

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23rd, 2014

*Please silence all cell phones and games when entering the sanctuary. Thank you!  
This weekly announcement sheet will now be included on Mt. Zion's website.*

### TODAY

- ~Worship at 8 and 10:30 AM
- ~Sunday School for all ages at 9 AM
- ~Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary 9-10 AM
- ~Children's Choir practice in room 5 10-10:30 AM
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ~Cooks on the Road at Ronald McDonald House 12-6 PM
- ~Youth Group 6-8 PM, Fellowship Hall

### THIS WEEK

- ~Advent Worship Team Mon. Nov. 24th, 6-7:30 PM
- ~York Community Outreach Meeting Mon. Nov. 24th, conference room, 7-8:30 PM
- ~Worship Choir Practice Tue. Nov. 25th, choir room, 7:30-9 PM
- ~Youth Group Wed. Nov. 26th, go to see Hunger Games: Mockingjay, 7:30 PM
- ~Woven Threads Wed. Nov. 26th at the Abel Home 6:30 PM
- ~Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, Nov. 27th, Church Office is Closed.

### NEXT SUNDAY

- ~First Sunday of Advent
- ~Communion at both services
- ~Worship at 8 and 10:30 AM
- ~Sunday School for all ages at 9 AM
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM Worship Service

Our *Monthly Mission* for November will be split between **Hoffman Homes for Children and Youth** in Gettysburg and **Homewood Home at Plum Creek**. Both are UCC related institutions in our area. Your gifts help provide in some cases clothing and activities for the youth. Thank you for your support of these local agencies!

**Northeastern Food Pantry.** During the month of November the food pantry is in need of canned vegetables *other than corn, peas or green beans*, and boxes of cereal. Your contributions may be placed in the shopping cart in the side narthex. Thank you.

The 2015 Budget Sponsorship Tree is in the narthex with opportunities to provide resources for the Summer Program for our children, Messy Church, new books for the children's library, advertising for special events, and camperships. Please take a leaf, place your name on the back and put it in the offering plate as a sign of your commitment.

**Children's Choir** practices today in Room 5 from 10-10:30. **Please note:** practice on Nov. 30th is cancelled and will resume on Sun. Dec. 7th. All children ages 3rd-6th grade are welcomed to join!

**Children's Bell Choir** is ringing right along! Kristal Bells use a color coded system which enables the youngest children to participate. Travis is currently working with 4th-6th graders. This group will meet each Thursday from 6:30-7 PM up until December 18th. **There will not be a practice on Thursday, November 27th.** The children will perform Sun., Dec. 14th during the 10:30 service, and on Christmas Eve during the 7 PM service. The preschool group will begin their practices after the New Year! If you have any questions, you may email Travis at the following address: [travispinci1280@gmail.com](mailto:travispinci1280@gmail.com).

**Prepare Him Room: Spiritual Practices During Advent**--The weeks leading up to Christmas are often filled with shopping, family, parties, and food. While we celebrate the excitement of the season, we need also be preparing our lives for the birth of God's most precious gift to this world: Our Savior. Join David Bradnick in the fellowship hall at 9 AM Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28 as together we learn about the spiritual practices of Prayer, Fasting, Simplicity, Submission, Worship, and Celebration. Join us as we discover together how to *Prepare Him Room*. All are welcome! Come as you are!

**Gifts for Homewood Homes Residents**-- As in previous years, Mt. Zion is collecting small Christmas gift items for residents of Homewood Homes. You can pick up a name and gift suggestion in the narthex. Please have the items back to Mt. Zion by Sunday, December 7th. The gift should be wrapped or in a gift bag and be clearly marked with the residents' name and the contents of the gift (even extra gifts included). There is also an opportunity to renew or begin a membership with the Homewood Auxiliary. The cost of becoming a member of the Homewood Auxiliary is \$2.

**Christmas Poinsettia** order forms are located next to the box in the narthex. Please complete all of the information on the form and then put it in the box on the table in the narthex. **Order deadline is this Saturday, 11/29/14**, and the cost is \$4.25 each. Thank you!

**2014 Christmas Give Away:** We would appreciate your donations of gently used toys and children's winter clothing for the Christmas Give Away at Grace UCC in the city of York. This is the third year we have partnered with Grace to offer this outreach event. Donations will be collected in Room 5 in the lower level through Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**Parents Day Out (Youth Fundraiser)**~ Do you have some last minute shopping to do? On Sat. Dec. 20th from 9 AM to 1 PM, the youth (and parents) are hosting a **Parents Day Out**. For a donation towards the youth group's fundraising efforts towards upcoming trips, **we invite you to bring your children** to Mt. Zion for the morning to share with us in crafts, fun, and games! Snack and lunch will be included. Babies are also welcome! If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity for excellent child care while you get things done, simply sign up in the side narthex. Questions can be directed to Pastor Dani.

