING ON PURPOSE



Antique stores. Not everyone is a fan, but my wife and I like to walk the aisles of an antique store. I may find something I can refurbish or repurpose into something else. I often get a harsh dose of reality when I see a toy I played with as a kid. My childhood toys are now antiques. Occasionally, I'll see something that is new and unusual to me. "What is it?" I am not interested in simply knowing its name; I want to know what it does. What is its purpose? Knowing the purpose of some tool or instrument I pick up tells me so much.

Knowing its purpose tells me why it was invented, who might use it, and how effective it was. 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 six Bible 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

## 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.

How Your

# "Gifts of Hope"

Helped *The Shepherd's Staff* Serve Others!

January 2023 - December 2023



Neighbors Helped - **6,931** Households Helped - **2,884**  
New Carroll County Households Served - **544** (including 10 veterans)

Emergency Financial Assistance	<b>789</b> Households
Rx Financial Assistance	<b>88</b> Neighbors
Back-To-School Program & Year-Round Essentials	<b>1,825</b> Students
Blessings Closet Items	<b>1,689</b> Households
Call for Coats (new coats only)	<b>397</b> Neighbors
Spiritual Easter Baskets	<b>1,147</b> Children
The Shepherd's Table Noon Meal	<b>3,000+</b> Meals
Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner	<b>360</b> Meals
July 4th Picnic	<b>125</b> Meals
Christmas Stockings / Senior Sacks	<b>1,697</b> Distributed
Laundry Facility	<b>2</b> Neighbors
Gas Vouchers	<b>144</b> Neighbors
Mail Service	<b>114</b> Neighbors
Emergency Food	<b>294</b> Households
Pet Food	<b>143</b> Pets

(A portion of Pet Food donated is through CFCC and distributed through The Shepherd's Staff)

**Hundreds of Other Requests Were Granted For:**

Compassionate Listening  
Referrals to Eliminate Duplication of Services  
Advocacy Provided Based on Need  
Emergency Clothing & Household Items  
Religious Literature  
Referrals and Advocacy

## Our Deepest Appreciation to All!

*The Shepherd's Staff* is the recipient of the 2021 Sylvia Canon Community Champion Award, the 2017 Sylvia Canon Humanitarian Award, the 2016 McDaniel College featured Nonprofit Award, the 2016 Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit Partner in Business Award, the 2014 Wm Donald Schaefer People Helping People Award and the 2008 Nonprofit Philanthropist of the Year Award.

**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.

Daisy Atkinson-Levy  
Inez Beckhardt  
Sandy Bicksler  
Marty Brown  
Rev. Laura Lee Morgan  
Gerri Rhodes  
Matthew Davis  
Barb Diaz  
Jean Gartrell  
Tony Giroux  
MariLynne  
Mikie Conrad

Sandra Hawkins  
Don Hennessee  
Wanda Law  
Val McNeal  
Renee Clifford  
Tracey Lynn Davidson  
Josh Stranix  
Robert Tighe  
Tristan Valway  
Carol  
Richard

Aubrey Ball  
Roger Bicksler  
Peggy Bosley  
Martha Carter  
Allen Rhodes  
Olivia Davis  
Marilyn Estep  
Kathy Giroux  
Fran  
Christopher Vollmerhausen

Bob Hayes  
Elizabeth Kirby  
Mark Lesky  
Susan  
Rev. Joel Conklin  
David Richards  
Joan Tighe  
Michelle Valway  
Vance Valway  
Jan

Condolences to the daughter and grandchildren of Raven's Coach Joe D'Alessandris at his passing.

We offer our heartfelt sympathies to the family of 18-year-old Peytyn Martin.  
May God comfort the family.

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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**SUNDAY FUNNIES...**

People be like: He doesn't act like a Christian.  
God be like: I'm not looking for actors.