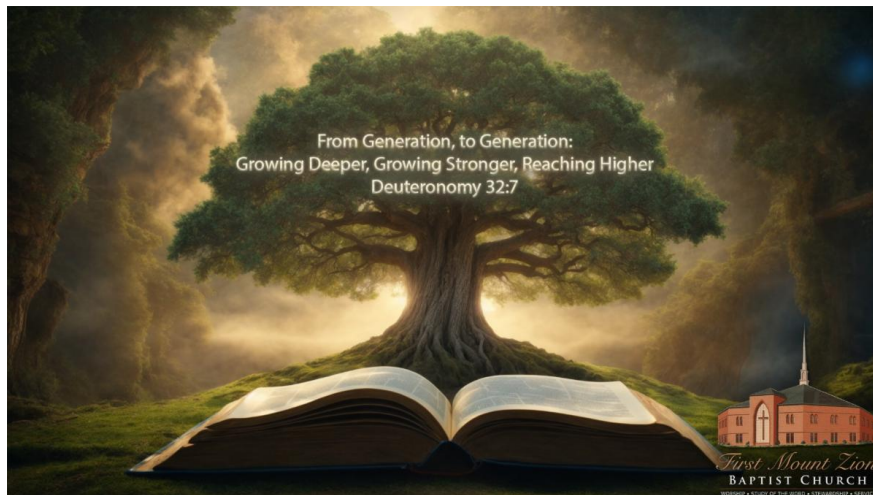




"Sharing the light from the Promise, to Pentecost,  
to Points around the world!"  
FMZBC's mission is to connect people who have a desire to  
become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.



## **Connection Points**

### **June 10, 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**

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# 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)



## 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

## Sunday School Department Request for Information

Determining the Way Ahead





**SAVE THE DATE - 5K**  
**October 5, 2024 - 9AM**  
**Occoquan Regional Park**  
**Lorton, Virginia**

First Mount Zion Baptist Church  
Celebrates the 5th Anniversary  
Healthy Start Mind & Body 5K

Bringing Awareness to Alzheimer's Disease

You may register for (1) of the activities below

- 5K Run/Walk \$25
- 1.5 Mile Senior Run/Walk \$25
- 1 Mile Youth Fun Run - Ages: 12/Under \$15  
(All 3 races will be electronically timed)

Registration includes: Official T-Shirt, Swag Bag, Finisher Medals,  
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

### Remain Connected

Please use the following link to update your contact information: [Member Update Form](#)

### What's New?

#### MESSAGE FROM THE 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 kick off Phase II, the Congregational Questionnaire is now live and will remain open until **June 10th**. 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 questions, reach out to us by email.

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

Link: [PastorSearchSurvey](#)

### 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](#)

### 2024 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment Request

The Trustee Finance (Budget) Committee is preparing for the 2024 budget adjustments. All budget adjustments must be submitted using the following form, [2024 Mid-Year Budget Worksheet](#). The form must be submitted with the appropriate department head signature. Please ensure justification for the adjustment is provided. All adjustment submissions are due to Renee Woolfolk, Church Business Administrator, at [Renee Woolfolk](#) by **Tuesday, June 25, 2024**. The Trustee Ministry will present the 2024 adjusted budget for church approval at the **August 3, 2024**, Church Meeting. **Contact Trustees Oscar Dailey, James Jarett or Titus Simmons** with any questions.

### 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 Bylaws slide and enter the code: **fmzbcdocs2024**  
Printed copies are available by contacting the front office at 703-670-0184.

