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Linda Harper, Editor

**December
2021**

Luncheon

December 8th

Member Cost: \$15

Networking: 11:45 am

Luncheon: 12 -1:00 pm

RSVP by Tuesday, Dec. 7th

**CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM**

LOCATION

Mt. Zion Convention Center

SPECIAL MUSIC

**Mt. Zion High School
Mixed Acapella Choir**

PASTORS

**Steve DeVore, Tracy Smith,
Mike Wakeland, Rob Roy,
& Rocky Woolery**

CATERED

The Kitchen of Doris Yoder



Mark Your Calendar

**Central Cremation Center
LLC Ribbon Cutting
December 14, 2021**

Luncheon

**January 12, 2021
Decatur Family YMCA**

**Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce
1400 Mt. Zion Parkway
Mt. Zion, IL 62549
217-864-2526**

Hours: Working Remotely
Make Appointment

**December *NEWS* from
Chamber President
Dan McNeely**



Hi, my name is Dan McNeely from Dimond Bros Insurance. I am our Chamber President. We welcome you to help and get involved with our great Chamber.

Ways to get involved:

- Volunteering for the Board
- Volunteering for the Ambassador Program
- Volunteering for Shifts at Fundraisers and Events
- Volunteering to Serve Community Clubs in our Community

Events coming up:

- Attend the XMAS luncheon on Dec 8th
- Attend Ribbon Cutting on Dec. 14th
- Attend the Expo on March 12th 2022
- Get your booth!
- July 4th 50/50 Raffle Tickets go on sale March 1st!

Thanks for being a member. We encourage you to recruit members to keep our Chamber growing.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season.

Dan McNeely
President

Visit our website:
www.mtzionchamber.org

2022 Calendar of Events

Mt. Zion Expo & Taste -- March 12, 2022

Mt. Zion Chamber Awards & Annual Meeting -- April 21, 2022

2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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December Luncheon



Our Special Christmas Program luncheon is Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at the Mt. Zion Convention Center. Our luncheon costs \$15 unless you have a prepaid lunch. This month's luncheon will be catered by The Kitchen of Doris Yoder.

Remember our luncheons start a little later and are not as long. Our luncheon will start at 11:45 a.m. with registration and networking; we will eat at noon. After you check in at the Registration Desk, go through the buffet and get your food and beverage. The luncheon will end at 1 p.m.

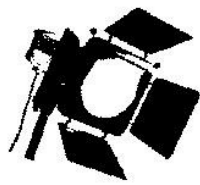
We will have our traditional Christmas Program. We will have music provided by Vickie Marshall from the FBC of Mt. Zion and special music from the Mt. Zion High School Mixed Acapella Choir. The Christmas Program will be presented by Pastors: Steve DeVore, Antioch Christian Church; Tracy Smith, First Baptist Church of Mt. Zion; Mike Wakeland, Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church; Rob Roy, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church; and Rocky Woolery, Mt. Zion Christian Church.

Please send your RSVP's by December 7th to mtzionchamber@gmail.com or you can RSVP on our website at www.mtzionchamber.org/events/meetings/reservations/.

We hope you will attend.



Member Spotlight



The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce loves its member businesses and wants you to learn more about them by bringing you this month's Member Spotlight—Economic Development Corporation of Decatur and Macon County. They are a non-profit, public-private partnership responsible for non-retail business attraction, expansion, and retention efforts in Decatur & Macon County. The EDC staff also manages the Decatur and Macon County Enterprise Zone that offers a variety of state and local incentives to businesses located within its boundaries. Visit their website at <http://www.decaturedc.com> for more information.



Ribbon Cutting
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
11:30 a.m.



CENTRAL
Cremation Center ★

110 West Weaver Road
Forsyth, IL 62535
217-859-8100

2022 Membership Dues

At the October 2021 Board meeting, the Board approved a small \$25 increase in membership dues. Instead of \$150 per year; it is \$175 per year. That is a \$2.08 per month increase. This will help defer some of the extra costs the Chamber has incurred; as you know, everyone's expenses have increased.

You can pay by mailing a check for \$175 to the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 84, Mt. Zion, IL 62549. Your membership renewal is due January 2022. If you need an invoice, I will send you one; just email me at mtzionilchamber@gmail.com, and let me know.

