



First Mount Zion Baptist Church

Our Vision: "Sharing the light from the Promise, to Pentecost, to Points around the world!"

Our Mission: To connect people who have a desire to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Our Four-Step Strategy:

- Worship
- Study of God's Word
- Stewardship
- Service

CONNECTION POINTS

February 18, 2025

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.

Virtual Bible Study thru March 2025.

FMZBC.COM | FaceBook | YouTube

Check your email for the Zoom meeting ID and passcode or call FMZBC at (703) 670-0184. The same link is for both the 11:00 a.m. and the 7:30 p.m. Bible Studies.

[Click for this week's Bible Study](#)

**Several Ways to Learn of Updates
During Inclement Weather**

Visit the Church Website: WWW.FMZBC.COM

Church Calendar

Call the church at (703) 670-0184 for a recorded message.

Email your Zone Leader.

Tune in to WTOP.

LINE DANCING Thursday nights!

Six-session program, with teacher Gwen Mathews, **in the gymnasium from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Free for members of FMZ and their guests. Members are allowed 2 guests per visit. Guests must be with a member. Come, learn, dance, and fellowship! For more information, email Lori at LValkenburg@FirstMountZionBC.org or call 703-670-0225.

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Click the request link below to review this week's prayer request from the Pulpit Committee.

[Prayer request](#)

Click the following link to review the Pulpit Committee FAQ's:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

"I WAS SICK AND YE VISITED ME."

Keep the following known, sick, and/or shut-in members in prayer:

Benjamin Bond [N]

Teresa Bridges [I]

Jessica Butler [B]

Terry Carey [F1]

William Daily [E1]

Denyse Farquharson [E1]

Edwin Green [M3]

Cardell Hunter [M1]
Beulah (B.J.) Harper [D1]
Janet Mulubah [M2]
Essie Pullman [Z]
Arthur White [K1]

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OUTREACH DRIVE (CED)

“Women United in Faith, Prayer, Fellowship, Love and Worship”

The Women’s Ministry (WM) will be hosting our Encrusted Connections Life House Donation Drive and ask for your assistance to make this a successful Outreach.

“The ECLH (Entrusted Connection Life House) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing transitional housing in a Christian environment for Ex-Offenders recently released from incarceration and Victims of Human Trafficking. Throughout their stay, we provide temporary housing, mentoring, life skills training, counseling, transitional assistance, liaison to substance abuse recovery programs and volunteer management.”

Below is a list of **New** items that we desire to collect that will help us to provide the support needed. If you are moved to support this outreach, please be advised that the designated drop off for the items that you donate will be at FMZBC on Saturday, [March 15th](#) from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Drop off location upon arrival Door F). Also, items can be Dropped off Before and After Church on Sunday March 16th & Sunday March 23rd, directions will be provided upon church entry.

- Twin Size Sheet Sets
- Twin Size Comforters
- Bed Pillows
- Bath Towels
- Hand Towels
- Wash Cloths

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels

Please contact Sister Cynthia Wilson, Outreach Lead or Deaconess Demetria Cobb Outreach Co-Lead in care of the Women's Ministry email if you have any questions or need to make arrangements to get us your donation if you are unable to make it to the varies drop off dates (March 15, 16 & 25).

Women's Ministry email –

womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MARCH FELLOWSHIP (CED)

Attn: BEAUTIFUL WOMEN OF GOD

The Women's Ministry will be hosting a Fellowship, "The Lord Is Your Shepherd In Every Season Of Your Life!" on Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 9:00am-10:30am via zoom. The purpose of the Fellowship is to remind that that God guides us, provides for us, and protects us from our enemies. We do not need to worry when we understand that God is our source of strength and support in every area of our lives allowing us to find joy, peace, hope, comfort and strength in every season! Our guest speaker(s) will announced.

For questions, please contact WM Director, Gwen L Holland at Womensministry@firstmountzionbc.org.

The Zoom Meeting Information:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84122285701?
pwd=AINtTjDREQ1UPRFBH0OdKCrN0JUoat.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84122285701?pwd=AINtTjDREQ1UPRFBH0OdKCrN0JUoat.1)

Meeting ID: 841 2228 5701

Passcode: 919358

Dial in: (301) 715-8592

YOUTH MINISTRY

Please consider working with the Youth Ministry. To do so you must complete **Volunteer Screening**.

Find information on the FMZ website or contact Brenda Bryd at 571237-0111 or Vashawn Veal 202 257-8557

Youth Ministry Bible Study Wednesday nights virtually from 7:30-8:30 pm.

Youth Ministry Bible Study is **only** available via Zoom.

