

## FMZBC Connection Points



Let us stay connected!

June 28, 2022

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Join us **every Sunday for Worship at 11:00am**. If you are fully vaccinated, please join us in person. If you are unable to attend in person, please join us via live stream by going to the website, <https://www.fmzbc.com>. You may also join us using any of the following social media platforms.

FMZ/LifeStream: <https://live.lifestream.tv/first-mount-zion-baptist-church>

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

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

**\*\*\*\*If you require speech to text, please use Facebook\*\*\*\***

**Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:30 pm**

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

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

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

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

## **Weekly Operational Hours**

**Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and Fridays, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Staff office and Fitness Center hours are **Monday – Thursday from, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and Friday from, 9:00 am – 1:00pm.** Please note: The Fitness Center is open to members only. The Beauty Shop is also open during this time by appointment only.

## **Holiday Closure**

**This Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day**

Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day

Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving

Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Holiday

## **Revival: We Are Stronger Together**

Please join us in person or via live stream, [www.fmzbc.com](http://www.fmzbc.com)

**Sunday, August 7, 2022, 11am worship service.**

Rev. Dr. Janet R. Caldwell, Pastor, Congregational Care and Worship, First Baptist Church, North Brentwood, Maryland.

**Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm,** Rev. Dr. Alfred Jones Jr., Pastor, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Triangle, VA.

**Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm,** Rev. Dr. Charles A. Lundy, Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Woodbridge, VA.

**Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm,** Dr. Henry P. During, Jr. Pastor, Star of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Triangle, VA.

**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.

Kids' Kingdom, <https://youtu.be/HquJa1e1CZ8>

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

**Youth Ministry (CED):** We are pleased to have a new feature in the Church Newsletter called **YOUTH ON BLAST!** This is an opportunity to highlight the amazing youth at First Mount Zion and their notable accomplishments. If you know of a youth that you would like to have profiled in these sections, please send their name, contact information, and accomplishments to [youthministry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:youthministry@firstmountzionbc.org). Accomplishments can be in the areas of athletic, community, scholastic, overcoming personal challenges, or simply a youth who is in need of encouragement. For additional information or questions, contact Dr. Holley on 703-670-0184.

POC: Dr. Tracey D. Holley, Director of Christian Education;  
[tholley@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:tholley@firstmountzionbc.org)

**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 requests as you send them in.

[WomensMinistryPrayers@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:WomensMinistryPrayers@firstmountzionbc.org).

For questions, please contact us via the WM email POC: WM Director, Gwen L Holland, or WM Co-Director Lisa Johnson at [Womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:Womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org).

**SHARE Ministry:** July 23, 2022, at 9:00am-11:00am. POC: Thomas Bates, 703-772-8837

**Music and Arts Ministry:** Please check the church calendar for rehearsal dates and times. POC: Minister Sylstea Sledge, [ssledge@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:ssledge@firstmountzionbc.org)

**Zone Ministry:** As a member you are assigned to a ZONE based on geographical location. Each Zone has a team of zone leaders consisting of at least a Deacon, Deaconess and Associate Minister. If you do not know how to contact your Zone Leader, please contact the Church and someone will provide you with their contact information. If you have not been in touch because you need to update your contact information, please use the following link <https://form.jotform.com/12155242234>

**Ministry Break:** During the months of July and August ministries will take a break from regularly scheduled meetings and activities. This is a time of refreshing and renewal before returning in September to kick off the 2022/2023 ministry year.

**Seniors' Ministry (CED):** We always look forward to seeing our amazing seniors (55+). POC is Ms. Shirley Hardy at [shirleybhardy@gmail.com](mailto:shirleybhardy@gmail.com).

**Singles' Ministry (CED):** Please join us! Pamela Knight at [nohim2@yahoo.com](mailto:nohim2@yahoo.com)

**Academic Education Ministry (AEM), (CED).** Point of Contact: Brother Gerry Griffin, Chair, AEM at [AEM@FirstMountZionBC.org](mailto:AEM@FirstMountZionBC.org).

**Men's Ministry (CED): ATTENTION ALL MEN!!** POC, MM Director, Bro. Edward Jones and MM Co-Director, Bro. Stephen Seaberry; [MensMinistry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:MensMinistry@firstmountzionbc.org).