Last year's letter said the Chamber was moving to renewal months for everyone would be January.

The only exception to this is if you were a new member in 2021. If you are a new member, your dues will be prorated for 2022 dues; then your 2023 renewal month will be January 2023. I will email you your prorated membership renewal amount if you were a new 2021 member.

An invoice will be generated through our QuickBooks for all members by the middle of December 2021.

New Payment Method

For your convenience, all future invoices have an option for you to pay via credit or debit card or bank transfer directly on our online QuickBooks invoice (see below) that is emailed to you or to the main contact person for your business or organization. On all past due invoices, I can turn that feature on for you.

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




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Mt. Zion Chamber Benefits

- ♦ Free Member Spotlight Advertising
- ♦ Referrals to Potential Customers
- ♦ Member-to-Member Networking
- ♦ Business Education/Speakers
- ♦ Ribbon Cuttings
- ♦ Monthly Luncheons
- ♦ Monthly Newsletter
- ♦ Increased Community Visibility
- ♦ Chamber Directory Listings
- ♦ Free Website Presence on our Online Directory
- ♦ Invitations to Chamber Events
- ♦ Inexpensive \$25 Advertising in Newsletter or E-mail Blasts
- ♦ Business After Hours
- ♦ Luncheon Exhibitor
- ♦ Business Expo
- ♦ Sponsorship Opportunities

2022 Mt. Zion Expo & Taste

The **Mt. Zion Chamber Expo & Taste** will be Saturday, March 12, 2022. This puts us back on track of our regular schedule for our Expo & Taste to showcase your business or organization. We hope you all will participate in this coming year's Expo & Taste. This event will be held in the beautiful Mt. Zion Convention Center. You will be invoiced for the level of participation you choose; there is no charge for being in the Taste. Your membership dues must be current. Here are the deadlines:

Sponsorships	Friday, January 14, 2022
Booth Contract	Friday, February 11, 2022 -- Early Bird Pricing
Taste Contract	Friday, February 18, 2022

There will be a VIP party the evening before, which will be on Friday, March 11, 2022 for all sponsors and exhibitors. This will give you an opportunity to socialize and do some business to business networking.

Spaces fill up quickly so get your spot soon.

If you need a Booth contract or Taste contract sent to you, email mtzionchamber@gmail.com.

35th Anniversary

Our 35th Anniversary is April 2022. We will celebrate this special year throughout the year. The Awards & Annual Meeting is on April 21, 2022 at the Mt. Zion Convention Center; plan on attending and bringing other employees, spouses, and significant others. **SAVE THE DATE.**

Another way we will be celebrating is we will be publishing a new printed directory. All members get a free alphabetic and categorical listing. There will eventually be an opportunity to place your ad in the new printed directory. It will have the history of our Chamber along with other pertinent information. We will start working on the new directory in the spring and distribute it late summer. These are distributed to newcomers in the Mt. Zion area through some of our local pastors Welcome Wagon. (If anyone wants some of your items in the Welcome Wagon, I will take your promotional items to the churches for you.)

Start doublechecking your online directory listing on our website at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/directory/>. I have been updating it as I find out about changes, but things keep on changing so I'm sure there are other changes that need to be made to the online directory and then eventually to the printed version of the directory late summer. Let me know who should be the main contact for that business and their phone number. After you click on your name, you will see other contact information; check it to make sure that it is correct also. Email mtzionchamber@gmail.com any changes that need to be made.



Expo and Taste
March 12, 2022

Gold or Silver Sponsorship Packages Due January 14, 2022
Early Bird Booth Payment Due February 11, 2022

	Gold Sponsorship \$650	Silver Sponsorship \$400	Booth Space \$300/Early \$250 <i>Non Member:</i> \$475/Early \$425
Booth space	Double (8X16) booth Electricity included	8X8 booth Electricity available \$25	8X8 booth Electricity available \$25
Sponsor Promotion	Designated as Gold Sponsor at Event	Designated as Silver Sponsor at Event	
Sponsor publicity	Sponsor name announced at Event	Sponsor name announced at Event	
Sponsor Inclusion	Sponsor name and logo on all Expo communications and large banner.	Sponsor name and logo on Expo communications and large banner.	
Sponsor inclusion in Pre-Expo event advertisement	Sponsor logo on Expo flyer & newspaper ad. Sponsor logo on all Expo email and social media messages.	Sponsor name on Expo flyer	
Early Bird Pricing			If registered and paid before Feb. 11, 2022

Business Name & Contact Name: _____
Gold: _____ Silver: _____ How Many Booths: _____ Electricity: _____

Email: mtzionilchamber@gmail.com

Mail Payment to: P.O. 84, Mt. Zion, IL 62549



The Decatur Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) chapter will be hosting a Leadership event on December 14th. The chapter is extending an invitation to all HR and Business Professionals to join us for a night of networking, food, and fun!

