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WELCOME TO MOUNT ZION

We're glad you're here and thankful to worship together! If this is your first time, text **WELCOME** to **937.377.5616** to connect, and stop by the Welcome Center for a gift before you leave.

Our **28-DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE** begins today! New weekly prayers & Scriptures will be available each Sunday, or you can follow the entire challenge anytime at mountzionchurch.org/prayerchallenge or in the MTZ app.

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE TODAY

Members are asked to stay following worship to vote on proposed changes to the MTZ Constitution. A mailing outlining the changes was sent in July. Extra copies of the summary are available at the Welcome Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH | Wednesday, September 2, 6PM-8PM

We're keeping the summer vibe alive with an epic Back-to-School Bash! Kids, teens, and their families are invited for pizza, archery tag, jousting, an obstacle course, games, and more!

TAILGATE SUNDAY | September 13

Wear your favorite team gear, join us for worship at 10AM, then stay for a cookout and ALL the fun. Enjoy a giant inflatable obstacle course, an 18-foot inflatable dartboard, Field Goal Kick Challenge, QB Blitz, a play zone for younger kids, and more. Bring your family and friends and join us as we celebrate the fall season together!

WOMEN

WOMEN'S STUDY: LAMENTATIONS, HABAKKUK & ZEPHANIAH | Wednesdays, Sept. 2-Nov. 18, 6:30PM-8PM

This 12-week study using the *Knowing the Bible* series explores God's eternal truth that offers hope for restoration in a fallen world. Together, we'll see how these books connect to the Bible's larger story of redemption.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, September 3, 6PM

Join us as we discuss our September Book of the Month, *On the Cliffs of Foxglove Manor* by Jaime Jo Wright!

LADIES' GAME NIGHT | Friday, September 25, 6:30PM (76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440)

Invite a friend, bring a snack to share and join us for a fun night together.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS | Thursdays, 10AM-12PM

Join us for fellowship, prayer, and a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians.



TOGETHER RETREAT | October 16-18

Ladies, the Women's Ministry invites you to get away for a weekend at our Together Retreat in Sugarcreek, Ohio. Known as the "gateway to Amish Country," Sugarcreek offers plenty of small-town charm, and we'll be staying at the beautiful Carlisle Inn. On Saturday, we'll enjoy a buffet dinner at 5PM followed by the musical *Elijah: Prophet of Fire* at the Ohio Star Theater at 7PM.

Room Options:

- \$350 – 2-person room (2 Queen Beds)
- **Arrival:** Any time after 3PM on Friday, October 16
- \$600 – 1-person room (King Bed)
- **Checkout:** 10AM on Sunday, October 18

Registration is open, and space is limited. To register:

- A **non-refundable 50% deposit** is required to reserve your spot.
- **Scan the QR code** to register and pay with debit/credit card.
- **Prefer not to use the QR code?** You can also register through the **MTZ app** under **Upcoming Events** or by visiting mountzionchurch.org/events. Scroll to **Women's Together Retreat** and click **Register Now**.
- **Need help or want to pay another way?** See Amanda Weeks at the Welcome Center to register using Venmo (@MtZion1), check, or debit/credit card. No cash, please.

SUPPORT GROUPS



GRIEFSHARE | Wednesdays, beginning September 2, 6:30PM-8PM

A safe space for those grieving the loss of a loved one. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Join anytime for weekly sessions offering support, hope, and encouragement. **Scan the code to register or visit griefshare.org/groups/301109**

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP | Thursday, September 10, 2PM-4PM

Find support and encouragement alongside others who are caring for a loved one.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY

HIKING FELLOWSHIP GROUP | Wednesday, September 2, 10AM

This group, open to men and women of all ages, meets at Sugarcreek MetroPark on the first Wednesday of each month to enjoy the outdoors together.

GOLDENAGERS LUNCH | Wednesday, September 2, 11:30AM

Seniors, join us for lunch at Butterbee's American Grille (217 Progress Dr., 45385) in Xenia.

SECOND SATURDAY SERVE | September 12, 12:00PM-3:00PM

Sign up in the Foyer.

MEN'S ALLIANCE | Mondays, 6:30PM (Parking Lot)

Learn more at mensalliancetribe.com/tribes/shepherd

CHILDREN & YOUTH

MTZ KIDS helps children know Jesus, build meaningful relationships, and grow in a lifelong relationship with Him. Through worship, Bible teaching, time with other kids, and caring Christian adults who consistently show up for them, we want to provide a safe place where children feel known, encouraged, and connected as they become who God created them to be.

- **MTZ Kids Worship (K-5th grade) | Sundays, 10AM in KidZone**
Check-in opens at 9:30AM. Nursery care and a preschool group are available for younger children.
- **MTZ Kids Midweek (Age 3-5th grade) | Wednesdays, beginning September 9, 6:30PM-8PM in KidZone**
Doors open at 6PM. Childcare is available for children under age 3.

PRAYER

PRAYER SMALL GROUP | Wednesdays, beginning September 23, 6:30PM-8:30PM (76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440)

An 8-week study designed to help you strengthen your prayer life. Sign up in the Foyer.

PRAYER REQUESTS | Need prayer? Share your request with our Prayer Chain anytime through the MTZ app. If you need prayer TODAY, Prayer Team members are available after the service under the front screens.

SERMON NOTES

FAITH THAT WORKS: TAKING GOD'S PLACE

Pastor Vance Weeks | James 4:11-17

We take God's place as the Judge (James 4:11-12)

We take God's place by thinking we are in control of tomorrow (James 4:13-16)

We take God's place by making God's will optional (James 4:17)



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