# MT. ZION



## WEEKLY

Welcome to Mt. Zion! Our message is rooted in the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus. We embrace a biblical approach, sharing the "good news" in our daily lives.

Join us as we grow in faith and love together!

If you are visiting with us this morning or searching for a church home, we encourage you to connect with Pastor Shawn. Please fill out a green "Information Card" found in the pew holders in front of you. Drop it into the collection plate or give to Pastor Shawn when you leave today.



Happy Easter, church family! Today, we celebrate the heart of our faith: Jesus Christ is risen! His resurrection isn't just a story from long ago—it's a living truth that transforms our lives today. As we gather this morning, we'll dive into John 20:1-18, where Mary Magdalene's encounter with the risen Jesus shows us how His love breaks through our darkness, calling each of us by name.

In our sermon, I Have Seen the Lord!, we'll explore how the Resurrection dawns slowly, like sunlight creeping over the horizon. Mary ran in despair, thinking Jesus was gone, but when He spoke her name, everything changed. As Acts 10:43 promises, "Everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name." Jesus invites us into God's family, shattering fear and despair, and making us new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17). Because He lives, we can walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4).

What does this mean for us? Like Mary, we may cling to old assumptions or fears, but Jesus calls us forward. He's alive, on the move, meeting us in unexpected moments—through a kind word, a quiet prayer, or a challenge we'd rather avoid. As Psalm 118:22 sings, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." This Easter, listen for His voice. Let go of what holds you back. And share the good news: "I have seen the Lord!"

Join us for Fellowship TODAY after the 7:00am service.

All Are Welcome.

Our **NEW VIDEO SHORTS** (4-5 minutes) at: **youtube.com/@MountZionUMC-Finksburg**These are not from our Sunday service. See for yourself!



The March / April Upper Room daily devotional is available in both a regular and large print edition. It is free thanks to our sponsors. We urge you to make use of it. If you are not able to get your copy at the church pleas call 301-351-6689 and one will be brought to you free of charge.

#### WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE...

- April Ushers: Roger & Megan Davis
- > April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>: Bible Study 6:30pm in the Social Hall
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Mt Zion Spring Fling Crafts & Flea Market 8:00am til 2:00pm.
- May 6<sup>th</sup>: Church Finance / Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
- May 11<sup>th</sup>: Fellowship Sunday Mother's Day
- May 20<sup>th</sup>: Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

### A Mt. Zion Group Trip to SIGHT & SOUND In Lancaster, PA.

We are going to see the spectacular performance of *Noah*! Wednesday July 9, 2025 3:00pm (Show Time)

Adults: \$115 Children (ages 3-12): \$74

(Prices include show tickets and bus fare.)

We will not be stopping for a meal but we can bring food/snacks on the bus ride and there are concessions at the theatre. All are welcome to participate. See Pastor Shawn for details. Place payments into a clearly marked envelope "NOAH Tickets" and put in collection plate.

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Meet Our Staff



Has anyone seen our "Zoo Keeper"? The Goat is climbing on the tables in our Social Hall. SOMEONE, PLEASE, FEED THE GOAT!

Community Service has received approx. \$3,155 in 2025 so far. Thank You.