The event will take place at Richland Community College from 6pm to 8:30pm.

Doors open at 5:30pm.

The Guest Speaker, Dustin E James, Corporate Energizer & Strategic Leadership Partner, will present on *Creating Everyday EXCELLENCE in Leadership*.

The cost is \$35.00 per person or a Corporate Sponsorship table of 8 is discounted to \$250.00.

The cost includes a buffet meal prepared by Chef Brian Tucker and his staff, presentation, networking and to end the event with drawing of prizes. A cash bar will be available.

Corporate Sponsorship tables will be recognized during the event and on our Decatur SHRM website.

RSVP must be made to aspry@staffsolutions.com by December 7th and payments can be mailed to: Decatur SHRM Chapter #0555 P.O. Box 872 Decatur, IL 62525.

Questions on the event can also be directed to Amy Spry, Decatur Area SHRM Secretary at aspry@staffsolutions.com

Business casual dress attire.



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Dustin E. James

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- Enhance Communication
- Find Common Threads



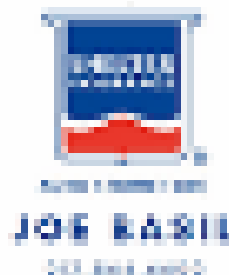
VISTAGE



Shop Local

Support Local, Support Mt. Zion! Spend your hard-earned dollars in our local community! When you support local your dollars stay in our community. Support your local Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce when you visit chamber businesses. Join together and support Mt. Zion when you shop locally.

Look for local businesses on our Chamber website where they are listed alphabetically or by categories at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/directory/>.



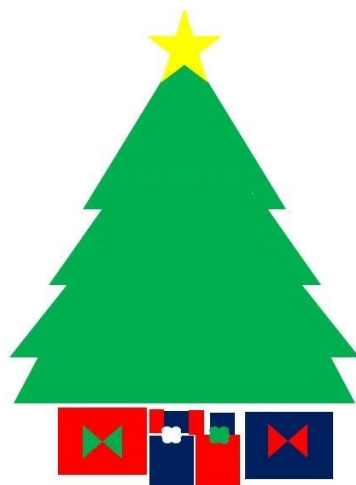


Member Christmas Specials

Member	Contact Information	December Special(s)
Antioch Christian Church	5409 E. US Route 36 Decatur, IL 62521 217-864-3444	<p>ACC's Polar Express Experience Saturday, December 11th 1-2pm - Christmas Open House with a huge train layout, photo booth, games, and snacks 2pm - We will watch The Polar Express movie.</p> <p>Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion by the Manger Friday, December 24th from 4 to 6pm Join us for our Christmas Eve Communion Service with the whole family. This is an open house style event. You'll take an indoor, candle lit Christmas walk, hear the Christmas story, and take communion with your family.</p>
Decatur Earthmover Credit Union	2600 Dividend Dr Decatur, IL 62526 217-875-2301	<p>Christmas Loan It's the season of Giving! At Decatur Earthmover credit union, we're a community partner, and that has been a cornerstone for us since Day 1. And this year DECU is here to help you help the community. For every Christmas Loan we do from now until the end of the year, we're donating a portion back to local non-profits. So join us in being a community partner, and get your Christmas Loan at Earthmover. Visit decu.com to apply today. Decatur Earthmover Credit Union, Bank Where You Belong. Terms and conditions apply</p> <p>Auto Loan Special If you've been waiting all year for the perfect time to buy that new car, you've waited long enough.</p> <p>Decatur Earthmover Credit Union has our special of the year now until December 31st. Auto loan rates as low as 1.99% APR on cars model years 2019 a newer with terms up to 72 months! Call 800-542-6474 or visit decu.com to apply today! Terms and conditions apply. See decu.com for loan details.</p>
Decatur Family YMCA	220 W. McKinley Ave Decatur IL 62526 217-872-9622	No Joiner Fee for new Y Members - 12/20/2021-1/31/2022
Del's Popcorn of Mt. Zion	100 Debby Drive Mt. Zion, IL 62549 217-864-9888	Pop in to Del's Popcorn Shop in Mt. Zion to pick out those perfect gifts of good taste this holiday season. Your family, friends, employees, or clients will be delighted to receive tasty treats of popcorn, fudge, nuts, peanut brittle, candies, and chocolates. Corner of Route 121 and Debby Drive.

