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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 is your first time with us, please pick up a gift bag at the Welcome Center. No strings attached; we just want to say thanks for coming.

FIND US ONLINE | website: mountzionchurch.org, Facebook @MTZChurch

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

Email: info@mountzionchurch.org **Address**: 428 Shepherd Road, Beavercreek Township OH 45385

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING BAPTIZED? If you have recently made a decision to begin a relationship with Jesus or you have 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. You can email him at 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.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER & PRAISE | Today, 4PM at Mt. Zion

This time of prayer and praise, led by Pastor Vance, is an opportunity for us to be intentional about giving thanks to the One who deserves it the most during this season of Thanksgiving. Pie and coffee will follow the service. Childcare provided for children 5 & under.

THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 20-25

Thank you from our staff for the opportunity to spend this time with our families.

DAYBREAK YOUTH HOMELESS SHELTER BLANKET & TOILETRY DRIVE

The Women's Ministry is collecting new twin-size blankets and the following full-size toiletry items: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, body wash, comb/brushes, lip balm, facial wipes and lotion thru December 3. Please leave your donated items at the table in the Foyer.

A CONGREGATIONAL VOTE FOR THE PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET AND CHURCH LEADERSHIP will take place on Sunday, December 10 immediately following the worship service. Members will vote to accept or reject the 2024 budget and vote for nominees for church leadership. Two Elders are needed. The nominees are Tom Kornbau & Mike Prialx. One Deacon is needed. The nominee is Jeff Eldridge. Two Deaconesses are needed. The nominees are Sarah Blosser, Carolyn Fear, and Carol Ober. You will receive more information this week at your home. If you have any questions, please attend a brief Budget Q & A in the Conference Room following the service on December 3. Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX COLLECTION**. Together we collected 144 boxes to be distributed to children worldwide as a tangible expression of God's love.

HOLIDAY DINNER | Saturday, December 2, 6PM-8PM at Mt. Zion

Join us as we deck our halls and throw open our doors for a Holiday Dinner. The entire family is invited to share in an evening of food, music, laughter, and some heart-warming celebrations. The evening will start off with an ornament making session perfect for the whole family, with a ham dinner at 6:30PM. Each family is asked to bring a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share with everyone else. We will finish the evening spending time together in laughter and belting out some classic Christmas carols together. Sign up today at the Welcome Center for this perfect opportunity to kick off the Christmas season!

ADVENT PRAYER & PRAISE | Sunday, December 3, 4PM at Mt. Zion

On the first Sunday in Advent, we will gather to give praise to God for the gift of His Son enabling us to focus on the real meaning and message of this season. Childcare provided for children 5 & under.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, December 7, 6PM in the Church Library

Ladies, read our Book of the Month *A Husband's Christmas Prayer* by Kathi Macias and join us to discuss it on the first Thursday of the month.

MEN'S BREAKFAST | Saturday, December 9, 8AM at Mt. Zion

The theme of our Men's Breakfast is "Ghost of Christmas Past, Christmas Present, and What Might Be." Everyone is encouraged to bring a photo or a gift from Christmas past, present, or possibly the future that you have received or might receive and tell a little story about it. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

MTZ YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY | Sunday, December 10

For more information, please email mtzyoungadults@mountzionchurch.org.

CHRISTMAS HYMN SING | Sunday, December 10, 5PM at Mt. Zion

Join us as we lift our voices together in singing some of the most familiar and beloved Christmas songs to remind us of all that Christ's coming means for us and our lives. Childcare provided for children 5 & under.

GOLDENAGER'S CATERED CHRISTMAS LUNCH | Wednesday, December 13, 11:45AM at Mt. Zion

Seniors, come celebrate Christmas with some great food, fellowship and the music of Silver Strings, a local harp and flute duet. Lunch is free! To reserve your spot, please sign up in the Foyer today.

AWANA (Pre-K thru 5th) & RENU YOUTH (6th-12th grades) CHRISTMAS PARTIES | Wednesday, December 13**GRIEFSHARE | Wednesdays thru December 13, 6:30PM-8PM at Mt. Zion**

GriefShare is a free Christ-centered grief and loss support group. We want to offer a safe place for you to find help and encouragement as you navigate your grief journey following the loss of someone you love. We know it hurts, and we want to help. These weekly sessions are self-contained and open, meaning you can join the group at any point during the 13-week cycle.

GINGERBREAD BASH | Sunday, December 17, 4PM at Mt. Zion

We are hosting a Christmas celebration that you and your family will NOT want to miss! It's called "Gingerbread Bash." "What's a Gingerbread Bash?" you ask. It's a gingerbread nativity building party designed for the whole family. In addition to building and decorating your own gingerbread nativity, you'll get to play games, sing songs, hear the Christmas story from the Bible, and discover the good news of Jesus. It's a truly sweet way for your family to celebrate the birth of our Savior! You are absolutely not going to want to miss out on the fun. We can't wait to "bash" with you!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING | Wednesday, December 20, 6PM-8PM

Teams of Christmas carolers of all ages will head out to spread some Christmas cheer to some of the elder members of our church family.

BLUE CHRISTMAS | Thursday, December 21, 6PM-8PM in the Chapel

Our Blue Christmas service offers a time of reflection for those who are grieving, sad, or lonely during the holiday season. We gather on the longest night of the year, in the midst of suffering, to remember God is good. God is strong. God is near. We are not alone, and we have every reason to hold on to hope.

SERMON NOTES

Live Peacefully with One Another

November 19, 2023 | 1 Thessalonians 5:13-18 | Pastor Vance Weeks

1 Thessalonians 5:13 Live peacefully with each other (Romans 12:18)

What can I do to promote peace in my relationships?

- Warn those that are lazy (5:14)
- Encourage the timid (5:14)
- Take care of those who are weak (5:14)
- Be patient with everyone (5:14)
- Do not pay back evil (5:15)
- Peace begins in our heart (5:16-18)