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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](http://mountzionchurch.org), Facebook @**MTZChurch**

**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).

**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](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).

**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 for Elder are Tom Kornbau & Mike Prialx. One Deacon is needed. The nominee for Deacon is Jeff Eldridge. Two Deaconesses are needed. The nominees for Deaconesses 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.

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS** | Today, 2PM-4PM at Mt. Zion

Facing grief this holiday season? Are you dreading the holidays? Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? It is our prayer that this afternoon's Surviving the Holidays single-session event will offer you help and hope as you navigate the holiday season. Together we'll learn how to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays, what to do about traditions and other coming changes, helpful tips for surviving social events, and how to discover hope for your future.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR GIFT-FILLED OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES BY 6PM ON NOVEMBER 15**

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child collects gift-filled shoeboxes with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. If you'd like to be a part of spreading Good News and great joy this holiday season:

- **Fill your box with gifts:**
  1. A helpful brochure with packing instructions and all the info you need is available in each box.
  2. Please do not include soap in your box.
  3. Helpful hint: remove gift items from packaging to fit more in your box.
- **Donate \$10 per shoebox** to cover shipping, project costs, and Gospel materials. For easiest processing and to track the destination of your box, give online at [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child).
- If you'd prefer to skip in-store shopping, you can send the Gospel to the ends of the earth without leaving home, by building a box online at [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline).

**RENU YOUTH (GRADES 6-12)** | Wednesdays, 6PM-8PM at Mt. Zion

A place where middle and high school students can come as they are, have fun, and learn more about Jesus. On Wednesday, November 15, students and parents are invited to share a meal with us at our **FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK**. The main dish will be provided. Girls bring a dessert; boys bring a side dish to share.

### **“ALL IN” NEW MEMBER CLASS | Saturday, November 18, 9AM-12PM at Mt. Zion**

Are you ready to go "ALL IN" to serve the Lord as a member of Mt. Zion? Then you're invited to attend this one-day class where you'll learn more about MTZ and how you can get connected.

### **THANKSGIVING PRAYER & PRAISE | Sunday, November 19, 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

## **SERMON NOTES**

### **Encourage One Another**

November 12, 2023 | Pastor Vance Weeks

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Encourage One Another and Build One Another Up

#### **How do we encourage and build one another up?**

- Encourage with our words (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
- Warn one another (Hebrews 3:13)
- Choose the words you listen to wisely (Titus 1:9)
- Participate in Community (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- Use Scripture (Romans 15:4)

**Final challenge** - Ephesians 4:29