

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF February 1, 2015

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 Services** at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~**Service of Healing** offered after services
- ~**Sunday School** for all ages at 9 AM
- ~**Children's Choir Practice** - room 5, 10-10:30 AM
- ~**WOW Kids** during the 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ~**20:30 Planning Session** for Lenten Dinner, 11:30 AM - 1 PM in the parlor
- ~**Single's Lunch** at Round the Clock Diner, 12 PM

THIS WEEK

- ~**Ridgerunners** - Wed. Feb. 4th, Fellowship Hall, 12-1 PM
- ~**Preschool Hand Bell Choir Practice** - Thur. Feb. 5th, Hand Bell Choir Room, 6:30-7 PM
- ~**Choir Practice** - Thur. Feb. 5th, Choir Room, 6-7 PM
- ~**Messy Church** - Fri. Feb 6th, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, 6-7:30 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~**Worship Services** at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~**Sunday School** for all ages at 9 AM
- ~**Mission Core Meeting** at 9 am in the conference room
- ~**Jubilation Rehearsal** 9:10-9:55 AM
- ~**Children's Choir Practice** - room 5, 10-10:30 AM
- ~**WOW Kids** during the 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ~ **Cooks on the Road** following late worship

Our Monthly Mission for February is Mt. Zion's Disaster Relief Fund. When the tsunami devastated Indonesia the day after Christmas in 2004, we, like many other churches received contributions for the relief effort a month or so later. It was following that disaster Mt. Zion's Mission Core established this fund so that aid would be readily available to respond immediately. Since that fund has been established, we have sent financial assistance immediately to victims of tornadoes in Mississippi, flooding in Colorado, spring storms and flooding in the mid-west and following Hurricane Sandy. When disaster strikes the need is great. Your contributions to this month's mission will be there to go where it is needed most! Thank you!

Northeastern Food Pantry -- During the month of February, the food pantry is in need of the following items: **toilet paper, facial tissues and paper towels.** All donations of food, personal care and laundry supplies are appreciated!! Barb Krier will be delivering items to the food pantry on Monday, February 23, 2015. We delivered 10 large bags of food items on January 26th. Thanks to all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!!!

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!

The Mission Core Team would like to provide needed items for residents at Pleasant Acres. We are asking for the support of this congregation to donate items on the following list:

Sweat pants and sweat shirts for women and men - all sizes especially extra large, underwear and tee shirts for men - all sizes, underwear and sleeveless tee shirts for women - all sizes, casual shirts and tops for men and women - all sizes, small personal electric fans, batteries - AA, AAA, and C, large piece puzzles (100pc), large print reading books, postage stamps, craft and art supplies. Please place your donations in the blue tote located in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity.

Single's Lunch is today at noon. Join us at the Round the Clock Diner for good food and fun!

Ridgerunners are meeting in the Fellowship Hall this Wednesday, Feb. 4th at noon. All are welcome to come and join us! Hope to see you there.

Messy Church is having its first service of the new year on **Friday, Feb. 6th from 6 to 7:30.** All are welcome to join us for this evening of storytelling, music, dancing, crafts, games, dinner, and general messiness! While all are welcome, please know that this service gears its activities and worship experience specifically towards the needs of children and their families- so a sense of humor, love of children, and comfort with organized chaos is a must!

Book Discussion – Wed. Feb. 11th to discuss “*The Letters*” by Luann Rice and Joseph Monninger. Join us for lunch at 11:30 am at Panera Bread on E. Market St. and discussion at noon.

Congregational Meeting – **Sun. Feb. 15th at 9 am** in the sanctuary to receive the 2014 Annual Reports and an update on the progress with the audio-visual upgrade.

Lent begins, Ash Wednesday, February 18th. We will offer the Imposition of Ashes and Communion at 3 PM in the sanctuary and again at 6 PM, followed by dinner. Sign up to attend the dinner in the side narthex. Mid-week services will begin on Feb. 25th through Mar. 25th.

