

# Mount Zion

A United Methodist Congregation  
+ Since 1856 +

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## Mount Zion Weekly Sunday July 7, 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



Although Pastor Shawn has been serving our congregation for the past year as one of the clergy in the North Carroll Cooperative Parish, today, he comes to us in a completely new way. With appreciation to our Baltimore Suburban District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Ann Laprade and the authority of our presiding bishop Baltimore/Washington Conference Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, Pastor Shawn has been officially “appointed “as our pastor. We celebrate as we proclaim “bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.”

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There is no better way to celebrate our unity as pastor and congregation than in the “breaking of bread together”. We have set the table but Jesus is the host! He is the one who help us find “common ground” in Him. At Mount Zion “all are welcome” at the “Table of the Lord”. Please come at the direction of the ushers. Prepare for the “Holy Meal” by reading in I Corinthians 10.16-17 & 11.23-26 in your Bible.



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### A Short Prayer for Oneness

“Eternal God, strengthen and sustain all of us our Pastor Shawn and our Mount Zion congregation including even me! Give us patience, courage and wisdom so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus the Christ. We recognize our diversity yet you command us to live together in Christian love. These are not easy times Lord yet you call us to go into your service and spread the message of the salvation of your Son. Remind us that while Shawn will be our Pastor each one of us is call to be a “minister”. Ministering to one another in your name. Through the Holy Spirit tear down the walls that divide and separate and help us build bridges of love and understanding. We ask this prayer in the name of our Creator, our Redeemer and your always presence through your Spirit. Amen.

**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)

Seventeen Years Ago the Mount Zion Church Council approved the establishing of a new outreach program called “The Community Service Fund.” “The reason I support this program” said one of our members “is that I know where my money goes. I know when I donate, I am helping someone or family in need.” Today, the first Sunday of the month we are asking for your support. If you are morning worship or receive in the mail a special envelope, we invite you to use it. If you wish to make a financial contribution, please make your check payable to the church, and clearly mark it “Community Service Fund.” Mt. Zion UMC, Post Office Box 511, Finksburg, Maryland 21048



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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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**Next Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>** Next Sunday is our monthly “Second Sunday” fellowship following morning worship. We will “officially” welcome Pastor Shawn Vollmerhausen, his wife Morrisa and their son Noah to the Mount Zion family. Don’t miss it! A light luncheon is planned. Please make every effort to attend. It would be helpful if you could RSVP to Joan Tighe or Barb Hayes.



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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 \$845.23 BELOW our weekly need.

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2024 average Sunday attendance: 38 / Last Sunday's attendance: 52

**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.**



## Mount Zion Cares!

We update our prayer list every thirty days. Please help us.

Report any needs or concerns to Pastor Shawn 410-790-5214 or

Barb Hayes 410-596-1483, bbhayes@verizon.net or Pastor Emeritus Lou.

The passing of Jim Stranix (brother of Tom Stranix)

The passing of longtime member Peggy Wade

The passing of Ronnie Murray (Peggy James)

Melissa Johnson, Josh Stranix

Pat Murphy, Bob Hayes, Willa Johnson, Mark Lesky, Joan Tighe,

Marty Brown, Barb Diaz (Sister of Heather Bussard), Jan & Fran (Charles & Inez),

Angel Haught (Daughter of Leslie Gabler), Peggy Bosley,

Sandra Hawkins (Bonnie Moores), Hutton (Son of Wendy)

Raymond in Israel (Sherry Reed), Robert Tighe (Son of Joan Tighe)

Virginia Hoy: 5060 Harney Road, Taneytown, Md. 21787

Tommy Demoss: Westminster Health Care, Room 221 Westminster, Md. 21157

**Independence Day + The Fourth of July  
Celebrate the Freedom to Read & the Power of Literacy  
Carroll County Public Library**

Andrea Berstler - Executive Director of Carroll County Public Library



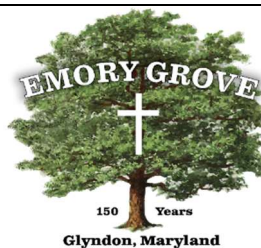
Embracing the freedom to read is a cornerstone of our community and the heart of what we stand for as Carroll County Public Library. I find immense joy in sharing this fundamental right with all of you through every aspect of our library

As you know, our library isn't just a place with books; it's a haven where knowledge knows no bounds and diverse perspectives are celebrated. Imagine the power of being able to explore a world of ideas, entertain your curiosity by discovering new perspectives and escape into new realms of imagination, all within the walls of your public library. This is the essence of the freedom to read what we hold dear

As readers, learners and explorers, you are the heart of our library. Every time you step through our doors or delve into our digital resources, you're embracing the spirit of intellectual growth and curiosity. The freedom to read empowers you to form your own opinions, encourages you to ask questions and provides a way to gain new insights that shape your understanding of the world.

By cherishing the freedom to read, you become part of a literacy legacy that spans generations. Your engagement, whether through borrowing books, attending events or simply sharing your thoughts contributes to a vibrant and informed community. So let's continue to celebrate this freedom together, nurturing an environment where ideas flow and learning knows no bounds. That is the real meaning of infinite possibilities.

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**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**