

# Mount Zion

A United Methodist Congregation  
+ Since 1856 +

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## Mount Zion Weekly Sunday July 14, 2024



**We Welcome You** to congregational worship at Mount Zion.

If you are a visitor or are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of our “family of believers”. Please see Pastor Shawn if you would like to learn about church membership. If you are one of the faithful, we are grateful and ask God’s blessing on you and yours.

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### A NEW DAY AT OUR CHURCH

Actually, we are not a “new church”. Our history & heritage dates back 168 years, (before the Civil War). But in a spiritual sense we are a “new-day” church with our Pastor Shawn and the rededication of our congregation to witness to our faith in Jesus the Christ. Last Sunday was an important day for mount Zion. First, we “broke bread” in the Sacrament of Holy Commitment. Second, we asked God’s blessing upon our Pastor Shawn. Third, as a congregation we made a commitment to support the ministries of our congregation through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our Christian witness!

**This morning we invite all of our people to join us in the social hall as we have a fellowship meal reaffirming our unity and our oneness in our Lord. Thank you to everyone who made this special time together possible**

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**Today, Sunday. July 14<sup>th</sup>** Today is our “Second Sunday” fellowship. It is also a celebration luncheon to celebrate Pastor Shawn’s appointment by the Baltimore/Conference of the United Methodist Church to be our pastor and to honor him and this wife Morrissa and son Noah. Please join us! Good fellowship and good food, always!

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### Important Word of Commitment

From the congregational worship last Sunday + Please read and take seriously! “Sisters and brothers in Christ. As a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness will you celebrate this new beginning, support and uphold Pastor Shawn in these ministries (congregation)?

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**LET’S STAY IN TOUCH! New To Mt Zion?** Please take a moment to fill out the yellow pew card found on the back of each pew. Even if it’s just your Name and Email. Drop it in the collection plate or give to Mark at the sound cabinet in the back row. Did you forget? Just send an email with your contact info to: [mark.hemler428@gmail.com](mailto:mark.hemler428@gmail.com)

**We affirm our commitment** to support our Pastor with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness (Congregational prayer). Lord God, bless the ministries of your Church here at Mount Zion. We thank you for the varieties of gifts you have bestowed upon us that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body. May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness and may we be doers of your word and not hearers only. As we, who have died and risen with Christ Jesus in baptism, gather at His table and then scatter into the world. May we be one in service to others in the name of Jesus the Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**A Community Congregation that truly cares for the community.** Through the years we have taken seriously a Bible passage in the Letter of James 2.14-20 *“so faith by itself if it has no works is dead”* and *“faith apart from works is barren”*. Working with the Shepherd’s Staff and many other non-profits had enabled our funds (which come from the generosity of our people) to go farther. Our Community Service Fund, for example, received last Sunday \$425.00 and we have a couple (not even members) who have been donating to this special fund for over two years. They give because they know that “Mount Zion Cares”. All requests for help are kept confidentially.



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**A “friendly church” is where we greet one another especially the visitor, or the person we really don’t know!**

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### **PLEASE GET YOUR NEW COPY TODAY!**



All New Today! Let us read together! The new issue July/August of the Upper Room is available today. Please get your copy this morning, regular or large. It is VERY important that we share a common devotional throughout our congregation. If you are not

able to get to the church building, we still want you to get your copy. Simply call 301-351-6689 and one will be sent to you (no charge). We are asking all of our people to have at least a short devotional to deepen our faith every day. Given by Bill & Teresa Tighe in Honor of Joan the World’s Greatest!

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### **MT ZION SUMMER SINGERS**

All Voices are Welcome! Be part of our summer choir simply by coming by 9:15 a.m. Our Director of Music Leslie has picked songs that we can learn on one try (maybe two). Our Holy Scriptures do not say we have to sing well but rather sing joyfully and praise our God. Why not come today or early next Sunday.



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**Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** This is Mount Zion night at the historic Emory Grove camp grounds and tabernacle. Plan now to join us at 7:00pm for a special out of doors worship experience. Located in Glyndon, off Butler Road and take Waugh Avenue to the grounds.

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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 July Ushers: LaDonna Schemm & JoAnne Bienvenu

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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### Our Financial Status

In the "Year 2024" we need \$2136.49 each week to meet our Operating Expenses (current expenses).

The Offering last Sunday was \$143.98 BELOW our weekly need.

Last week we received \$425 toward the Community Service Fund.

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2024 average Sunday attendance: 38 / Last Sunday's attendance: 37

**When was the last time you invited someone to worship with you?**

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

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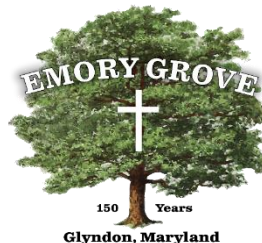
### FELLOWSHIP LEAD COORDINATOR NEEDED

We need a person to take over coordinating fellowship which is the second Sunday of every month. See Barb Hayes for further details.

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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.**



Sunday Evening, August 18, 2024 + 7:00 p.m.

THE FINKSBURG COMMUNITY & Mount Zion Church

**This Mount Zion Night and Finksburg Community Night**

**Plan now to attend**

**Local – in Glyndon – a couple of miles down the road from our church**

**Off Butler Road**

# Mount Zion Cares



Please help us keep our list up to date! + We update our prayer list every thirty days  
Report any needs or concerns to Pastor Shawn 410-790-5214 or  
Barb Hayes 410-596-1483, bbhayes@verizon.net or Pastor Emeritus Lou.

**IMPORTANT** as of today we are combining prayer concerns with “Prayer Requests” that come from the Sunday morning worship service. For concern about “prayer request” that come from Sunday morning please see LaDonna Schemm or Leslie Gabler.

Marty Brown (at home),	Melissa Johnson,	Peggy Bosley,	Richard (Dawn Zepp)
Daisy Atkinson-Levy	Sandy Bicksler		Martha Carter
Nancy Cross	Barb Diaz		Bobby Graham
Sandra Hawkins	Bob Hayes		Michael Holbert
Wanda Lew	Mark Lesky		Val McHeal
Rev. Dr. Laura Lee Morgan	Wendy Raymond’s son Hutton	Tom Stranix	
Josh Stranix	Robert Tighe	Jan & Fran	

## Home Bound

Pat Murphy, 138 Lassiter Circle, Finksburg, 21048  
Virginia “Ginny” Hoy, 5060 Harney Road, Taneytown 21787  
Tommy DeMoss, Westminster Health Care, #221 1234Westminster Rd. West. 21157

## The Difference

Alan Grant

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day  
I had so much to accomplish that I didn’t have time to pray

Problems just tumbled about me and heavier became each task.

Why doesn’t God help me, I wondered  
God answered, you didn’t ask.

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak  
I wondered why God didn’t show me,  
God explained, you didn’t seek.

So determined to be in God’s presence, I used all my keys at the lock  
God gently and loving chided, My child, you didn’t knock.

I woke up early in this morning, and paused before entering the day  
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.”







# 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