**Women's Ministry (CED): WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
OUTREACH**

**SAVE THE DATE FAMILY COAT DRIVE**

***"Women United in Faith, Prayer, Fellowship, Love and Worship"***

The Women's Ministry (WM) will be hosting our Winter Family Coat Outreach Donation Drive supporting Various Shelters in the area on **October 15, 2022**. We would like to request your assistance to make this another successful Outreach.

If you are spring/summer/winter cleaning, please save your nicely clean worn coats for donation. In addition, new coats are also appreciated.

Below is a list of items that we will be collecting to help us provide the support needed for the shelters.

- Men's Coats (all sizes)
- Women's Coat (all sizes)
- Teen's Coats (male & female – all sizes)
- Children's Coats (male & female – all sizes)
- Toddler Coats (male & female - all sizes)
- Infant Coats/Snowsuits (male & female – all sizes)

More information will be coming out around September/October.

If you have any questions, please contact Women's Ministry email – [womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org)

Thanking you in advance, and many blessings!

Have a safe, and wonderful summer!

**Virtual Volunteer Screening:** September 17<sup>th</sup>; October 15<sup>th</sup>; and November 19, 2022

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).

## SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY



- **The Spring 2022 Small Groups Semester Session through June 30, 2022**
  1. We will continue to use Zoom and or Conference Calls for our group meetings.
  2. 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, children's, 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 would 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.

## **FMZBC Job Vacancy 1 Announcement**

FMZ is actively recruiting for a youth minister. Please see a detailed announcement and employment application at <https://firstmountzionbc.org/job-vacancy-announcement/>

You may return the completed application and resume by email, [employment@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:employment@firstmountzionbc.org), or in person during office hours, Monday Through Thursday 9 am-4 pm and Fridays 9 am-1pm. Applications will also be accepted by mail. First Mount Zion Baptist Church, 16622Dumfries Road, Dumfries, Virginia 22025. Attention: Hiring Manager

## Volunteers Needed for Check-In

### Check-In

FMZBC requires anyone who enters the Church to go through Check-In to ensure; proof of vaccination is provided; temperatures are taken, and that masks are worn. **As ministry activity increases so does the need for volunteers.** If you would like to volunteer for Check-In, please use the following Sign-Up Genius link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADAB2E5-check>

If you have any questions, please contact, Renee Woolfolk, Church Business Administrator, at [rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org), or call (703) 670-0184.

Thank you to those that have served and continue to serve at Check-In!!

## Be In the Know

1. Check-In is available at both entrances A and B on **Sundays for the 11am worship service.**
2. The parking lot is fully open
3. Door Q Check-In Station when back parking lot is in use.
4. Two temperature stations at Doors A and B on Sunday
5. Check-In sign-in sheets for contact tracing are no longer in use.
6. The Fitness Center Locker Rooms are now open.

## Closings and Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather

During times of inclement weather please check the Church website and voicemail



for closings and cancellations. Notices are also posted to WTOP and WJLA. You may also register to receive notifications from, [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com)

**KNOW your member number.**

Member Number. It is important to confirm that you are using the correct member number. One way to verify is to review your online giving account. You may also confirm your member number by calling the office, 703-670-0184.

Maintain the Connection. Change of address or phone number? Updates may be made through the FMZ website 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))

**Vanco On-line 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 have 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 IP address. The office will then contact VANCO with the IP address to have your VANCO account reset.

**You may give online using the following online giving link:**

[https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbcjOdOpuGh5p9VUzbG-MUX6XHubq5Z7ap5JVmPErc4ZeYHCKCZhESjGNQmZ5B-6dxxaHhzX-](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbcjOdOpuGh5p9VUzbG-MUX6XHubq5Z7ap5JVmPErc4ZeYHCKCZhESjGNQmZ5B-6dxxaHhzX-)

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Or access the link through the FMZBC website: [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.

You may give by Mail. First Mount Zion Baptist Church, 16622 Dumfries Road, Dumfries, Va. 22025.

You may also 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 activities** 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

## **FMZ COVID GUIDELINES-WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW**

**Revised March 8, 2022**

### **Am I required to show proof of vaccination?**

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 required.

### **Are members of the same household able to sit together?**

While social distancing is still in effect, members of the same household may sit together. Individuals will continue to sit at a green dot. Seating remains separated by every other pew.

**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 twelve are not.

**What if I have a medical condition that prevents me from being vaccinated?** In lieu of a vaccination card, provide 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.

**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>

**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 ID 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/VqomCzNnii4>