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WELCOME TO MOUNT ZION

NEW HERE? We're so glad you joined us! Text **WELCOME** to **937.377.5616** to connect and visit the Welcome Center for a gift before you leave.

- **INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTIZED?** Pastor Vance would love to talk with you about this next step in your journey with Jesus. Email pastorvance@mountzionchurch.org
- **DOWNLOAD OUR CHURCH APP!** Search Mt. Zion Xenia in the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.
- **ROOSTERS FUN CARDS** are available at the Welcome Center for \$10. These reusable cards are good for 10% off all dine-in food and nonalcoholic beverage purchases through the end of 2026. All proceeds from the sale of the cards will support our mission team serving at Rosemont Christian Church in Virginia this June.

PRAYER EVENTS

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | May 7, 6:30PM-7:30PM, First Church of Christ (441 Ledbetter Rd., Xenia)

Join others from across our community for a meaningful evening of worship and prayer. This special gathering is designed for all ages and will include guided prayer, worship, and opportunities to pray individually or in small groups for our families, churches, community, nation, and world.

PRAYER MEETING | Sunday, May 17, 6:30PM, Chapel

Our Prayer Team will host a time of prayer and thanksgiving honoring the 250th anniversary of the date the Second Continental Congress designated as a "Day of Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer" for the colonies. Aiming to rededicate our country to One Nation Under God, this day has also been designated as "Rededicate 250: A National Jubilee of Prayer, Praise, and Thanksgiving."

NEED PRAYER? Prayer Team members are available after the service under the front screens, or submit a request at mountzionchurch.org/prayerrequests

UPCOMING EVENTS

RAINFOREST FALLS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | June 8-12 · 9AM-12PM · Age 4-5th grade

Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids will discover the nature of God and what it means to be rooted in Him. Hands-on experiments, games, music, and treats help faith connect to real life as they learn God is our safe place in life's storms. Scan the code to register, or visit mountzionchurch.org/vbs2026

- **JOIN OUR RAINFOREST FALLS TEAM**

It takes a whole jungle to make VBS awesome for the kids who will be here this summer, so don't monkey around, sign up in the Foyer to volunteer.



RENU YOUTH OPEN GYM | Sundays, 6PM-8PM

Middle and high school students, bring a friend and join us at church to hang out, play games (sports, video, board—we've got it all), or just chill with friends.

SECOND SATURDAY SERVE | Saturday, May 9, 12PM-3PM

Serve with us, rain or shine, as we tackle a variety of projects on-site and off-site that support the ministry of Mt. Zion. Sign up in the Foyer.

GOLDENAGERS | Wednesday, May 13, 11:30AM

Seniors are invited to lunch at Roosters in Beaver Creek (2430 N Fairfield Rd. 45431). Sign up in the Foyer.

LADIES' GAME NIGHT | Friday, May 22, 6:30PM | 76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440

Game on! Invite a friend, bring a snack to share.

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATE RECOGNITION will take place May 31 during worship. If you'd like to take part, please sign up in the Foyer.

FAMILY TRIP TO THE COLUMBUS ZOO & AQUARIUM | Sunday, May 31

Save the date for our family zoo trip! We'll eat lunch at church following worship and then caravan to the zoo together. Purchase your tickets ahead of time at columbuszoo.org to save on admission. Sign up beginning next Sunday to let us know if you'll be joining us for lunch before heading to the zoo.

NEW GROUPS

- **WOMEN'S EXERCISE GROUP | Begins in June, 76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440**
Joyful Motion is a fun, move-at-your-own-pace exercise group for ladies of all ages and abilities who are looking to feel better, move more, and enjoy uplifting fellowship! We'll follow low-impact cardio and strength video workouts, making it easy for everyone to participate, with no experience needed and no pressure to keep up. Just bring 1 to 5 lb. weights (or soup cans or water bottles) and be ready to move. Meeting time to be determined based on interest. **Options:** Wednesday morning or afternoon/ Thursday morning, afternoon, or evening. Sign up in the Foyer indicating your preferred time. Contact Ann Skaleski or Linda Wendling for info.
- **HIKING FELLOWSHIP GROUP | Wednesday, May 6, 10AM**
Join us at Sugarcreek Metro Park on the first Wednesday of each month as we experience God's beautiful creation together. Open to men and women, young and old.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY GROUPS

- **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, May 7, 6PM**
Book of the Month, *What the River Keeps* by Cheryl Grey Bostrom.
- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP | Thursday, May 14, 2PM-4PM**
A supportive space for those caring for a loved one, using The Heart of the Caregiver study.
- **PICKLEBALL | Sundays, 1:30PM, Kennedy Park (5073 Bigger Road, Kettering, 45440)**
Whether you're a seasoned pro, just learning which end of the paddle to hold, or looking for some cardio and camaraderie, join us for pickleball! Sign up in the Foyer and be sure to leave your phone number so you can be added to the group chat for any updates or changes.
- **MEN'S ALLIANCE | Mondays, 6:30PM (Parking Lot)**
Learn more at mensalliancetribe.com/tribes/shepherd
- **AWANA CLUBS | Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM (Doors open at 6PM)**
Helps kids grow in faith, friendships, and Bible knowledge.
Upcoming Events: May 13 - AWANA Store & Pizza Party · May 20 - Awards Night (end-of-year celebration)
- **RENU YOUTH | Wednesdays, 6PM-8PM (Doors open at 6PM)**
A weekly gathering for middle & high school students.
Upcoming Event: Saturday, May 23 - Trip to Mohican Adventures – sign up in the Foyer
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: GALATIANS | Thursdays, 10AM-12PM**
A time for women to fellowship, pray (10AM-10:45AM) and study (10:45AM-12PM).

SERMON NOTES

COURAGE UNDER FIRE: STANDING STRONG IN THE STORM

Guest speaker: Duane Grant