Join us for **Wednesday Night Bible Study** at 7:30 p.m. in-person **AND** live-streamed. **Youth Bible Study** begins at 7:30 p.m. in-person and via ZOOM.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY (CED)**

- **June is Friends and Family Month.** Youth can invite friends or family who are not choir members or do not attend FMZ to join the Voices of Zion Choir. Participants must attend at least one rehearsal. Let's have the Voices of Zion be the largest Friends and Family Choir! **Contact Bro. Syleste Sledge, Minister of Music, for questions.**
- **Youth Ministry Bible Study, June 12, 2024, 7:40-8:30 p.m.** in the Executive Conference Room and can be attended via Zoom. To attend via Zoom, register using the Youth Ministry tab on the FMZ website. Please go to the Chapel first. Then we will go to the Executive Conference Room for Bible Study. Join us as we do "Bible study for life."
- **Thursday, June 20, 2024.** Youth Ministry two-hour lunch cruise on the **Spirit of Washington Cruise Ship**. Departure from FMZ: 9:15 a.m. Estimated return: 3:30 p.m. Registration for this event is now closed.
- **The First Mount Zion Pulpit Committee** is inviting the youth to complete the Pastor Search Survey. This is your opportunity to voice your opinion. Please use the following Link: **[PastorSearchSurvey](#)**
- **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 by working in the store. Deaconess Ledora Akanni is the point of contact [Akanni\\_ledora@yahoo.com](mailto:Akanni_ledora@yahoo.com)

- **The Social Committee** is looking for support from the youth to assist with taking food orders and delivering the food to our seniors during our **Juneteenth celebration on Sunday, June 23rd**. In addition, they would like to have four of the youth assist with food runs. This would entail delivering the food from the kitchen to the tables and returning empty trays. Rev. Jiggetts will write community service letters for those who volunteer. **POC: Angela Robertson, 703-304-1605.**
- **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 whom you would like to have profiled in this section, send their name, **picture**, contact information, and accomplishments to **Rev. Jiggetts, Rev. Jiggetts or Youth Ministry, Youth Ministry 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.
- The First Mount Zion Pulpit Committee is inviting youth to complete the Pastor Search Survey. This is your opportunity to voice your opinion. Please click the following link to take the survey. **[Pastor Search Survey](#)**

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

## MEN'S MINISTRY (CED)

ATTENTION ALL MEN: Join our **Father's Day, Sunday, June 16, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.** as we celebrate Father's Day and "Dads - Dapper and Debonair in their Sunday Best." The Third Sunday of this month (June 16, 2024) has been designated as a special day to celebrate our fathers and father designates. During this time, we are asking all men to dress in their dapper attire in support of this fellowship. We are asking all men to wear their favorite outfits on **Sunday, June 16, 2024.** This is a great fellowship between the brothers as we walk on our journey in Christian fellowship together. We will have all the fanfare and glamour that we saw on Mother's Day, to include recognitions of fathers, history of Father's Day, Red Carpet and step and repeats for photos. Looking forward to seeing each of you on **June 16, 2024, Third Sunday, for FMZBC Father's Day Celebration.**

Yours in Christ,

**Bro. Edward Jones, Director, FMZBC Mens Ministry,  
703-623-0917**

**Leadership Team: Bro. Edward Jones (Director); Bro. James Gaskins (Co-Director); Bro. Xavier Bridges; Deacon Donnell Wright**

### IT4U IS BACK

The Basics of Office 365-Teams, **Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 11 a.m.** 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 11 a.m. in-person worship service and at the monthly Deaf Ministry ZOOM meetings. The next meeting is **June 11, 2024, at 7: 00 p.m.**  
Topic: Deaf ministry

Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83257068548?  
pwd=Tk3bBzDXN55sraiibaGfiXRC6iwapp.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83257068548?pwd=Tk3bBzDXN55sraiibaGfiXRC6iwapp.1)

Meeting ID: 832 5706 8548  
Passcode: 151040

Dial by your location

- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 832 5706 8548  
Passcode: 151040

For additional information please email, Deaconess Pam Ford at [Deaf Ministry](#) 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 p.m. in the FMZBC Gym. POC: Sis. Shirley Hardy, 703-459-4321.**

### THE 26TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

**Monday, June 24, 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 (CED) IS BACK FOR 2024

Calling all volunteers interested in serving in our program. Please sign up in the Narthex and come help us as we have fun teaching our children the importance of *GROWING WITH JESUS!* VBS will run **Tuesday,**



June 25 through Thursday, June 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 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.

