

MT. ZION



Sunday March 16, 2025

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.



The Second Sunday in Lent: Courageous Hope in God's Goodness

In this second week of Lent, we're drawn deeper into the call of faith as we reflect on our sermon, *"Courageous Hope in God's Goodness."* Scripture guides us through this season with powerful truths: Hebrews 11:1, 13-16 defines faith as "the assurance of things hoped for," while Romans 4:18-21 showcases Abraham's steadfast trust in God's promises. Psalm 27:1-3 declares the Lord as our light and strength, and Joshua 1:9 urges us to "be strong and courageous" in His presence. Together, these passages remind us that even in life's uncertainties, God's goodness anchors us. As we gather this Sunday, March 16, may we be renewed by this courageous hope that carries us through Lent.

**Did you know more people come by invitation than any other way?
Plan to invite someone to our Easter Service on April 20th.**

The March / April Upper Room daily devotional guide is now available. The Upper Room daily devotional guide is given 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 please call 301-351-6689 and one will be brought to you free of charge

THE
**UPPER
ROOM**
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

WHAT'S ON THE SCHEDULE...

- March Ushers: Shirley Loveless & Eddie Wessel
- March 19th : Bible Study – 6:30pm in the Social Hall
- April 13th : Fellowship Sunday - Joyce Lowe & Bonnie Moores
- April 17th : Maundy Thursday 5:00pm / April 18 – Good Friday 5:00pm
- April 20th : Easter Sunday 10:00am. Sunrise Service 7:00am.
- May 3rd : Mt Zion Spring Fling – Crafts & Flea Market – 8:00am til 2:00pm.
- May 11th : Fellowship Sunday – **We NEED coordinators for this Sunday!**

HELP PROMOTE OUR EASTER SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

Like our Facebook page and follow along with new posts related to Mt. Zion UMC Finksburg. There is an EASTER post image at the top on our facebook page ready to share, related to an open invitation for others to join us for our Easter service. Just go to the page and share.

www.facebook.com/mtzionumcfinksburg

Join Us for Bible Study led by Pastor Shawn

Theme: "All Signs Point to Jesus"

JOHN'S GOSPEL
POINTING TO JESUS



The Gospel of John is not a random collection of events from the life of Jesus. The apostle John purposely chose signs that underscore the person of Christ.

- *The Sign of His Provision* John 6:1-15 (Mar 19th)
- *The Sign of His Presence* John 6:16-21 (Mar 26th)

Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in our Social Hall. Classes are always open.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith and worship alongside your Mount Zion family. **Everyone is welcome!** Bring a friend or family member as we dive into God's Word together. The Holy Bible is our foundation—let's study and worship together!

Our **NEW VIDEO SHORTS** (4-5 minutes) at: youtube.com/@MountZionUMC-Finksburg

These are not from our Sunday service. See for yourself!

Shepherd's Staff is in need of **Hats, Scarves, Mittens and Gloves**. Kids thru adult size. **All Purpose Cleaner, Feminine Pads, Dish Soap, laundry detergent, Shampoos and Body Wash**. Please leave them in the Goat. See Barb Hayes if you have any questions about this.



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

We are going to see the spectacular performance of *Noah!*

July 9, 2025 3:00pm (Show Time)

Adults: \$115 Children (ages 3-12): \$72

(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.

