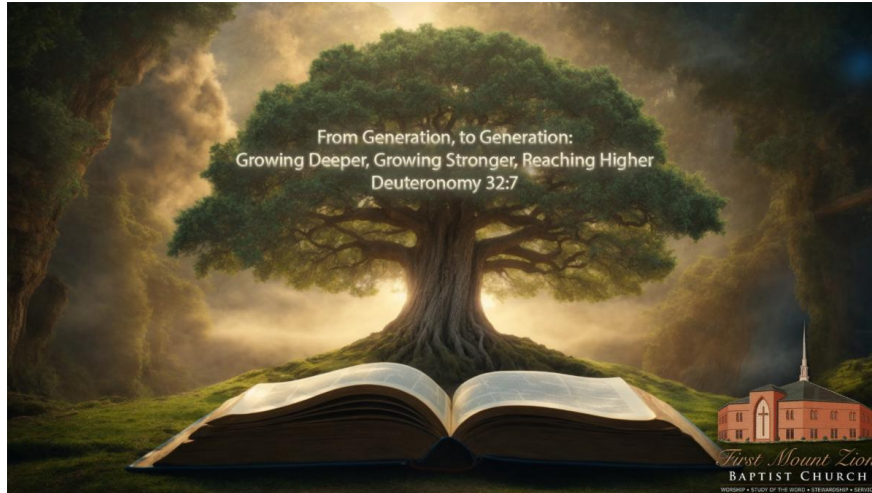




"Sharing the light from the Promise, to Pentacost, to Points around the world!"  
FMZBC's mission is to connect people who have a desire to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.




## Connection Points

### May 22, 2024

Connection Points is a weekly communication to keep you connected by providing information on ways to be informed; to sign up for ministry activity, to serve and to give.


## News


 **CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Steps to complete Questionnaire:**

- 1) Scan QR Code to receive access to the Questionnaire.
- 2) Answer questionnaire based on your truest desires.
- 3) Pray on your responses; involve God.
- 4) If you need help for any reason, email the Pulpit Committee.

**This questionnaire will remain open until 10 Jun 24!**



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

**Sunday School  
Department Request  
for Information**

Determining the Way Ahead



**Order Your Juneteenth T-Shirt**



Join the FMZBC  
family with our  
coordinated festival  
T-shirt

**\$15 - \$24**  
**Toddler - 3XL**



All orders placed by June 8th will be available for pickup in the Narthex after service on June 14th

**Do You  
Own A  
Business?**

**FMZBC is Seeking Vendors  
for our Juneteenth  
Festival**

**On June 23, 2024  
from 12pm to 4:30pm**

Please email us your Business Name,  
Industry, Website, and Product Catalog  
to [ktapp@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:ktapp@firstmountzionbc.org)  
by June 9, 2024

Vendor Table Applications will be approved at a limited quantity



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Awards & Monetary Prizes (top 3 finishers per age category)  
Electronic Race Bib, DJ, Catered Meal & More!  
REGISTRATION OPENS - SUNDAY, JULY 14th.

POC: Stephanie M. Craddock  
scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org - 703-670-0184

## What's New?

### Pulpit Committee

#### Message from Pulpit Committee:

Members of FMZBC and Staff – Thank you for your continued prayers. We have an update for you that requires your immediate action. To kickoff Phase II, the Congregational Questionnaire is now live and will remain open until **June 10<sup>th</sup>**. The link can be found below. We ask that as you complete this questionnaire, you first pray, and truly think about the characteristics you would like for your next Under Sheppard. If you have any questions as you are preparing to complete this questionnaire, whether technical or comprehension of the question, reach out to us by email. [Pulpitcommittee@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:Pulpitcommittee@firstmountzionbc.org).

Link: [Congregational Questionnaire Link](#)

### Sunday School

**The Christian Education Department (CED)** is in the process of determining a way ahead for Sunday School. Please see the QR code above or use the following link to complete a brief questionnaire.

[Sunday School Department Request For Information Form](#)

### Constitution and Bylaws

Use this link to view the FMZBC Constitution and Bylaws

[Constitution and Bylaws](#). You may also view the document on the FMZBC website. Note, it is password protected. To access it click on the Constitution and By Laws slide and enter the code: **fmzbcdocs2024**

Copies are available by contacting the front office at, **703-670-0184**.

## Stay Connected!

Wednesday Bible Study

**11:00am in the Chapel. For May 22, 2024- 11am IN PERSON ONLY**

Wednesday Night Bible Study for Adults and Youth at 7:30pm In person **AND** Live streamed.

### **Update Your Contact Information**

Have a change in how to contact you by mail, phone or email? Use the following link to stay Connected with your FMZBC Family!