Thank you to those who joined last night. We will continue to discuss "Black History and the Christian Faith" this entire month.

To attend: To register, click on the following link **Youth Bible Study** or

Go to the FMZ website and click on the "Ministries" tab.

On the dropdown then click on "Youth Ministry"

This will bring up the Youth Ministry Page, there click on Bible Study and that will bring up the link to register for Bible Study.

Complete the registration information and you will then receive the Zoom link and passcode.

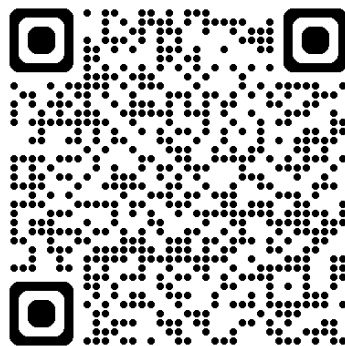
You only need to register once. Please have a Bible with you.

- **First Friday, Friday, Games, Games and More**
Games, March 7, 2025, FMZ youth and guests in grades 6-12. From 7-9 pm in the second floor Lecture Hall. Enter and exit through Door B(cemetery side door).
- **Youth Clothing Give Away Closet:** The Youth Clothing Give Away Closet has new and gently used free clothing for youth. It is in Room 156. Confidential shopping is by appointment only. Point of contact- Deaconess Ledora
Akanni- Akanni_ledora@yahoo.com
- **Community Service Opportunity:** "Clothing Give Away" Store in room 156 beside 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

- **YOUTH MINISTRY ON BLAST!** Highlight the amazing youth at First Mount Zion and their notable accomplishments. To have a youth profiled in this section send their name, picture, contact information, and accomplishments to Rev. Beverly Jiggetts- bjiggetts@firstmountzionbc.org or youthministry@firstmountzionbc.org. **Accomplishments** can be in athletics, community service, scholastics, overcoming personal challenges, or simply a youth who needs encouragement
- Refer to the Academic Education Committee (AEM) Spring 2025 edition on the FMZ website for scholarship opportunities.
- **FMZ High School Retreat** for youth who are FMZ members in grades 9-12 at Pine Creek Retreat Center, April 4-6, 2025.

The theme is "Influence YOUR Generation." Cost \$25.00. RSVP to Rev. Jiggetts with payment by Monday, March 3, 2025. Payment can be made using the QR code and then selecting the "High School Retreat" line item.



FMZBC JOB VACANCIES

FMZBC is actively recruiting for the following vacancies: Food Service Assistant, Executive Assistant, Administrative Assistant, Youth/Young Adult Choir Director. Contact Renee Woolfolk, CBA to learn more at (703) 670-0184 or

**CONSTITUTION AND
BY-LAWS
(C&B) Committee**

Point of Contact is Ken
Spencer, Chair, C&B
Committee, at
cbl@firstmountzionbc.org

**GRIEF SHARE HOSTED
by FMZBC
JOURNEY TO JOY
MINISTRY**

GriefShare is a support
program for people who
have lost loved ones -- a
spouse, child, other family
member, or friend
through death. GriefShare
considers the loss of a pet
as the loss of a loved one.
For additional
information, contact
Reverend Kathy Russell,
journeytojoy@firstmountzionbc.org

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY
PRAYER LINE**

WM offers 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.
Our Intercessory Prayer

**CHANGE IN CONTACT
INFORMATION**

Please use the following
link to update your
contact information:

[Member Update Form](#)

ONLINE GIVING

You may give online: Use
the following link, [Online
Giving Link](#) or access the
link through the FMZBC
website: [FMZBC](#) and click
on ONLINE GIVING
(Vanco). If you are
interested in learning
more about Vanco or have
any questions as a Vanco
online giver, please
contact FMZBC at 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.

**Online Giving Best
Practice:**

To ensure your Vanco
giving history is fully
captured, it is best to login
to Vanco using your
username and password.
When not used, at a

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

MEN'S MINISTRY (CED)

To receive additional information, please email mensministry@firstmountzionbc.org

IT4U

Need assistance navigating Microsoft, TEAMS meetings, or Zoom? For tech support, email IT4U@firstmountzionbc.org

DEAF MINISTRY

ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters are onsite each Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. You may observe in-person and online at www.fmzbc.com The monthly Zoom meetings are also held with an interpreter. The next Deaf

minimum be sure to use the same email address associated with your username and password. When users do not use the username and password, Vanco assigns a different profile number to the transaction, which may result in an incomplete transaction history.

THE ACADEMIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE (CED)

The First Mount Zion Baptist Church (FMZBC) and Hinkitch Bell Memorial Scholarships applications are going paperless for the 2025 academic year. All 2025 graduating high school seniors who plan to attend an institution of higher learning will be able to apply for the scholarships exclusively online.