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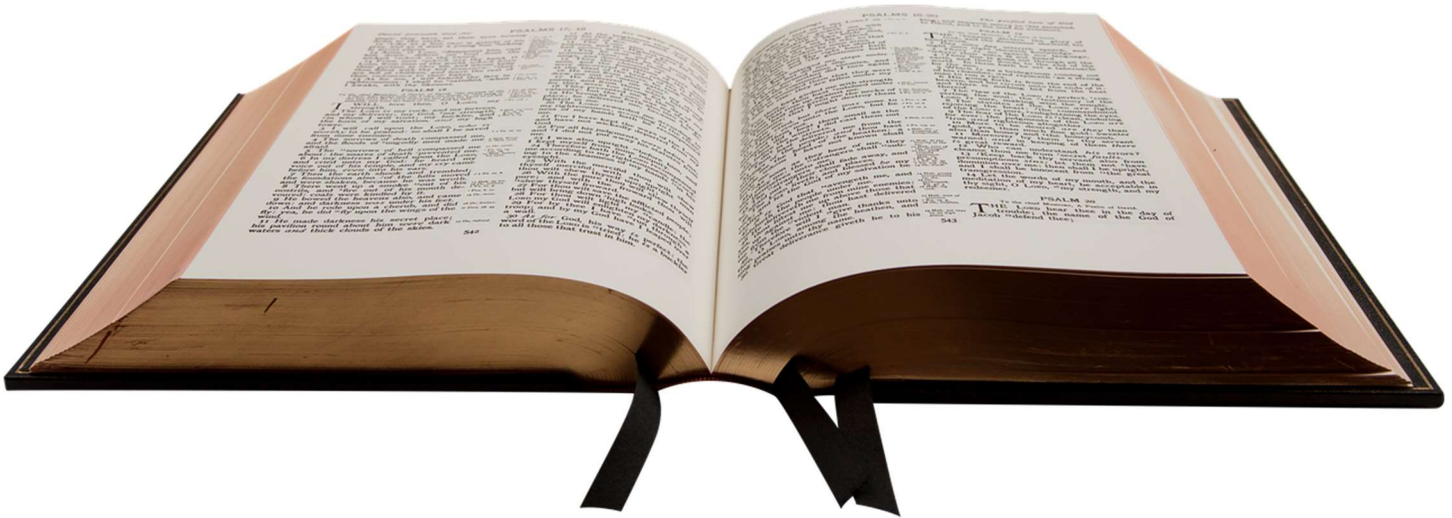
Usher & Fellowship Coordinators: Becky Knop & Melanie Stranix

Meet
Our
Staff

We are grateful that the faithful are supporting the ministry of Mount Zion!



In the "Year 2025" we need \$2154 each week to meet our Operating Expenses (current expenses). For the year 2025 we are \$288 BELOW our yearly need. Our average worship attendance for all of 2025 is 39.6



You're Invited to Our Bible Study – A Journey Like No Other!

We'd love for you to join us for a Bible study that's a little different from what you might remember growing up. This isn't just about reading the Word—it's about bringing it to life in ways that connect deeply with our hearts and our world today.

Here's what makes our time together special:

- **Diving into Scripture:** We dig into God's Word with curiosity and purpose, uncovering its timeless truths.
- **Sharing That Matters:** Through group questions, we share our own life stories, seeing how God's Word weaves through our experiences to inspire and encourage one another.
- **Virtual Holy Land Adventures:** Picture yourself walking where Jesus walked! We take virtual field trips to the Holy Land, exploring the places that shaped the stories we love.
- **A Multimedia Experience:** With videos, music, and more, we bring fresh perspectives to our study.
- **Connecting to Today:** We tie God's Word to current headlines and stories, discovering how it speaks to our lives right now.

This week, we're diving into **"The Sign of His Provision"** from John 6:1-15, exploring how Jesus meets the needs in our lives—just as He did for the crowd with a few loaves and fish. It's a perfect chance to reflect on His faithfulness and share how we've seen His provision in our own stories.

We meet every **Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall**. Come as you are—no prior experience needed, just an open heart. We'd be thrilled to have you with us! For more details or to RSVP, feel free to reach out to Pastor Shawn.

Looking forward to exploring this journey together!

USHERS & FELLOWSHIP COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED

We still have many openings to be filled. See Becky Knop or Melanie Stranix as to what months need to be filled or for more details.

Sharing Your Love at Easter

Our “Easter Lily” Love List 2025
Easter “love” has always been important to the
people of Mount Zion



Instead of purchasing individual Easter Lilies as we have done in the past
the Altar Team will purchase them to decorate the altar of our church

You can share names “free of charge” of those you would like to honor or those
you would like to remember at this special time of the year. We will publish those names in
the Easter Sunday worship service hand-out!

The “ABSOLUTE” deadline is Wednesday, April 16th.
Please use the “official” form at the bottom of this sheet or call 410-299-7517.

If you would like to make a monetary gift to our Mission Fund
information at the bottom of this sheet

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Easter Love 2025



Please Print:

Name of the Person(s) you wish to Honor:

Name of the Person(s) you wish to Remember:

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Your E-mail Address: _____

If you would like to support our Mission Fund, make your check out to **Mount Zion UMC**
and clearly mark it **“Mission Fund”**. Do not send cash in the mail. Deadline Wednesday, April 16th

Give to Mark Hemler or Mail to Mount Zion UMC
Easter Lilly List 2025 P.O. Box 511
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