

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30th, 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

- ~**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

THIS WEEK

- ~**Bible Study** at Natalie Fleming's Home, Wed. Dec. 3rd, 6:30 PM
- ~**Worship Choir Practice**- choir room 7:30-9 PM Wed. Dec 3rd
- ~**Ridgerunners**- South York Diner, 12 PM, Wed. Dec. 3rd
- ~**Children's Hand Bell Choir 4th-6th Grade**- Hand Bell Choir Room, 6:30-7 PM, Thur. Dec. 4th
- ~**Choir Practice**- choir room, 7:30-9 PM, Thu. Dec. 4th
- ~**Messy Church**, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, 6-7:30 PM, Fri. Dec. 5th

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~**Worship** at 8 and 10:30 AM
- ~**Sunday School** for all ages at 9 AM
- ~**WOW Kids** during the 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ~**Children's Choir Rehearsal** Room 5, 10-10:30 AM
- ~**Singles Lunch** Crimson Grill, 1839 S. Queen St., 12PM
- ~**Christmas Give-Away** Grace UCC, 2-4 PM
- ~**Praise Band Rehearsal** 7-8:30 PM

We lift the promises of our faith and our prayers to Karl Zimmermann and family on the death of his wife, Barbara Zimmermann, on November 18, 2014. A celebration of life service will be held, Jan. 7, 2015 at 11 am at Mt. Zion. May God grant this family the comfort that only God can give.

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!

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- Practice is cancelled for today and resumes on Sun. Dec. 7th.

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. 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.

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 today 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.

Northeastern Food Pantry- During the month of **December**, the food pantry is in need of the following items: **instant potatoes, ramen noodles, mac/cheese, and cereal**. Any and all food items except canned peas, corn and green beans are always needed and greatly appreciated. They also distribute personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes (for adults & children), toothpaste, bar soap and shampoo/conditioner. Thank you for your generosity, Barbara Krier. **I will be making the delivery to the food pantry on Monday, December 22, 2014.**

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 today. 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!

Chop and Peel- The next chop and peel is on Dec. 29th at 6 PM. We know this is a busy time of year, but if you could please sign up to donate some food items, we would really appreciate it! The signup sheet is in the side narthex. Thanks!

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.

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!

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 through Dec. 5th. 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.

20:30 Group will be hosting a cookie exchange on Dec. 14th from 12-2 PM in the Fellowship Hall. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex, and if you have any questions, please email Heidi Merritt at rittshjem@comcast.net.

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.

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.

In the event of inclement weather, please check WGAL's (www.WGAL.com) or Mt. Zion's website (www.mtzionucc.org) for changes. WGAL may list church cancellations due to a major snowstorm on television, but it will be at their discretion.

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
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
November 23, 2014	161 members + guests	\$2,685.00	\$1,691.15	\$4,376.15	\$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: 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 Acolyte: Megan Merritt

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Byron & Dawn Almoney, Rich & Nance Huber

10:30 AM Nursery: Michelle & John Kollasch

WOW Kids: Alan Neff

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Advent Candlelighting: Dan Kinard, Dick Everhart

8 AM Welcome Team: The Dallam Family

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Advent Candlelighting: Paula Beever, Judy Cornelius

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Bill and Bonnie Murphy, Maddie and Sophia

10:30 AM Acolyte: Joey Bevivino

10:30 AM Nursery: Missy & Scott Kiefer

WOW Kids: Kathy Sweeney