**Woven Threads** is a discussion and Bible study group that will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 PM at Janet Abel's home. They will be using the guide, "Unglued: Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotions" by Lysa Terkeurst. We welcome all of you to come to the next discussion this Wednesday, Nov. 26th.

We will have **Game Day** from 10 AM -3 PM (note the change in time) on Dec. 9th. We can discuss how often during the upcoming sessions for next year. If you have any questions call Nancy Sleeper at home, 266-4668 and cell, 515-4790.

**Join the Ridgerunners** for fun, laughter and food the first Wednesday of each month at noon in the Fellowship Hall unless otherwise noted. Snacks, dessert and drinks are provided. All ages are welcomed.

**NEW** sign up in the side narthex for **Worship Ministry Teams**. Teams consist of 4-5 people and meet 3 to 4 times. We are now moving into the coming year with Epiphany and Lent. If you have done this before, invite someone new to join you on a team and let's plan inspiring, spiritual worship for all ages!

*Thank you for your contributions to the Community Aid box in the parking lot!* During the last quarter we collected 4,800 lbs. of clothing and received a check for \$192.00 that goes to our Capital Improvement Fund.

**Substitute Sunday School Teachers Needed!** If you would be available to serve as a **substitute teacher** in any of our children's Sunday school classes when a teacher is unable to be there, please visit the signup sheet in the side narthex. Thank you!

*Pastor Cathy* will be with her family and away from the office Fri. Nov. 28 through Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have need of pastoral assistance during this time, please contact Pastor Danielle.

**We are seeking acolytes** for December and January. If your child (or you!) would be interested in acolyting, please sign up on the sheet in the side narthex and please indicate if training is needed. As a guide, children typically begin acolyting around third grade. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to be in touch with Pastor Danielle.

The Church Office has Weis and Giant gift cards available in \$10, \$25, and \$50 denominations. A portion of every card purchased benefits Bell Socialization! Checks should be made out to Mt. Zion U.C.C.

**A request from our Financial Secretary, Jesse Smith** ~ When using pew envelopes for your offering, please fill out as much information as possible on the envelope. It is especially helpful to have your full name and address. If you know your envelope number, please add that as well. And to all who E-tithe: If you have changed any of the following: Address, Phone Number or E-mail, please send changes to Jesse's e-mail address: pencilpusher6@gmail.com. He would like to update his records. Thank you.

**Please consider sponsoring either an altar flower arrangement or our weekly bulletins.** It's a great way to send a special message, remember a loved one or celebrate a birthday or event. You are encouraged to take a few minutes upon sign up to complete the form providing the information as you would like it to appear in the bulletin. Cost of flower arrangements is \$14.75 and cost of bulletins is \$15.00.

Thank you for the continued prayers for Jeff & Ashley Lusby and family. For anyone who would like to send cards, the address for Jeff and Ashley Lusby is: 121 E. Laredo Trail, Raymore, MO 64083-8536.

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
October 26, 2014	137 members +32 guests	\$1,486.00	\$2,113.94	\$3,599.94	\$4,560.91
November 2, 2014	153 members + 12 guests	\$2,824.00	\$1,691.15	\$4,515.15	\$4,560.91
November 9, 2014	141 members + 10 guests	\$2,167.00	\$1,691.15	\$3,858.15	\$4,560.91
November 16, 2014	148 members + 14 guests	\$3,163.00	\$1,691.15	\$4,854.15	\$4,560.91

*Special needs prayer chain - please call the church office at 755-6117.*

**Undergoing Treatment/Therapy:** Joey Harvey, Leon Hartman, Paulette Smith

**Recuperating:** Ted Trout-Landen, Paula Beever, Barb Waltemyer, Suzanne Skennonto, Sharon Baines, Melissa Shindler

**Hospitalized:** George DeMers

**THIS WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Ken Dunbar

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Drew & Danika Dallam, Palmer Burke, Kat Koons

**10:30 AM Worship tech:** Bonnie Dull

**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Elaine & Joey Bevivino, Al & Ann Lewis

**10:30 AM Acolyte:** Evan Kerchner

**10:30 AM Nursery:** Wendy & Ben Kindig

**WOW Kids:** Kathy Sweeney

**NEXT WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Jim Shiffer

**8 AM Communion Servers:** Jim Shiffer, Mary Jane Snyder, Holly Bievenour, Becky Hester

**8 AM Advent Candlelighting:** Ken & Sherry Dunbar

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Ken and Sherry Dunbar, Mary Jane Snyder, Dave Strine

**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** John Schriver

**10:30 AM Communion Servers:** Barb Stebbins, Tori Everhart, Robin & John Schriver

**10:30 AM Advent Candlelighting:** The Bradnick~McCright Family

**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Coordinated by Danielle Neff

**10:30 AM Nursery:** Michelle & John Kollasch

**WOW Kids:** Alan Neff