**[Stay Connected](#)**

### **Save These Dates!**

#### **Volunteer Screening**

All Servant Volunteers are encouraged to be screened. If you have previously been screened, please turn in the completed annual Volunteer Screening Code of Conduct Form to your Ministry Lead.

**IT4U** is back.

The Basics of Office 365-Teams, **Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 11am**. In person only. Please RSVP to, [rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org).

#### **Deaf Ministry:**

**ASL (American Sign Language)** Interpreter onsite each Sunday during the 11am in person worship service and at the monthly Deaf Ministry ZOOM meetings.

The next meeting is **June 11, 2024, at 7: 00 P.M.**

**[FMZDeafMinistry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:FMZDeafMinistry@firstmountzionbc.org)**. Thank you for your support and assistance.

### **SENIORS MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT**

First Mount Zion Seniors' Ministry invites Senior 55+ to put on your glitter and glitz and come dance the day away at our end of the year Social and Dance. Our theme is "***We've Come This Far by Faith,***" based on Matthew 21:22, 2 Corinthians 5:7, and Romans 10:17. The Social will be held on **Wednesday, JUNE 12, 2024, at 12:00 PM in the FMZBC GYM**. Please RSVP to Sis. Hope Singleton by June 3, at [hopesing@verizon.net](mailto:hopesing@verizon.net). POC: Sis. Shirley Hardy; 703-459-4321.

#### **The 26th Annual Golf Classic!**

**Monday, June 24th, Old Hickory Golf Course**. To register through the FMZBC website click on the following link

**[First Mount Zion Baptist Church](#) OR**

Register by clicking this link. **[Annual Golf Tournament Registration](#)**

#### **VBS IS BACK FOR 2024!**

(CED) Calling all volunteers interested in serving in our program. Please sign up in the Narthex, beginning this Sunday. Come help us as we have fun teaching our children the importance of **GROWING WITH**

JESUS! VBS will run, **Tuesday, June 25 – Thursday, June 27 from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm.** We need you! Sign up today. For more information, email [VBS@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:VBS@firstmountzionbc.org) or call Dr. Holley at **(703) 670-0184.**

### Youth Ministry (CED)

- **Youth Ministry Bible Study** this Wednesday, May 22, 7:40-8:30 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room and can also be attended via Zoom. To attend via Zoom register using the “Youth Ministry” tab on the FMZ website. In-person attendees should report to the chapel first for praise and worship. Join us as we do “Bible study for life.”
- **Final First Friday** before summer ministry break is Friday, June 7, 2024. Join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship. In the Gym and Grain of Heaven, enter and exit through Door P(Gym Door)
- **High School Seniors, Parents and Guardians** -Friendly reminder the picture of your graduate to be shown during worship service on June 9, 2024, is due this Wednesday, May 22, 2024.
- **Thursday, June 20, 2024.** The youth ministry’s final outing before the ministry summer break for youth who are First Mount Zion Members is a 2-hour lunch cruise on the “Spirit of Washington” ship. Permission slip is required. Cost is \$20.00. Deadline for submission of permission slip and payment is this Thursday, May 23, 2024. This event may close sooner if all spaces are filled. Permission slips are available in the Youth Ministry Box in the Narthex or can be obtained electronically by contacting Rev. Jiggetts, youth minister and [bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org).
- **Community Service Opportunity:** The Deaconess ministry has established a “Clothing Give Away” Store( all items are free) for children and adults in room 156 next to the Barber Shop. Community Service hours can be earned for working in the store. Deaconess Ledora Akanni is the point of contact. [Akanni\\_ledora@yahoo.com](mailto:Akanni_ledora@yahoo.com)
- **YOUTH MINISTRY 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 this section, send their name, picture, contact information, and accomplishments to Rev. Beverly Jiggetts- [bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org) or [youthministry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:youthministry@firstmountzionbc.org). Accomplishments can be in athletics, community service, scholastics, overcoming personal challenges, or simply a youth who needs encouragement.

Contact Rev. Beverly Jiggetts, youth minister at [bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org) with any YM questions.

## Hybrid Sunday School (CED)

Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Room 229/230  
or via ZOOM (registration required)

(Ecclesiastes 4:9, GMT version)

*“Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.” (Isaiah 42:9)*

Join Sunday School Hybrid each Sunday. For those attending the class via ZOOM Please use the following link to register for SSE-Hybrid:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89762921587?pwd=UHd2RWVuWjJrbmhNMnpPYUJkZjE4Zz09>

We look forward to seeing you there!

