

## FMZBC Connection Points

### First Mount Zion Baptist Church



Ecclesiastes 4:9

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*Let us stay connected*

*September 28, 2021*

*Scroll to the green text for the latest information!*

Join us every Sunday for **Worship at 11:00 am**. **If you are fully vaccinated, please join us in person**. If you are unable to attend in person join us via live stream by going to our website, <https://www.fmzbc.com>.

You may also join us using any of the following social media platforms.

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.** Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

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-upjlsH9VMx4eBFk3D3sIW9YJZAF4>

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.**

## **New Operational Hours**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 am-3:00 pm**

Staff office and Fitness Center hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Outside of onsite office hours, the staff works remotely and can be reached by calling the office at 703-670-0184 or by email (first initial, last name, @firstmountzionbc.com) Please **note: The Fitness Center is open to members only.** **The Beauty and Barber Shops continue to be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only.**

## **Change in Check-In Procedures**

**Revised 9/12/21**

For anyone 12 years and older proof of being fully vaccinated is required. Proof of vaccination is only required once. Once proof is shown your name will be entered into a data base. At subsequent check-ins you need only to provide your name. Wearing a mask, having temperature taken, and social distancing are still required.

### **Am I required to pre-register for Sunday service or to enter the building?**

No, providing verification of being fully vaccinated eliminates the need to pre-register.

**What forms of proof of vaccination are accepted?** A legible vaccination card showing your name and date(s) of vaccination; a copy of your card; or a picture on your electronic device are acceptable forms of proof.

**Are children required to show proof of vaccination?** Children 12 years and older are required to show proof of vaccination. Children under the age of 12 are not.

### **What if I have a medical condition that prevents me from being vaccinated?**

In lieu of a vaccination card provides medical documentation from a physician stating the medical exemption.

**How do I get my name into the database?** Upon your next arrival to the Church, for any reason, show proof of being fully vaccinated and your name will be added to the database.

Check, [www.fmzbc.com](http://www.fmzbc.com) for additional information and updates

## Obtaining a copy of your COVID-19 VACCINATION CARD

The Virginia Department of Health now provides copies of vaccination cards. to obtain a copy go to their Virginia Immunization Information System, <https://vase.vdh.virginia.gov/vacapps/f?p=545:1>

## VANCO ONLINE GIVING

VANCO, FMZBC's on-line giving platform operates with a high level of security. As a result, users' access will be temporarily denied when using a VPN, virtual personal network and because of too many failed login attempts. If you've forgotten your password, after some time the account will reset to allow you to select the, forgot password option. Another option is to call the office with your IEP address. The office will then contact VANCO with the IP address to have your VANCO account reset.

**SHARE:** Upcoming dates: **Oct. 23**; Nov. 20; and Dec. 18.

**Virtual Volunteer Screening:** **Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**; **Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>**

POC: Cynthia Zorn Pettigrew at 703 -730-5227, [zornpettigrewcl@comcast.net](mailto:zornpettigrewcl@comcast.net) or Clarice Torian at 703-730-6353, [toriancj@gmail.com](mailto:toriancj@gmail.com).

## Music and Arts Ministry:

POC: Minister Sylstea Sledge, [ssledge@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:ssledge@firstmountzionbc.org)

**Kids' Kingdom (CED):** Kids' Kingdom, **each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11 am on YouTube**. Subscribe to FMZBC *Kids' Kingdom Worship*, [YouTube Channel](#), or click on the Kids' Kingdom slider on the FMZ website to watch the latest Kids' Kingdom Worship Service.

