



UPCOMING EVENTS

AWANA KICKS OFF ON SEPTEMBER 10 | 6:30PM (Doors open at 6PM)

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 at mountzionchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/824395 This form will expire on May 31, 2026, and must be completed by a parent or guardian.

ONE ANOTHER SMALL GROUPS BEGIN THIS WEEK

Join an 8-week One Another Group during Pastor Vance's current 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!

GRIEFSHARE | Wednesdays, 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. **Register at griefshare.org/groups/272499**

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

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun. Bring a side dish to share, drinks and lawn chairs. We eat at 4PM.

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. Deadline is September 10. Sign up in the Foyer.

- **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.

RIVER BAPTISMS | September 21, 12PM (Narrows Reserve along the Little Miami River)

Come celebrate baptism with us or take the step of baptism yourself! Email pastorvance@mountzionchurch.org if you'd like to be baptized.

LADIES' GAME NIGHT | Friday, September 26, 6:30PM

Invite a friend, bring a snack to share, and join us for fun and games.

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. We accept check, debit/credit card, or Venmo — no cash, please.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

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

Seniors meet us for lunch at Marion's Piazza (1320 N. Fairfield Rd., 45432). Sign up in the Foyer.

- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP | Thursday, September 11, 2PM-4PM**
If you are dealing with the daily challenges of caring for a loved one, please join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Come for encouragement, support and prayer as we discuss various topics to help you in your journey.
- **“ALL IN” NEW MEMBER CLASS | Saturday, September 13, 9AM-NOON**
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! Sign up in the Foyer.
- **NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | Wednesdays, beginning September 17, 6:30PM-8PM**
Join us as we deepen our understanding of prayer by studying the book of Psalms. Sign up in the Foyer.
- **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB | Thursday, October 2, 6PM**
Our Book of the Month is Pearl in the Sand by Tessa Afshar.
- **KIDZONE & PARENTS' CLASS**
Helping families grow in Christ—together, every Sunday!
9AM – Sunday School for kids + a class for parents
10AM – KidZone worship (K–5th) w/ music, games, crafts & Bible lesson (Nursery/Pre-K available both hours)
- **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.
- **RENU YOUTH (6th-12th GRADE) | Wednesdays, 6PM-8PM, doors open at 6PM**
Middle school & high school students have fun and learn more about Jesus.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: ACTS | Thursdays, 10AM**
A time for women to gather for study, prayer, and fellowship as we explore the Book of Acts together.

SERMON NOTES

THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY THAT: GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES

Where does this saying come from?

Why do we embrace this as truth? (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12)

Why this goes against God's Word (and what the Bible *actually* says)?

- God helps the helpless
- Salvation is not earned
- Our ability to do anything comes from Christ
- We are dependent upon God