

FMZBC Connection Points

First Mount Zion Baptist Church



Ecclesiastes 4:9

Let us stay connected

June 23, 2021!

Scroll to the green text for the latest information!

Attending Sunday Worship Service

Please complete both the Pre-Arrival COVID Screening Form and the EVENTBRITE Registration Form to attend each Sunday Service. FMZBC remains closed however, the ministry continues. As announced on Sunday, May 2, 2021, we are looking forward to officially returning to worship in person on, Sunday, July 4, 2021. Check the FMZBC website frequently for COVID-19 updates, FAQs, and important information to know before your arrival. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions there are limits to seating capacity within the sanctuary. It is therefore necessary to the **complete both the Pre-Arrival COVID Screening Form and the Eventbrite Registration Form.** Registration for Sunday Service will close at noon each Thursday.

PRE-ARRIVAL COVID-19 SCREENING:

<https://forms.gle/tjJpzJK7Vzj5Tj2Q9>

EVENTBRITE REGISTRATION FORM:

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

Join us every Sunday for **Worship at 11:00 am**. You may live stream by going to our website, <https://www.fmzbc.com>. Or subscribe to, First Mount Zion Baptist Church at any of the following social media platforms. **Return to in person worship on Sunday, July 4, 2021, at 11am.**

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

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

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

Bible Study Join us for Bible Study this week on Wednesday at 7:30pm.

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/>

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

Register in advance for Sunday School Extended:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrfu-upjlsH9VMx4eBFk3D3slWI9YJZAF4>

Join us throughout the week on Facebook Sunday School Extended Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/226891871828190>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining Sunday School Extended. **This information includes the meeting link and dial-in phone number.**

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/>

Ministry Events Saturday, June 26th

Holy Communion Drive-Thru the next distribution of communion elements is scheduled for this **Saturday, June 26th, 11am-1:00pm** pick up locations include, FMZBC, Stafford and Springfield.

SHARE This Saturday, Jun. 26th, 9am-11am at FMZBC. Future SHARE dates: Jul. 24; Aug. 28; Sep. 25; Oct. 23; Nov. 20; and Dec. 18.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY (CED):

JOINT WOMEN & MEN FELLOWSHIP

Greetings to our **sisters & brothers** in Christ! You are invited to join us for our joint fellowship on **this Sat, June 26th from 9:00am -10:30am via zoom**. The title: Queens of the Castle and Kings of the Palace. Our guest speakers will be Associate Minister, Rev. Maxine Thompson and our beloved Pastor, Rev. Dr. Luke E. Torian. We need to recognize that we are daughters and sons of God, and He has proclaimed/chosen us as His royal children. As our royal Father, He knows everything we have been through and what we are going through today. He declares that He will bring us out of the darkness into his marvelous light and we will be stronger because of Him. We ask that you wear your queen & king outfit. Dress to impress! The Zoom information can be found below and will be forthcoming via email from the WM. If you are not currently signed up to receive emails from the WM, be sure to send us an email to be a part of our distribution list. We look forward to fellowshiping with you! Please encourage the women and men in your life to attend. POC, WM Director, Veronica D. Hackett and WM Co-Director, Gwen L. Holland womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org

<https://zoom.us/j/99542100848?pwd=cEpOVHJ2UHU2UIZEam1xamJIQ2lMQT09>

Meeting ID: 995 4210 0848

Passcode: 614725

Dial in: 312-626-6799

Virtual Volunteer Screening

POC: 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

Kids' Kingdom (CED): [Kids Kingdom Worship](#), **every third Sunday at 11 am** on **YouTube**.

Subscribe to FMZBC *Kids' Kingdom Worship*, [YouTube Channel](#) or click on the Kid's Kingdom slider on the FMZ website to watch the latest Kids' Kingdom Worship Service.

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

[WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRAYER EMAIL-Women Uniting in Fellowship with Love, Praise, and Worship](#)

Greetings to all our sisters in Christ. God is so awesome! He has answered our prayers and He want 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 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

**This event is Sponsored by the Small Groups Ministry
in Partnership with the C.O.R.E.
& Fit by God Ministries**

SAVE THE DATES
First Mount Zion Baptist Church
Healthy Start Mind & Body
Virtual 2nd Annual 5K Run/Walk
September 23-25, 2021
Registration begins August 1st - September 1st
(more information to follow)

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

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>

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. **To avoid failed transaction fees, please regularly review your online giving account to ensure contact and payment sources are up to date. When submitting a change of address to the Church, please also logon to VANCO to update your address.** 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.

ATTENTION ALL ZOOM MEETING HOSTS In order to protect our ministries from potential “Zoom bombing” by miscreants and hackers, it is no longer recommended to post meeting I.D.’s and pass codes to the website or social media. As an alternative, Zoom offers a

registration feature for meeting participants to register for a meeting using a registration link. Once the registration link is established by the host, the link can be shared as usual via Connection Points, email, text etc. The organizer/host will receive a roster of registrants and if necessary, can use the list to verify people before they are allowed in the meeting.

- For those who schedule ZOOM meetings, to follow is a short video on how to enable the registration feature to Zoom meetings.
- How to set up Zoom registration link for better security: <https://youtu.be/VqomCzNii4>

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!

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](#)

