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WELCOME TO MOUNT ZION

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

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 a night of pizza, archery tag, jousting, an obstacle course, games, and more as we send summer out with a bang!

TAILGATE SUNDAY | September 13

Wear your favorite team gear, join us for worship at 10AM, then stay for a cookout and an afternoon of fun. Enjoy a giant inflatable obstacle course, an 18-foot inflatable dartboard, a 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

LADIES' GAME NIGHT | Friday, August 28, 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, beginning September 3, 10AM-12PM

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

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!



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)
- \$600 – 1-person room (King Bed)

A **non-refundable 50% deposit** is required to reserve your spot.

- **Arrival:** Any time after 3PM on Friday, October 16
- **Checkout:** 10AM on Sunday, October 18

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

- **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.

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.

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

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.

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | Thursdays, 10AM-12PM

A time for women to fellowship, pray and study as we spend the summer watching *The American Heritage Collection* with Christian historian David Barton. We'll return to Thessalonians in the fall.

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.

CHURCH INFO

DOWNLOAD THE MTZ APP by searching for Mt. Zion Xenia in the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. It puts helpful resources right at your fingertips, including our weekly worship livestream, sermon archive, Bible reading plan, Spiritual Gifts Survey, upcoming events, online giving, and the option to submit a prayer request anytime.

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Members will remain in the Worship Center following worship on Sunday, August 30 to vote on proposed changes to the MTZ Constitution. You should have received a mailing in July that outlined the changes. Extra copies of the summary of the proposed changes you will be voting to accept or reject that day are available at the Welcome Center. The Elder Board and Pastor Vance will be available immediately following worship TODAY to answer any questions you may have. Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center.

SERMON NOTES

FAITH THAT WORKS: PICKING A FIGHT WITH GOD

Pastor Vance Weeks | James 4:1-10

Our desires create enemies (James 4:1-3)

Our desires make an enemy of God (James 4:4-5)

Grace ends the war (James 4:6-10)



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