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WELCOME TO MT. ZION! If it's your first time here, please stop by the Welcome Center for a gift. Thanks for choosing to worship with us today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MTZ YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH | Today, following worship

College students & 20-somethings are invited to lunch in the Café as we kick off another year of MTZ Young Adults!

IMMERSIVE PRAYER NIGHT | Tonight, 5PM

Join us for a special night of prayer to seek God, and reflect as we move through a series of prayer stations.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT | Friday, September 5, 5PM-9PM

School's back, routines are returning, you've been juggling backpacks, lunchboxes, and bedtime battles but you've survived the chaos of the first few days or weeks—now it's your turn to breathe. Drop the kids off at MTZ for dinner and a free evening of fun and games while you enjoy a well-deserved night out. Please sign up in the Foyer.

TAILGATE SUNDAY | September 7

Fall is near, and football is back! Wear your team gear to worship as we kick off our fall ministry season and launch a new sermon series, "The Bible Doesn't Say That." Stay after for a tailgate lunch — faith, food, and football fun! Invite cards are at the Welcome Center.

KIDZONE REIMAGINED: SOMETHING NEW, SAME MISSION – Begins September 7

We are committed to helping the whole family grow in Christ—together! Starting the first Sunday in September, KidZone will offer new opportunities for kids and parents. **9AM:** Sunday School for kids + a new class for parents.

10AM: K–5th worship with music, games, crafts, and a Bible lesson (Nursery and Pre-K available both hours).

ONE ANOTHER SMALL GROUPS | Groups begin the week of September 7

Join an 8-week One Another Group during Pastor Vance's series, "The Bible Doesn't Say That." Grow in community and dig deeper into each week's message as we uncover things people often believe the Bible says—but actually doesn't—as well as verses that are commonly misunderstood. Groups meet on different days and times — sign up in the Foyer to find the one that works best for you!

CHURCH PICNIC | Sunday, September 14, 3PM (Dominick Lofino Park - 640 Grange Hall Rd., 45430)

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun.

RENU YOUTH (GRADES 6-12) KAYAK TRIP | Saturday, September 20, 3234 Washington Mill Rd., 45305

Students come soak up the sun and hit the water for a fun-filled kayak trip down the scenic Little Miami River with Bellbrook Canoe Rental. Cost is \$20. Sign up in the Foyer today, or on Wednesdays at RENU Youth.

TOGETHER RETREAT | October 17-19

Ladies, Mt. Zion's Women's Ministry invites you to a fun and relaxing weekend away in Sugarcreek, Ohio — the gateway to Amish Country! We'll be staying at the beautiful Carlisle Inn and enjoying the inspiring show "Road to Damascus" at the Ohio Star Theater. Space is very limited! To register, get more details, and make your deposit to reserve your spot, see Amanda Weeks at the Welcome Center after the service. We accept check, debit/credit card, or Venmo — no cash, please.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP | Thursday, August 28, 2PM-4PM**
Come for encouragement, discussion and prayer as we face the daily challenges of caring for loved ones.
- **GRIEFSHARE | Wednesdays, beginning September 3; 6:30PM-8PM**
GriefShare offers a safe, Christ-centered 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. **Register online at griefshare.org/groups/272499**

- **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, September 4, 6PM**
Our Book of the Month is *Aftermath* by Teri Blackstock.
- **CARING CARD MINISTRY | Monday, September 8, 10:00AM (76 S. Fairfield Road, 45440)**
Join us as we make handmade cards to encourage and bless others.
- **AWANA | Wednesdays, beginning September 10, 6:30PM**
A fun, Scripture-based program for kids (PreK–5th grade) that builds Bible knowledge and lifelong faith through engaging lessons and games.

2025-2026 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RELEASE FORM

If your child DID NOT attend Vacation Bible School in June, we do not have the required release form on file for them to participate in other children's ministry events, i.e., Awana, KidZone, Parents' Night Out, other special events. Please take a moment today to submit the Mt. Zion Child Release Form 2025-2026 mountzionchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/824395 This form will expire on May 31, 2026, and must be completed by a parent or guardian.

- **"ALL IN" NEW MEMBER CLASS | Saturday, September 13, 9AM**
Ready to go "ALL IN" as a member of Mt. Zion? Join our brief, one-day New Member Class to learn about MTZ and how to get connected. Sign up in the Foyer!
- **SECOND SATURDAY SERVE | September 13, NOON-3PM**
Join us—rain or shine—on the second Saturday of each month as we serve together to accomplish various projects and tasks that will make a tangible difference in supporting the ministry of the church. There's something for everyone—no matter your age or ability. Just bring a willing heart and ready hands! Please sign up in the Foyer.
- **MEN'S ALLIANCE | Mondays, 6:30PM (MTZ Parking Lot)**
A weekly 30-minute outdoor workout + a 30-minute fireside devotional for men of all fitness levels.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | Thursdays, 10AM**
Join us September 4 as we resume our journey through the Book of Acts
- **RENU YOUTH (6th-12th GRADE) | Wednesdays, 6PM-8PM, doors open at 6PM**
Middle school & high school students have fun and learn more about Jesus.

2025-2026 YOUTH MINISTRY RELEASE FORM

If your teen attends RENU Youth on Wednesdays or other special events, we require an updated release for our records. 2024-2025 forms expired on May 31, 2025. Please take a moment today to submit the RENU Youth General Release Form 2025-2026 at mountzionchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/972278 This form will expire on May 31, 2026, and must be completed by a parent or guardian.

SERMON NOTES

COMMITTED: INTERCEDE (Exodus 32:11-14)

Does God really change His mind?

Become like Moses

How does Moses intercede?

1. He doesn't make it all about Him.
2. He seeks God's will.
3. He makes it all about God.
4. He appeals to God's mercy.
5. He believes God will answer.