POC: Dr. Tracey D. Holley, [tholley@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:tholley@firstmountzionbc.org)

## MEN'S MINISTRY (CED):

POC, MM Director, Bro. Edward Jones and MM Co-Director, Bro. Stephen Seaberry; [MensMinistry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:MensMinistry@firstmountzionbc.org)

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY (CED): 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 Sat, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am -10:30am via zoom. The title "Moving from Fear to Faith." Our guest speaker will be our Minister of Christian Education, Rev. Dr. Tracey Dawkins Holley. During this fellowship we will be reminded of the fact that if we put our faith and trust in God, He will help us conquer our fears. The scriptures that will be highlighted are Matthew 8:26-27 and 2Timothy 1:7. The Zoom information is below and will be forthcoming via email from the WM. If you are not currently signed up to receive emails from the Women's Ministry, be sure to send us an email to be a part of our distribution list. We look forward to fellowshipping with you! Please encourage other ladies in your life to attend.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95614776817?pwd=WWV4SDVuakVScGZVSzdaSFREZTFzZz09>

Meeting ID: 956 1477 6817

Passcode: 239208

Dial in: 646-558-8656

POC, WM Director, Veronica D. Hackett and WM Co-Director, Gwen L. Holland  
[womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org)

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY (CED): BOOK CLUB, Women Uniting in Fellowship with Love, Praise, and Worship**

The Women's Ministry (WM) will be hosting our fall Book Club session via zoom. We will be reading "Seasons of a Woman's Life Bible Study" by Lois Evans. During this 5- week session we will be discussing the many seasons in a woman's life. This study leads readers through a series of biblical principles that will help one navigate all the seasons of one's life that honors and pleases the Lord. The study contains 10 powerful lessons, each with a devotional, interactive scripture study, and group questions. Please join us and invite other ladies to share in this spiritual journey. Session dates are **10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, & 11/13**. Session times are 10:00am -11:30am. Register by emailing [WomensMinistry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:WomensMinistry@firstmountzionbc.org). Input "Book\_Club" in the subject line and provide your name, telephone number, and email address that you can be reached at. POC, WM Book Club Co-Lead, Sister Lisa Johnson.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY (CED): PRAYER REQUESTS, 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. We desire 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](mailto: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](mailto:womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org)

**Youth Ministry (CED):** POC: Rev. John C. McNeill, FMZ Youth Minister;  
[jmcneill@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:jmcneill@firstmountzionbc.org)

## **SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY**

# **Fall 2021-2022 Interest-Based Small Groups Registration Is Open!**

Register at: <https://firstmountzionbc.org/small-group/>

1. The Fall Semester Small Group Meetings begin October 01, 2021-January 31, 2022.
2. We will continue to use Zoom and or Conference Calls for our group meetings.
3. You do not have to be a member of First Mount Zion Baptist Church to join a Small Group.
3. You must be a First Mount Zion Baptist Church member to lead a Small Group.

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.

### **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 First Mount Zion online Small Groups directory where others can locate your group and register throughout the Fall and Spring semesters. We believe God creatively uses Small Groups 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](mailto:Scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org) or 703-670-0184

**FMZ JOB  
VACCANCIES**

FMZBC is seeking to employ the following:  
Food Service Assistant Cook-Full-Time  
Youth/Young Adult Choir Director-Contract  
Volunteer Wedding Coordinator-Volunteer

The job announcement and the employment application are available for download.  
<https://firstmountzionbc.org/job-vacancy-announcement/>

Please return by email, [employment@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:employment@firstmountzionbc.org), or return to the office during office hours, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9 am-3 pm. Applications will also be accepted by mail. First Mount Zion Baptist Church, 16622 Dumfries Road, Dumfries, Virginia 22025. Attention: Hiring Manager

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**Office Hours** are **Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am-3:00 pm**. Please bring verification of vaccination.

**Remain Connected** with us by keeping your contact information current. Please submit a change of contact information online using the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/12155242234>

**IT Help Desk.** Have questions about ZOOM or OFFICE365? Need an Email or password reset? Please email us for assistance at, [IT4U@FirstMountZionBC.Org](mailto:IT4U@FirstMountZionBC.Org) or [rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org)

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

- Online. [WWW.FMZBC.COM](http://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 log on 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](mailto: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** To protect our ministries from potential “Zoom bombing” by miscreants and hackers, it is no longer recommended to post-meeting I.D. and passcodes 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 a 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](#)