Mt. Zion is hosting a workshop for the York Association on **Sat. Feb. 21st from 9 am to noon.** The Community Outreach Committee is offering several opportunities to focus on **2015 – The Year of the Children and Youth Jubilee** to address issues of literacy, hunger, the environment and child safety. Information will be offered regarding new Pa. Child Clearance directives, and ways to promote literacy individually and communally as a church in our community. All are welcome!

Place your order for the Ridgerunners delicious Easter Candy on the signup sheet in the Narthex no later than **March 8**. The candy is \$10 per pound with a selection of Peanut Butter Eggs, Coconut Cream Eggs, Raisin Clusters and Peanut Clusters. The candy will be ready for pick up on Sunday, March 29th.

Volunteers Needed for Candy Making. Put on your apron and join the Ridgerunners for a fun day of making Easter Candy on Thursday and Friday, March 26th and 27th beginning at 8 am. No prior experience is needed. Please bring along a Pampered Chef small scoop if you have one. Please sign up in the Narthex. Point of contact for volunteers is Lana Fritz at 755-4065 before 9 pm, or email at: ljf424@comcast.net

Woven Threads will be finishing our book "*Unglued: Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotions*" on Feb. 11th. During Lent we will be meeting on Monday nights due to the mid-week Lent services. Monday dates are: Feb. 23rd, March 9th, March 23rd, and then back to Wed. On Apr. 8th. Meetings will continue at Janet Abel's home. We will be starting a new book on Feb. 23rd. The new book selection will be announced at a later date. All women are welcome to join!

Children's Hand Bell Choir - Preschoolers and Kindergarteners have only two practice dates left; Feb. 5th & 12th from 6:30-7 PM in the Hand Bell Choir room. They have been working very diligently to prepare for their performance on Feb. 15th! Please contact Travis Pinci at: travispinci1280@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Changes in Child Protection Laws in Pennsylvania- Due to changes in the child protection laws in the state of Pennsylvania, Mt. Zion now requires all volunteers who work with children and youth (even in a one time capacity) to submit a background check and child abuse clearance. Packets of information as well as a volunteer information sheet is available in the side narthex and in the church office. Upon completion of materials, please turn them in to the box in the church office. Information will be kept secure. If you have any questions, please see a member of the child protection task force (Barb Krier, Kathy Sweeney, Mike Miller, and Jess Crowell) or one of the pastors. Thank you for your help in this matter!

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve on the Eastertide **worship planning team**. If you would be interested in working together to create meaningful worship experiences for the Mt. Zion community, please sign up in the side narthex or see Pastor Cathy. Worship teams meet 2 - 3 times in the weeks leading up to the liturgical season, with meeting times determined by group availability. Thank you!

We are seeking acolytes for February. 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 flower sponsors for March, and bulletin sponsors for Feb. 15th & 22nd. Cost of flower arrangements is \$14.75 and cost of bulletins is \$15.00. Thank you for your support!

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
December 28, 2014	109 members + 14 guests	\$8,069.00	\$2,113.94	\$10,182.94	\$4,560.91
January 4, 2015	158 members + 12 guests	\$2,108.00	\$2,103.94	\$4,211.94	\$4,765.08
January 11, 2015	136 members + 14 guests	\$2,404.00	\$2,103.94	\$4,507.94	\$4,765.08
January 18, 2015	167 members + 19 guests	\$2,239.00	\$2,103.94	\$4,342.94	\$4,765.08
January 25, 2015	147 members + 16 guests	\$1,876.00	\$2,103.94	\$3,979.94	\$4,765.08

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, Erin Shiffer, Ted Trout-Landen, Mike Ferree, Betty Spangler

THIS WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Nancy & Barry Schwartz

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Tammy & Bronson Gordon

10:30 AM Acolyte: Mason Wagaman

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Jodi Graham, Mary Jane Snyder, Jim Shiffer & Dave Strine

8 AM Acolyte: Holt Dallam

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Palmer Burke

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Sandy & Hunter King, Tammy & Bronson Gordon

10:30 AM Acolyte: Weston Wagaman

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney