

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 21st, 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 AM and 10:30 AM
- ~Sunday School for all ages at 9 AM
- ~Jubilation Rehearsal 9:10-9:55 AM
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ~Children's Choir Rehearsal Room 5 from 10-10:30

THIS WEEK

- ~Worship Choir Practice 7:30-9 PM Tues. Dec. 23rd
- ~Christmas Eve services: 3 PM, 7 PM, and 10 PM
- ~Office Closed – Thurs. Dec. 25th

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship at 8 and 10:30 AM
- ~ No Children's Sunday School
- ~ The Adult Discussion class with David Bradnick **will meet** in the fellowship hall.
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ~Epiphany Worship Ministry Team will meet in the fellowship hall following late worship
- ~Compassion York Food Run: Food Preparation at 2 PM; Servers arrive by 4:30 PM

2014 Christmas Eve Services at Mt. Zion UCC

3 PM – Traditional Service with Communion, Candlelighting and Worship Choir

7 PM – Family Service, Bell Choir and Candlelighting

10 PM – Traditional Service with Communion, Candlelighting and Special Music provided by a Quartet

Thank you to Patsy & Lee Brown, of Brown's Tree Farm, for donating our Christmas tree and wreaths.

Our Monthly Mission for December is **The UCC Christmas Fund**. The Christmas Fund helps retired clergy and spouses by providing supplemental monies for pension and health insurance premiums to low-income retirees. At Christmas, the offering provides gift checks to hundreds of annuitants, but it also provides emergency assistance throughout the year.

A few sponsorship opportunities for 2015 to provide resources for the Summer Program for our children, Messy Church, and advertising for special events are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please take a leaf, place your name on the back and put it in the offering plate as a sign of your commitment.

WOW Kids—WOW (Worship Our Way) Kids is a program for the younger children of our congregation to participate in during the 10:30 worship service. After the children's message, the kids go downstairs for a lesson and snack. There is no sign up process – simply bring your child and we'll do the rest!

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. 28th 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!

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 tomorrow.**

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. There will not be a meeting on Dec. 24th, but we welcome all of you to come to the next discussion on Wednesday, January 14th!

Church Council will not meet this month.

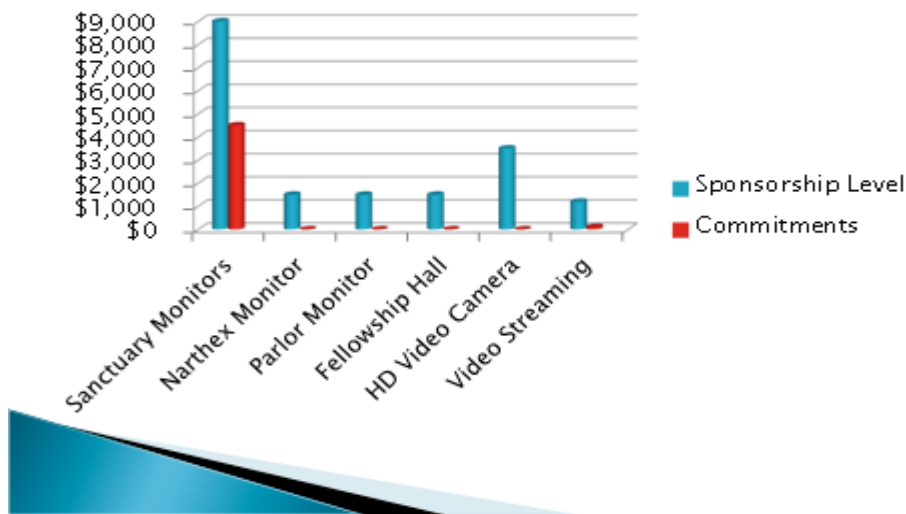
The next **Compassion York Food Run** is one week away, **the Sun. after Christmas, Dec. 28th**. Please check the sign up area to provide food, to prepare food and to serve.

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 sign up sheet is in the side narthex. Thank you.

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 to all of the office volunteers who come in each week to prepare the bulletins for every worship service!

Audio/Visual Sponsorship Status



Sponsorship Commitments : \$4,650.00

Balance Needed : \$13,550

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 sign-up sheet in the side narthex. Thank you!

We are seeking acolytes for 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.

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. We are in need of bulletin sponsors for: **December 28th** and **January 4th**. 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.

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
November 23, 2014	161 members + 11 guests	\$2,685.00	\$1,691.15	\$4,376.15	\$4,560.91
November 30, 2014	147 members + 18 guests	\$2,365.00	\$1,691.15	\$4,056.15	\$4,560.91
December 7, 2014	162 members + 14 guests	\$3,574.00	\$2,113.94	\$5,687.94	\$4,560.91
December 14, 2014	256 members + 45 guests	\$4,341.00	\$2,113.94	\$6,454.94	\$4,560.91

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

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

Recuperating: George DeMers, Sharon Baines, Melissa Shindler, Joey Harvey, Rev. Dr. Ted Trout-Landen

THIS WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Advent Candlelighting: Mary Jane Snyder & Ryan Neal

8 AM Welcome Team: Ken & Sherry Dunbar, Terry & Deb Barnes

8 AM Acolyte: Ellery Wagaman

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Advent Candlelighting: The Beyer Family

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Tori Everhart, Barb

Stebbins, Rich & Nance Huber, Palmer Burke

10: AM Acolyte: Emily Merritt

10:30 AM Nursery: Jessica & Neil Crowell

WOW Kids: Erin Shiffer

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Ken Dunbar

8 AM Welcome Team: Terry & Deb Barnes

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Clyde Snyder & Glenda Abrams

10:30 AM Acolyte: Emerson Grimes

10:30 AM Nursery: Tami & Matt Grimes

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney