

FMZBC Connection Points

First Mount Zion Baptist Church



Ecclesiastes 4:9

Let us stay connected

March 30, 2021!

Scroll to the green text for the latest information!

Join us every Sunday for **Worship at 11:00 am**. You may live stream by going to our website, www.fmzbc.com. Or subscribe to, First Mount Zion Baptist Church at any of the following social media platforms.

FMZ Life Stream: <https://www.lifestream.tv/fmz-live/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fmzbcDumfries>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzFC03nn-QRn0bzNDEefeGQ>

Pray with Us! March 7 -May 23, 2021

[The Pastor's 26th Anniversary Committee](#) invites you to join us in interceding prayers for our Pastor and the Church. This Prayer Guide provides weekly focus areas that allow us to intercede in unity. Beginning the week of our Pastor's 26th Anniversary, we will pray daily for him and his family. Thank you for preparing your hearts to honor God, our Pastor, and the Church.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

First Mount Zion
BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP · STUDY OF THE WORD · STEWARDSHIP · SERVICE



DR. LUKE E. TORIAN,
PASTOR



Peace & Peace of Mind

Matthew 5:9 & Colossians 3:15

March 28 - April 3, 2021

Mark your calendar for an appointment with the Lord and keep it because great things happen through bended knees. Contact the Church for a copy of the Prayer Guide. Our prayer focus will be posted on our social media and the church website.

Holy Communion Drive-Thru. The next distribution of communion elements is scheduled for **this Saturday, April 3rd, 11am-1:00pm** pick up locations include, **FMZBC, Stafford and Springfield.**

Church Meeting. The next Church meeting is on this **Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 10:00am.**

Bible Study. Bible study will return next week on **Wednesday, April 7, 2020.**

Maundy Thursday Service Join us this **Thursday, April 1, 2020 at 7:30 pm** for Maundy Thursday Service.

FMZ Life Stream: <https://www.lifestream.tv/fmz-live/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fmzbcumfries>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzFC03nn-QRn0bzNDEefeGQ>

Study handouts are available online. <https://firstmountzionbc.org/bible-study-handouts/>

Community Resources

Thursday, April 1, 2021 | 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Vaccination Clinic

First Mount Zion Baptist Church, 16622 Dumfries Rd, Dumfries, Virginia 22025

- **Doses:** 2K Johnson and Johnson
- **Partners:** Safeway, Prince William County Office of Emergency Management, and First Mount Zion Baptist Church
- **Registration Link:** <https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/Firstmountzion>

FEMA provides funeral assistance for COVID-19 related deaths. FRAUD ALERT:
Note FEMA will only contact those who have applied for benefits

Criteria to apply for benefits:

- An applicant may apply for multiple deceased individuals.
- The COVID-19-related death occurred in the United States, U.S. Territories, or District of Columbia.
- This assistance cannot exceed a maximum financial amount of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application.
- Funeral assistance will assist with expenses incurred for funeral services, interment, or cremation.

In the coming weeks, FEMA will provide a dedicated 800 toll-free telephone number to help individuals with their applications. In the meantime, we encourage potential applicants to begin gathering the following documentation:

- An official death certificate that attributes the death to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States. The death certificate must indicate the death “may have been caused by” or “was likely the result of” COVID-19 or COVID-19 like symptoms. FEMA considers similar phrases that indicate a high likelihood of COVID-19 as a sufficient attribution.

- Funeral expense documents (receipts, funeral home contract, and so on) that include the applicant's name, deceased individual's name, amount of funeral expenses, and the date you incurred the funeral expenses.
- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. Funeral assistance may not duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, federal/state/local/tribal/territorial government or agency programs, or other sources.

You will find more information regarding this assistance [at COVID-19 Funeral Assistance | FEMA.gov](#)

If you have questions about this program, please contact the FEMA Office of External Affairs:

- Congressional Affairs at (202) 646-4500 or FEMA-Congressional-Affairs@fema.dhs.gov
- Intergovernmental Affairs at (202) 646-3444 or FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov
- Tribal Affairs at (202) 646-3444 or FEMA-Tribal@fema.dhs.gov

For Additional information: https://www.gchd.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/FEMA_Advisory_FEMA_Funeral_Assistance_20210324.pdf

Office Hours are **Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 am-2:00 pm**. Before your arrival, please complete the COVID Pre-Screening Form using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/hv7sHNHFJGizTS6g9>

Remain Connected with us by keeping your contact information current. Please submit change of contact information online using the following link:
<https://form.jotform.com/12155242234>

SHARE The next SHARE distribution is scheduled for **Saturday, Apr. 24th**. Future dates: May 22; Jun. 26; Jul. 24; Aug. 28; Sep. 25; Oct. 23; Nov. 20; and Dec. 18.

2021 Virtual Volunteer Screening

The Volunteer Screening Committee will conduct virtual training and screening sessions on **April 17 and June 19 beginning promptly at 9 AM**. Please visit the FMZBC website to obtain more information. Go to the Forms tab and download the Application and Background Check Authorization Form. Your completed Application and Background Check Authorization forms **MUST** be mailed to the FMZBC c/o Volunteer Screening **ONE WEEK prior** to the screening date. Volunteers must be FMZBC members for a minimum of 6 months. **TO SIGN UP**, please contact Cynthia Zorn Pettigrew at 703 -730-5227, zornpettigrewcl@comcast.net, or Clarice Torian at 703-730-6353, toriancj@gmail.com.

Music and Arts Ministry

POC: Minister Sylstea Sledge, ssledge@firstmountzionbc.org

PLANNING MEETINGS

Jewel's Planning Meeting - Thurs. April. 8th 7:15PM.

Women's Choir Planning Meeting - Thurs. April. 8th. 8:00PM.

Men's Choir Planning Meeting - Mon. April 19th - 7:15PM

Mass Choir Planning Meeting - Mon. April 19th - 8:00PM.

CHOIR ZOOM MEETINGS

WC Zoom Meeting - Tues. April 13th 7:30PM.

Jewels Zoom Meeting - Thurs. 15th 7:00PM.

Men's Choir Zoom Meeting - Tues. Apr. 20th - 7:30PM.

Mass Choir Zoom Meeting - Thurs. April 29th - 7:30PM.

Sunday School (CED): Sunday School Extended, **every Sunday at 9:45 am on ZOOM**

Meeting ID: 989 3972 4235; Passcode: 740307; Dial-In: 301-715-8592. This

will be your login information each week.

In addition to the link below, the weekly Sunday School lesson is available online at FMZBC.COM, by clicking on the Sunday School Extended slider.

<https://firstmountzionbc.org/weekly-sunday-school-lessons/>

Kids' Kingdom (CED): [Kids Kingdom Worship](#), **every third Sunday at 11 am** on **YouTube**. Subscribe to FMZBC [Kids' Kingdom Worship, YouTube Channel](#). Registration for the second quarter is **Sunday, April 4th - April 14th**. Kids' Kingdom Worship Packs can be picked up on **April 13th and 15th from 12 pm-2 pm, and Saturday, April 17th, 11-12 pm**.

POC: Dr. Tracey D. Holley, tholley@firstmountzionbc.org

Women's Ministry (CED): [WOMEN'S MINISTRY -Empowerhouse Donation Drive](#)

Greetings to all of our sisters and brother in Christ! The Women's Ministry humbly request your assistance in supporting our Donation Drive for **Empowerhouse** a nonprofit, 501(C)3 organization **Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence and their children on Saturday, April 3, 2021 from 11:00am-12:00pm**. We will be accepting donations during the Communion pickup times at all three locations (FMZBC, Stafford & Springfield). Any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated. The below items are needed by Empowerhouse:

Non-Perishable Food Items

Children Snacks

Sugar

Coffee (granulated only)

Women Body Wash

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

Cleaning Supplies

Laundry Detergent

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact POC, WM Director, Veronica D. Hackett and WM Co-Director, Gwen L. Holland

womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP-Women Uniting in Fellowship with Love, Praise, and Worship

Greetings to our sisters in Christ! You are invited to join us for our monthly fellowship on April 10, 2021 from 9:00am -10:30am via zoom. The title: God, An Eternal Perspective. Our guest speakers will be Associate Ministers, Rev. Kara Franklin-Taylor & Rev. Cynthia Ball. They will be ministering to us on eight words all beginning with the letter "G" to help us focus on God. Having an eternal perspective helps us to rise above our circumstances. (Greatness, Goodness, Gratitude, Growing, Grace, Glory, Giving, God) The zoom information is below. We look forward to fellowshipping with you. Please encourage other ladies in your life to attend. POC, WM Director, Veronica D. Hackett and WM Co-Director, Gwen L. Holland womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org

Meeting ID: 919 2914 5498

Passcode: 186336

Dial in number: 646-558-8656

WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRAYER EMAIL-Women Uniting in Fellowship with Love, Praise, and Worship

Greetings to all of our sisters in Christ. God is so awesome! He has answered our prayers and He wants to answer yours too! The WM has established a dedicated email for the women of FMZBC to submit your prayer request. Our desire is to continually lift up your prayer needs as they arise, so please use this email to submit your prayer request. Let the saints pray for you. Prayers of the righteous availeth much! Our Intercessory Prayer Team (IPT) will intercede and faithfully pray over your prayer request as you send them in.

WomensMinistryPrayers@firstmountzionbc.org

For questions, please contact us via the WM email POC: WM Director, Veronica D. Hackett and WM Co-Director, Gwen L. Holland

womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org

Men's Ministry (CED): POC: Brother Edward Jones;

MensMinistry@firstmountzionbc.org

Youth Ministry (CED): POC: Rev. John C. McNeill, FMZ Youth Minister;

jmcneill@firstmountzionbc.org

Small Groups Ministry

Spring Semester Interest Based Small Groups

We welcome you to join a Small Group! We have a variety of groups from discipleship groups, sports, health and wellness, service, shared interest, support and book groups for all ages. Regardless of the type of group, the main purpose of each group is to create a place where you can develop and cultivate friendships, receive encouragement and support while lives are being transformed into the image of Christ. There is a group for everyone, including YOU!! Review our directory of groups and connect with a small group today.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

- **Register at – <https://firstmountzionbc.org/small-group/>**
- **You do not have to be a FMZ member to join a small group.**
- **Spring Small Groups Semester is through June 30th.**

Leading a Small Group

Consider leading a small group while utilizing your gifts, passions and talents. We'd love to hear from you. Please contact the Small Group Director, share the

topic of interest and name of your prospective group, along with the date and time of your online meetings. You will receive essential tools, an initial small group leader training as well as training throughout the year with fellow group leaders. Your group will be placed in the FMZ online small groups directory where others can locate your group and register throughout the Fall and Spring semesters. We believe God uses Small Groups in a creative way while implementing our mission to Make the Connection – Make Disciples – Make a Difference. As a Small group leader, you are an essential part of that transformation.

Point of Contact: Sister Stephanie M. Craddock, Small Groups Director @
Scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org or 703-670-0184

COVID-19 Updates FMZBC remains closed however, the ministry continues. Check the FMZBC website frequently for COVID-19 updates, FAQs, and important information to know before coming to serve. Please note: the completion of the pre-arrival screenings is required before each visit.

PRE-ARRIVAL CHECK-IN:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/116151970671>

PRE-ARRIVAL COVID-19 SCREENING:

<https://forms.gle/tjJpzJK7Vzj5Tj2Q9>

IT Help Desk. Have questions about ZOOM or OFFICE365? Email or password resets? Please email us for assistance at, IT4U@FirstMountZionBC.Org

Giving Tithes and Offerings (Point of Contact: Ms. Sherry Hilliard, financial secretary, shilliard@firstmountzionbc.org)

- Online. WWW.FMZBC.COM and click on ONLINE GIVING(VANCO), at any time. Please regularly review your account to ensure contact and payment sources are up to date. **If you are interested in learning more about VANCO or have any questions as a VANCO online giver, please contact, Ms. Sherry**

Hilliard by email, shilliard@firstmountzionbc.org, or by phone, (703) 670-0184.

- Mail. First Mount Zion Baptist Church, 16622 Dumfries Road, Dumfries, Va. 22025.
- Schedule a time for pick up, from your home with your Zone Leader.

Please check the FMZ website regularly for a complete listing of ministry activity and updates regarding weather closings during office hours. As always, during these times of uncertainty safety is of the utmost importance as we do our best to keep the congregation connected and informed while maintaining the health and welfare of all. Please check your email and the Church website for regular updates. Looking forward to our return in the future!