Students can apply online at the church's website at [Scholarships](#) . Once on the website, navigate to the Resources Tab, Scholarships – New and select 2025 FMZBC and Bell Scholarship Program. The deadline for submitting the scholarship applications with attachments is 4:30 p.m.,

Ministry meeting will be on
March 10, 2025.

Have questions? Please
email
fmzdeafministry@firstmountzionbc.org

**HYBRID SUNDAY
SCHOOL for Adults and
Young Adults (CED)**
Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
Check the monitors in the
narthex for classroom
locations 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 Hybrid Sunday
School each Sunday. For
those attending the class
via Zoom, please [Register
Here](#) We look forward to
seeing you there.

Handouts are available for
download from the FMZ
website at
[Sunday School Lessons](#)

POC: Rev. Gillis Taylor,
Sunday School
Superintendent,
sundayschool@firstmountzionbc.org

April 1, 2025.

**AEM Gazette
Ministry Scholarship
Newsletter.** Want to
know what is happening
with the FMZBC
Scholarship, other
available scholarships,
and events? Just click the
link below.
<https://firstmountzionbc.org/scholarships-2/>

Point of Contact: Brother
Gerry Griffin, AEM Chair
or Sister Sandra Grimes,
Scholarship Committee
Chair at
aem@firstmountzionbc.org
&
<https://firstmountzionbc.org/scholarships-2/>

Parent/guardians/
students, if you have
questions, please email at
aem@firstmountzionbc.org

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (CED)

Children's Church meets
the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
Sundays of each month
with the exception of
holiday weekends and
when noted. Our children
need YOU! Children's
Church needs servants in
several areas to support

VOLUNTEER SCREENING

Next session is March 15,
2025

Contact Sister Brenda
Byrd at 571-237-0111,
byrdbj@comcast.net

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Interest-based small
groups meet for two
semesters each year. The
spring meetings will take
place from March 2, 2025,
through June 30, 2025.

Consider joining an
Interest-Based Small
Group.

We have a variety of
groups in three categories
from discipleship, sports,
shared interests, 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](https://firstmountzionbc.org)

our children. If you want
to make a difference in the
life of a child, please
register today by clicking
the link below. Please note
that volunteer screening is
required of all servants
who work with
children. Contact
information for the
screening is on the
form. Thank you in
advance for registering!

FMZ Children's Church Servant Registration

For additional
information, please
contact Dr. Holley via
email at
tholley@firstmountzionbc.org
or Sister Stephany
Stewart at
stephanystewart@yahoo.com.

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION CLASS (CED)

Time: Sunday @ 9:45 a.m.
Every week on Sunday until
Feb 23, 2025.

February 23 Zone
Ministry Deacon Cox
and Deaconess Coates

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us>

Point of Contact:
Stephanie M. Craddock,
Small Groups Director,
703-670-0184
scraddock@firstmountzionbc.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are numerous volunteer opportunities available. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Renee Woolfolk, Church Business Administrator, or the ministry point of contact. Here are a few volunteer opportunities currently available.

-Receptionist, contact
rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org

-Facilities
FMZ Poster Print Shop
Ministry Event Set Up and Breakdown. Contact
wholmes@firstmountzionbc.org

-Grain of Heaven, contact
Sherise Campbell, Food Service Director, at
scampbell@firstmountzionbc.org

- Audio-Visual Ministry,
contact Bro. Dijae North,
Audio-Visual Director, at
dnorth@firstmountzionbc.org

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Meeting ID: 845 1217 5876
Passcode: 541102

Dial by your location

- +1 301 715 8592 US
(Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 845 1217 5876
Passcode: 541102

org

-IT support for ministry meetings.

Renee Woolfolk, Church Business Administrator, at 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.

Please check the website for changes in hours of operation.

CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

As always, during times

of inclement weather, 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.

During times of inclement weather, please check your email, the church website, and the church calendar for cancellations and/or office closures.

WEEKLY SUBMISSIONS

**Due by noon each
Tuesday**

Connection Points entries to
rwoolfolk@firstmountzionbc.org

Weekly announcements to
announcements@firstmountzionbc.org

Purchase Requisition (PR) forms to
pr@firstmountzionbc.org

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

Wednesday Hybrid Bible Study:
Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Service Worship:

Service: 11:00 a.m.

Kids' Kingdom Worship Service:

First, Second, and Third Sundays at 11 a.m. on YouTube

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

Fitness Center

Monday -Thursday, 9:00 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, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Please check the Fitness Calendar

[Fitness Calendar](#)



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