Member	Contact Information	December Special(s)
Evergreen Senior Living	4825 East Evergreen Ct Decatur, IL 62521 217-864-4300 Ask for Andrea	Come celebrate life at Evergreen Senior Living, a Supportive Living community that offers worry free living with compassionate care that is always available. Our professionally-trained caregivers provide 24-hour wellness support, routine medication management and housekeeping and laundry services. We also offer three delicious home cooked meals each day served restaurant style. We provide a social atmosphere & offer senior-friendly transportation. A financial assistance program through Medicaid is available for those who qualify, making Evergreen affordable to all! The Legacy, our memory care community, is fully devoted to those with Alzheimer's & other dementias and offers routine and purpose to establish a sense of belonging. At Evergreen Senior Living, our caregivers understand that physical care is just part of what keeps our seniors healthy. Social interaction and relationships are the keys to a full and vibrant life.
First Mid Bank & Trust	455 North Main Decatur, IL 62523 217-475-2766	Holidays are a time for making memories. You may want to give someone a special gift, host your family and friends for a meal, or travel to see family during the holidays. Open a First Mid Christmas Club account with only \$1 and start saving for the holidays next year. Visit www.firstmid.com/make-your-holiday-memories/ for more information. Plus, stop by a First Mid banking center during their Holiday Spirit Week, December 13-17. During the week, they'll be giving out treats to help put you in the holiday spirit!
Record Herald News	P.O. Box 19 Arthur, IL 61911 217-620-7460	One-year subscription \$35 Macon Co. residents (includes on-line access). Online Only subscription \$25.
Renew Total Body Wellness Center	3798 E. Fulton Ave. Decatur, IL 62521 217-864-2700	<p>Merry and Bright Package - \$150 Rejuvenating facial with dermaplaning and an LED Light Treatment. Red Light stimulates skin cells and increases circulation to soften lines and rejuvenate tired, aging skin.</p> <p>Winter Wellness Package – Five 1-Hour Treatments - \$200 It's cold outside but warm and cozy at the spa. Relax and detox in our infrared sauna. Benefits of using an infrared sauna include improved circulation, relief from sore muscles and joint pain, lower inflammation, detoxification of the body, and improved skin. It also helps ease stress and anxiety, boosts immunity, and helps with weight loss. \$200 for five 1-hour treatments.</p> <p>During the month of December, if you purchase \$250 or more in retail or services, you will receive 7 trial size PCA Products (\$122 value, while supplies last) including Daily Exfoliant, Nutrient Toner, H.A. Boosting Serum, Exlinea Pro, Ideal Complex Eye Gel, Daily Defense SPF, & H.A. Lip Booster. Specials valid through 12/31/21</p>

Member	Contact Information	December Special(s)
Shop On Main	407 N. Main Street Decatur, IL 62523 217-422-2674	Shop On Main is a locally owned boutique featuring beautiful apparel, gifts, home décor and during Christmas season – fun awesome Christmas ornaments and decorations. Gift wrapping always free. December specials include 50% off Caspari advent calendars, buy one get one ½ off ornaments and selected wall decor at 25% off.
The Box- Decatur	1210 South Jasper Street Decatur, IL 62521 217-474-5007	5% discount on orders of 20 or more boxed lunches
Vine + Grace Boutique	130 Casa Park Drive Mt. Zion, IL 62549 217-273-4279	Christmas Open House Saturday, December 4 12-3 Special Visit from the Grinch Cookies and Photo Ops
Wildflower Artisan Bakery	1330 North State Route 121 Mt. Zion, IL 62549 217-864-1153	December 11th 8am-12pm we will have the grinch available to take pictures with (free) 11am-2pm we will have Santa available to take pictures with (free) December 18th 8am-12pm we will have the grinch available to take pictures with (free) 11am-2pm we will have Santa available to take pictures with (free) Coffee and tea baskets available. Gift cards available. Hot cocoa gift cups with Cocoa and Candy Cane. Letters to Santa Free: kids can drop it off \$3: we will write a generic letter back to your child from Santa (please provide all mailing information on letter) \$5: we will write a personalized letter back to your child from Santa (please provide all mailing information on letter and a quick note from parent highlighting anything you would like us to mention in letter).