Handouts are available for download from the FMZ (First Mount Zion) website using the following link:

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

POC: Rev. Gillis Taylor, Sunday School Superintendent,  
[SundaySchool@FirstMountZionBC.org](mailto:SundaySchool@FirstMountZionBC.org)

## Childrens' Church (CED)

Children's Ministry/Kids' Kingdom worship for PreK to fifth grader. For additional information, please contact Dr. Holley via email at [tholley@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:tholley@firstmountzionbc.org) or Sister Stephany Stewart at [stephanystewart@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanystewart@yahoo.com). Cannot wait to see you!

## New Members Orientation Class-NMOC Class (CED) Topic: New Members Class for June - July

<b>May 26, 2024 09:45 AM</b>	<b>No class "Remember and Honor Our Military"</b>
Jun 2, 2024 09:45 AM	ZONE Ministry
Jun 9, 2024 09:45 AM	GRADUATION IN THE CHAPEL - Hybrid
Jun 16, 2024 09:45 AM	No class "Happy Father's Day"
Jun 23, 2024 09:45 AM	The Church & Church Leadership
(Hybrid/Rm 211)	
Jun 30, 2024 09:45 AM	The Bible and How to Study the Bible
(Juneteenth)	
Jul 7, 2024 09:45 AM	No class "Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July " Jul 14, 2024
09:45 AM	Stewardship
Jul 21, 2024 09:45 AM	Prayer
Jul 28, 2024 09:45 AM	No class until September 8th

Enjoy wonderful and blessed August family time.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81493910631pwd=OTI1RkdZR2FOWnJyQncyVFNxNFUrUT09>

Meeting ID: 814 9391 0631  
Passcode: 413438 Dial by your location  
• +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

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### **Academic Education Ministry (CED)**

Additional information and Scholarship Opportunities. First Mount Zion High School Seniors, Juniors, and Parents/Guardians. Are you interested in receiving educational information and available scholarship opportunities?!?! Forward your email address to [aem@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:aem@firstmountzionbc.org) and we will add you to the distribution list. Do not miss out!

**AEM (CED):Ministry Scholarship Newsletter.** Want to know what is happening with the FMZ Scholarship, other available scholarships, and events? Just click the link below!!

<https://firstmountzionbc.org/scholarships-2/>

### **Men's Ministry (CED): Men's Fellowship**

**ATTENTION ALL MEN!!!**...Join our In-Person Only for our monthly fellowship.

Leadership Team: Brother Ed Jones, Director,  
Bro. James Gaskins, Bro. Xavier Bridges, Dea. Donnell Wright.

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

### **Women's Ministry May Fellowship (CED)**

The Women's Ministry (WM) would like to extend a welcome invitation to participate in our monthly fellowships held on the 2nd Saturday of the month via Zoom. All women are considered a part of the WM, however, please join us to hear the awesome, loving, and powerful words that God has placed in our speakers, and songstress You will be blessed!

We also want to make sure you are receiving our emails which provide you with weekly Words of Encouragement, Monthly Fellowship, and upcoming WM events.

Additionally, the WM has established a dedicated inbox for the women of FMZBC to submit prayer requests. Our desire is to continually lift up your prayer needs as they arise, so please use this email address

[womensministryprayers@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:womensministryprayers@firstmountzionbc.org) to submit your prayer request. Our Intercessory Prayer Team (IPT) will intercede over your prayer request as you send them in.

For more information, please contact WM Director, Gwen L Holland at [Womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:Womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org).

### 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 wants 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).

### 2024 Volunteer Screening Session Dates

September 21st, and November 16th, 2024

Training begins at 9:00 am

Visit FMZBC website, resource tab for application and authorization forms.

Bring completed forms to the training

TO SIGN UP-Contact, Brenda Byrd at 571 237-0111

[byrdbj@comcast.net](mailto:byrdbj@comcast.net) or Cynthia Zorn-Pettigrew, [pettigcx@icloud.com](mailto:pettigcx@icloud.com) at 703 -730-5227

### Small Groups Ministry:

See the save the date below for the October 5, 2024 5K

#### Schedule

Interest Based Small Groups meet for two semesters each year.

Spring semester: February - June

Consider joining the Interest Based Small Groups Ministry!

We have a variety of groups within three categories from discipleship, sports, shared interest, outreach, health, support, and book groups for all ages.

Regardless of the type of group, through that common interest, we seek to love God, grow in God, serve God, and share God together as a group and with others. There is a group for everyone, including YOU!

For additional information,  
please contact:

Stephanie M. Craddock, MS, CDP, ACE | Small Groups Director | 703-670-0184 [Scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:Scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org)



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

Visit our [Small Groups Pages and Directory](#), to view the variety of Interest Based Small Groups available (Support, Shared Interest and Discipleship) that are available to our First Mount Zion Baptist Church members and Community. Right click the link below.

