

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF February 15, 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
- ~Sunday School for all ages at 9 AM
- ~Congregational Meeting 9-10 AM, sanctuary
- ~Children's Choir Practice - room 5, 10-10:30 AM
- ~Preschool Children's Hand Bell Choir performs during 10:30 AM service
- ~WOW Kids during the 10:30 AM worship service
- ~Council Meeting immediately following late worship
- ~Middle/High School Youth Group- 6-8 PM in the fellowship hall

THIS WEEK

- ~Ash Wednesday Services at 3 & 6 PM - Dinner following 6 PM Service
- ~York Association Event – 9 am to noon in the fellowship hall on Sat. Feb. 21st

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~Communion after both worship 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
- ~Jubilation Rehearsal 9:10-9:55 AM
- ~Youth Group 6-8 PM, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

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. 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 you continued support and generosity.

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!

Lenten Adult Sunday School Class Offering~ David Bradnick and Pastor Danielle are teaming up during the season of Lent to continue with a discussion and study of spiritual disciplines (as described in the book *Celebration of Discipline*). You need not to have read the book to come. Simply bring yourselves and a willingness to think about how we can be better connected to God. Classes are Sundays during the 9 AM Sunday school hour in the fellowship hall beginning February 22nd.

March Forth for Literacy. During the month of March we will be collecting gently used or new books for elementary age children. Picture books or early reading books would be appreciated. Please no adult books, text books or encyclopedias. Thank you, the Mission Core.

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. Thanks to all who have signed up, there are 15 spaces remaining.

Reminder: Ridgerunners will be in charge of the first Lenten Dinner on February 25th, 2015. Thank You!

Woven Threads: 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!

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!

So who's up for a little friendly competition? We've been invited by Chapel Church in Red Lion to play DODGEBALL on Saturday, March 28th. Registration starts at 5:30 and play is from 6-9. A team consists of 8 members and all ages are welcome. If we don't have a group to complete a team, no worries!! Smaller teams will be combined, so all will have an opportunity to play. There is no cost for Mt. Zion members and their guests to play. There is also no charge for anyone who wants to go along to watch/cheer for their team. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Children (with parents), youth AND adults are all invited. We will play with a foam ball, so it is safe for all ages (parental permission is required for everyone under 18 -- keep in mind that if you are there, you run the risk of being hit with the ball.) Please either sign up on the sheet in the narthex OR contact Robin Schriver at 542-4116 or rschriver1@comcast.net. Permission forms can be found with the sign-up sheet. Robin will be in touch to discuss car pooling. Invite your friends! Looking forward to a fun night!

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. Cost of flower arrangements is \$14.75 and cost of bulletins is \$15.00. We are in need of a bulletin sponsor for Feb. 22nd and March 1st. We are in need of flower sponsors for March 8th.

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
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
February 1, 2015	146 members + 15 guests	\$3,077.00	\$2,128.94	\$5,205.94	\$4,765.08
February 8, 2015	149 members + 15 guests	\$2,797.50	\$2,128.94	\$4,926.44	\$4,765.08

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

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

Recuperating: Joey Harvey, Nancy Spangler, Mike Ferree

THIS WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Welcome Team: Jerry & Becky Hester, Pam Mowery, Ali Laughman

8 AM Acolyte: Ellery Wagaman

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Jesse & Nancy Smith, Glenda Abrams, Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Nursery: Carrah Wagaman & Teal Morcos

WOW Kids: Kathy Sweeney

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Ken Dunbar

8 AM Welcome Team: Jim Shiffer, Tim Snyder, Mary Jane Snyder, David Strine

8 AM Communion Servers: Jim Shiffer, Tim Snyder, Mary Jane Snyder, David Strine

8 AM Acolyte: Hayden Dallam

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Tori Everhart, John & Robin Schriver, Barb Stebbins, Mason DeMers

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

10:30 AM Nursery: Kathy Sweeney & Youth Helper

WOW Kids: Jason & Erin Shiffer