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ACTIVE LISTINGS

Address	Details	Price	MLS #
1540 N Woodford St	2 bdr/1 bth/ RANCH/enclosed front porch/2 car garge	\$19k	6215986
270 E Mueller Ct (LOT)	Secured gated subdivision/.65 acres/Near Lake Decatur	Mid \$20's	6202274
233 E Dunbar St Blue Mound	NEW LISTING! 2 bdr/1 bth/Meridian Schools/deep detached garage	Upper \$50's	6216825
1840 Buckhead Lane(LOT)	Ready to build/most utilities already in place	Mid \$40's	6214823
1435 W Macon St	3 bdr/1.5 bth/WEST END/wood fireplace/screened front porch	Upper \$60's	6216377
3444 N Taylor Ave	NEW LISTING! 2 bdr/1 bth/.99 acres/7 lots/1.5 detached garage	Upper \$60's	6216759
305 W South St Bethany	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/1 bth/Okaw Valley Schools/4 Car Garage	Upper \$80's	6216730
2530 Lake Reunion Pkwy	(LOT) Residential building site/Mt Zion Schools	Upper \$90's	6215079
265 N Country Club Rd	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/1 bth/RANCH/replacement windows/.65 acres	Upper \$90's	6216827
3345 N Woodford St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! Turn-key SPA business includes all equipment	Lower \$110's	6212730
7002 W Cantrell St (LOT)	Approx 13.5 acres (12 acres tillable, 1 acre timber)	\$150k	6215402
3183 Greenlake Dr	NEW PRICE!! 4 bdr/2.5 bth/Bi-Level/Near Lake Decatur/2-2 car garages	Upper \$170's	6215960
686 Cove Ct	3 bdr/2 bth/LAKE DECATUR PROPERTY/2.5 car garage	Lower \$220's	6216088
770 E Eldorado St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! Auto Repair business opportunity/4 OH Doors	Upper \$220's	6210809
858 W Green St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! - Biggen's Bar & Billards/Pool Tables/Open Bar	Upper \$250's	6190609
2265 S Franz Dr	NEW LISTING! 4 bdr/3 bth/cathedral ceilings/3 rear decks/skylights	Upper \$250's	6216809
260 E Wood St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! Over 12,400 sq ft space/2 Levels/Parking	Upper \$340's	6212544
333 E Macon St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! 4 parcels/retail/office space/storage/warehouse	Upper \$490's	6214957
310 E Elwin Rd	4 bdr/3.5bth/14 acres/Pond/7 stall Barn/Stable/Meridian SD	Upper \$790's	6212920

Active/Under Contract Listings

7910 W Fourth St Harristown	CONTRACT within 4 days!	Mid \$80's	6216810
2673 S Forrest Green Dr	4 bdr/2 bth RANCH/7 skylights/2 lots/wood fireplace	Upper \$170's	6215808

Pending Listings

917 S 44th Street	3bdr/1bth/bungalow/full basement/1/2-acre corner lot/hardwood floors	Low \$40's	6195809
1456 W Forest Ave	2 bdr/1 bth/wood fireplace/2 car tandem garage	Upper \$50's	6215711
7 Meadow Terrace Dr	3 bdr/1 bth/Ranch/Wood Fireplace/Replacement windows	Lower \$70's	6214487
635 Mintler Drive Mt Zion	CONTRACT within 9 days !	Upper \$130's	6216602
4671 N MacArthur Road	CONTRACT within 2 Days	Upper \$140's	6216485
7002 W Cantrell St	5 bdr/4 bth/15 acres/pond/green house/beach w/dock	Upper \$450's	6215446
4045 Meadow Park Dr	6bdr/7 bth/in ground pool/pool house/Mt Zion Schools	Upper \$590's	6210002



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