[Small Groups Directory - First Mount Zion Baptist Church \(firstmountzionbc.org\)](#)

Point of Contact:

Sister Stephanie M. Craddock,  
Small Groups Director

[scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org) or 703-670-0184.

### **Volunteers Needed**

**FMZ Print Shop.** Volunteers are needed to print large format posters for ministry events. If you are interested and/or have experience please contact Walter Holmes, Assistant Facilities Manager at [wholmes@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:wholmes@firstmountzionbc.org).

**Ministry Event set-up and break-down.** Are YOU looking for a way to serve others? Are you in need of volunteer hours or do you simply want to support the ministry activities of the church? If so, please contact Ernest Robbins, Facilities Manager at [erobbins@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:erobbins@firstmountzionbc.org). **Opportunities** to serve in food service with the Grain of Heaven contact Sherise Campbell, Food Service Director at [scampbell@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:scampbell@firstmountzionbc.org).

**Audio Visual:** Interested in supporting ministry activities through audio visual? Join the Audio-Visual Ministry. Opportunities are available in support of Wednesday Night Bible Study, Sunday Worship, Homegoing Services, Weddings, and Ministry Activities. Please contact Dijae North, Audio Visual Director at [dnorth@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:dnorth@firstmountzionbc.org)

**IT (Information Technology) Support:** Interested in sharing your expertise in support of ministry meetings using computers, projectors to display PowerPoint presentations, play YouTube videos, ZOOM, live stream? Contact, Renee Woolfolk, Church Business Administrator at [rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org)

### **Be In The Know!**

#### **Building Use Request**

All meetings and events begin with a Building Use Request Form. Use the following link to schedule your next FMZBC ministry or committee meeting.

[Building Use Request Form](#)

The Fitness center is open **Monday -Saturdays from 9:00 am -1:00 pm.** Pickleball Courts are now open on Saturdays. Tuesday and Thursday evening hours coming in April. However, check the website for schedule changes in support of ministry activities.

### **Closings and Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather**

During times of inclement weather please check the Church website.

### **FMZBC Job Vacancies**

FMZ is currently recruiting for the position of Church Management Software Administrator. Please express your interest in the position by emailing [employment@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:employment@firstmountzionbc.org). Listings are posted on Indeed and the church website.

<https://firstmountzionbc.org/job-vacancy-announcement/>

**Good to know.** Connection Point entries: Submission of weekly announcements and PR forms (Purchase Requisition) are due by noon each Tuesday. Announcements and PRs submitted after the deadline will be processed the following week.

**IT (Information Technology) IT4U**-Help Desk Is Here for You! Please email, [rwoolfolk@firstmountzion.org](mailto:rwoolfolk@firstmountzion.org) to request IT support. Have questions about ZOOM or OFFICE365? Need an Email or password reset? Please email us for assistance with your questions to include FMZ email address password resets.

### **Vanco On-line Giving**

VANCO, FMZBC's on-line giving **and mobile app**. platform, operates with an elevated level of security. As a result, access to users on the same network (FMZ IP address) will be blocked. When off site individual users may be denied access temporarily because of too many failed login attempts. After sometime (up to 4 hours) the account will automatically reset to allow users to select the forgotten password option. To avoid this issue onsite please consider using the VANCO/FMZ mobile app for giving. As a Vanco registered user you should see this option when you sign in.

Note: the development of the mobile app is ongoing to include the inclusion of a text box to enter your FMZ membership number. Using the mobile app is encouraged if you are onsite and blocked from the VANCO site. Instead revert to using your mobile data.

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

### **Online Giving Link**

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 the front office, (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.

**Capturing Ministry Moments.** FMZ in action. Share your photos here! Photos will be incorporated in the weekly Bible Study and Sunday Worship Countdown. Click on the following link to share your photos. [Capturing Ministry Moments](#)

**Attention 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>



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11:00 am and 7:30 pm

In Person, [www.fmzbc.com](http://www.fmzbc.com), YouTube or Facebook Live  
 Youth Bible Study at 7:30pm in person or ZOOM

**Sunday Service Worship:**

Service: 11:00 AM

**Kids' Kingdom Worship Service:**

Third Sundays at 11 am on Youtube

**Sunday School: 9:45 AM** in person or via ZOOM

**Fitness Center**

Monday -Thursday, 9am-4:00pm

Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30pm-8:30pm (no evening hours on the 3rd week of the month)

Friday, 9am-1pm

Please Check the Fitness Calendar

[Fitness Calendar](#)



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