



Share Jesus. Grow Disciples. Serve Others.

**WELCOME TO MT. ZION!** We are so glad that you're here and that you chose to worship with us today. If it's your first time with us, please pick up a gift at the Welcome Center. No strings attached; we just want to say thanks for coming.

**FIND US ONLINE** | website: [mountzionchurch.org](http://mountzionchurch.org), Facebook @**MTZChurch**, Instagram @**mtz\_church**

**THE DETAILS** | Contact the **Church Office**: M-TH; 8:30AM-5PM **Phone**: 937.426.0814

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**GIVING** | Offering plates are available at the entrances and exit of the Gym. If you would like to give online, please visit [mountzionchurch.org/giving](http://mountzionchurch.org/giving).

**INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTIZED?** If you've recently decided to begin a relationship with Jesus or you've never made this public profession of your faith and desire to now, Pastor Vance would love to talk with you about setting up a time for you to be baptized. Contact [pastorvance@mountzionchurch.org](mailto:pastorvance@mountzionchurch.org) or call the Church Office if you are interested.

**NEED PRAYER?** Members of our Prayer Team are available to pray with you following the service across the Foyer in the Chapel or submit a request to our Prayer Chain at [mountzionchurch.org](http://mountzionchurch.org).

**DOWNLOAD OUR CHURCH APP TODAY!** Stay connected with our church community anytime, anywhere by downloading our church app that can be found in the Google Play Store (for Android devices) or the Apple App Store (for iOS devices) by searching **Mt. Zion Xenia**. While our app will continue to grow as we add features, currently you are able to watch our weekly livestream and past sermons, take sermon notes, find upcoming events, take part in our one-year daily Bible reading plan, submit prayer requests to our Prayer Chain, and find links for online giving.

#### **VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

As Christians, we are called to use our gifts, time, and abilities to serve the Kingdom of God and God's church. Pastor Vance and our leadership is committed to finding you the right opportunities to do what God is calling you to in life. We have opportunities right now for people to serve here at Mt. Zion. We are actively looking for volunteers to help in KidZone teaching on Sunday morning, help tearing down and setting up chairs on Monday and Thursday morning, and someone to oversee decorating and design for our Vacation Bible School in June. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in those opportunities or if you would like to talk to Pastor Vance about finding a place to use your gifts at Mt. Zion.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE | Friday, March 29, 6:30PM in the Chapel**

Join us during Holy Week to fully remember and celebrate what Jesus did for us at Calvary. Childcare available for children 5 and under.

#### **EASTER AT MT. ZION | Sunday, March 31**

Invite someone to come celebrate the new life we all are offered in Christ's resurrection! Invite cards are available in the Foyer.

- Sunrise Service // 7:00AM (outside)
- Continental Breakfast // 7:30AM-8:45AM
- NO Sunday School
- KidZone (infants-5<sup>th</sup> grade) opens at 9AM
- Worship Celebration // 10AM

**SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES** will be available at the Welcome Center (while supplies last) on Easter Sunday to help you safely view the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8.

The **CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED** on April 1 for Easter Monday.

**CARING CARD MINISTRY | Monday, April 1, 10:30AM-11:30AM at 76 S. Fairfield Rd. 45440**

Interested in being crafty with a purpose? Be a part of our Caring Card Ministry that makes handmade cards to encourage and bless others.

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, April 4, 6PM at Mt. Zion**

Ladies, read our Book of the Month *Prague Counterpoint* by Bodie & Brock Thoene and join us to discuss.

**GOLDENAGER'S LUNCH | Wednesday, April 10, 11:30AM**

Goldenagers, our group for seniors, will meet for lunch at Bob Evans in Beavercreek (3409 Seajay Drive, 45430). Sign up in the Foyer if you plan to attend.

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT | Friday, April 19, drop off anytime between 5PM-9PM at Mt. Zion**

Parents, do you need a night off? Peace and quiet at dinner time? Maybe a nap with no interruptions? Then we hope you'll take advantage of our upcoming Parents' Night Out. Your kids will have a night filled with games, movies, and fun while you enjoy a night out! The evening is completely free, and we will provide dinner for the children. Registration will begin on Easter Sunday.

**TOGETHER REATREAT | Friday, October 18-Sunday, October 20**

Ladies, Mt. Zion's Women's Ministry invites you to a fun and relaxing weekend away during our upcoming Together Retreat in Sugarcreek, Ohio. Sugarcreek is considered the 'gateway to Amish country' and is located about three hours from Mt. Zion. The cost is \$220 per person which includes: a 2-night stay at the Carlisle Inn, buffet dinner & production of *Ruth* at the Ohio Star Theater on Friday, dinner & dessert on Saturday, and breakfast Saturday and Sunday. To sign up, please see Amanda Weeks. A \$110 non-refundable deposit is due when you sign up to reserve your spot.

## **SERMON NOTES**

### **LAST WORDS: FORSAKEN**

March 24, 2024 | Matthew 27:39-46 | Pastor Vance Weeks

**Why does Jesus say this?** (Psalm 22:1)

**What do we learn from Jesus' words?**

- Sin is awful (Romans 6:23)
- God is absolutely holy and just (1 John 3:15)
- Jesus absolutely loves us (1 John 3:16)
- Mercy is not unlimited (Romans 6)
- Distress does not equal distrust (Psalm 22:1-5)