### HYBRID SUNDAY SCHOOL (CED)

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

(Ecclesiastes 4:9, GMT)

*“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:

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

We look forward to seeing you there.

Handouts are available for download from the FMZ 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)

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH (CED)

Children's Ministry/Kids' Kingdom worship for Pre-K to fifth grade. 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 (CED)

Jun 16, 2024, 9:45 a.m.

No class: Happy Father's Day

Jun 23, 2024, 9:45 a.m. The Church & Church Leadership  
(Hybrid/Rm 211)  
Jun 30, 2024, 9:45 a.m. The Bible and How to Study the Bible  
Jul 7, 2024, 9:45 a.m. No class: Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
Jul 14, 2024, 9:45 a.m. Stewardship  
Jul 21, 2024, 9:45 a.m. Prayer  
Jul 28, 2024, 9:45 a.m. No class until September 8th

Enjoy wonderful and blessed August family time.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81493910631pwd=OTl1RkdZR2FOWnJyQncyVFNxNFUrUT09>

Meeting ID: 814 9391 0631

Passcode: 413438 Dial by your location

- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 814 9391 0631

Passcode: 413438

### **ACADEMIC EDUCATION MINISTRY (CED)**

If you are interested in receiving educational information and details on scholarship opportunities for First Mount Zion high school seniors, juniors, parents, and guardians, please forward your email address to [aem@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:aem@firstmountzionbc.org) and we will add you to the distribution list. You may also visit <https://firstmountzionbc.org/scholarships-2/> for details.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY (CED) presents 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. Toward that end, the WM has established a dedicated email address 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 address to submit your requests: [womensministryprayers@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:womensministryprayers@firstmountzionbc.org) Our Intercessory Prayer Team (IPT) will intercede and faithfully pray over your requests as you send them in. Remember, the prayers of the righteous availeth much. Let the saints pray for you!

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

### 2024 VOLUNTEER SCREENING SESSION DATES

September 21 and November 16, 2024.

Training begins at 9:00 a.m.

Visit FMZBC website's resource tab for application and authorization forms. Bring completed forms to the training session.

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 GROUP MINISTRY

See the save-the-date image for the October 5, 2024 5K

SCHEDULE: Interest-based small groups meet for two semesters each year. Upcoming sessions are Fall, October 2024-January 2025 and Spring, February 2025-June 2025.

Consider joining an Interest-Based Small Group.

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! Visit the

**Small Groups Directory - First Mount Zion Baptist Church ([firstmountzionbc.org](http://firstmountzionbc.org)).**

Point of Contact:

Stephanie M. Craddock,  
Small Groups Director, 703-670-0184  
[scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org).

**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). For 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:** Audio-Visual Ministry opportunities are available in support of Wednesday Night Bible Study, Sunday worship, homegoing services, weddings, and ministry activities. Please contact Bro. Dijae North, Audio Visual Director, at [dnorth@firstmountzionbc.org](mailto:dnorth@firstmountzionbc.org)

**IT (Information Technology) Support:** If you are interested in supporting ministry meetings using computers, projectors to display PowerPoint presentations, YouTube videos, ZOOM, or live stream events, 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](#)

FITNESS CENTER hours are as follows:

- Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Pickleball Courts are now open on Saturdays.

Please 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 positions of **Church Financial Secretary and Church Management Software Administrator**. Please express your interest in either position by emailing [Employment](#)

Listings are posted on the church website at [Job Vacancies](#)

**Good to know.** Connection Point entries: Submission of weekly announcements and Purchase Requisition (PR) forms 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 offsite, individual users may be denied access temporarily because of excessive failed login attempts. After some time (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 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. Otherwise, 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](tel: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 into 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/VqomCzNnii>

**Wednesday Bible Study:**  
11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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

**Sunday Service Worship:**  
Service: 11:00 a.m.

**Kids' Kingdom Worship Service:**  
Third Sundays at 11 a.m. on YouTube

**Sunday School:** 9:45 a.m. in-person or via ZOOM

**Fitness Center**

Monday -Thursday, 9 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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

Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Please check the [Fitness Calendar](#)



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