

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF March 29, 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

- ~ **Palm Sunday Worship Services** at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~ **Sunday School** for all ages at 9 AM
- ~ **20:30/Adult Discussion Combined Sunday School**- 9 AM in the fellowship hall
- ~ **Meal Planning for Cooks on the Road** at 9:30 am in the conference room
- ~ **Brass Ensemble Rehearsal** 9:45-9:55 AM, Sanctuary
- ~ **Children's Choir Practice** - room 5, 10-10:30 AM, **Performance** during 10:30 service
- ~ **WOW Kids** during the 10:30 AM worship service
- ~ **Easter Egg Hunt** 2-4 PM
- ~ **Praise Band Rehearsal** 6-7 PM

### THIS WEEK

- ~ **Chop & Peel** Mon. March 30th 6-7 PM
- ~ **Ridgerunners** Wed. April 1st at noon, White Elephant Sale after lunch & meeting
- ~ **The Messengers Bible Study Group** meets Wed. April 1st at Carol Bair's home, 6:30 PM
- ~ **Adult Choir Rehearsal** Wed. April 1st from 7:30-9 PM
- ~ **Maundy Thursday** 6 PM Dinner, Communion at 6:45
- ~ **Good Friday** Sanctuary open from 12-3 PM

### NEXT SUNDAY

- ~ **Easter Sunday Worship & Communion** at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~ **Sunday School** for all ages at 9 AM
- ~ **20:30/Adult Discussion Combined Sunday School**- 9 AM in the fellowship hall
- ~ **Children's Choir Practice** - room 5, 10-10:30 AM
- ~ **WOW Kids** during the 10:30 AM worship service

### Holy Week Services

**Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** ~ Dinner at 6 PM in the fellowship hall, service and communion to follow in the fellowship hall around tables

**Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Sanctuary will be open from noon to 3 PM

**Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** ~ Worship and Communion at 8 AM & 10:30 AM

**Our Monthly Mission for March is Mt. Zion's Good Samaritan Fund.** The Good Samaritan Fund is Mt. Zion's fund to help local people in need. In just the past two weeks, your pastors have had four people come to our church door in need of food assistance. This harsh winter, everyone's fuel and electric needs are great, especially for those who have the least among us. Currently we have about \$200 a month to help people. The need is great, this monthly amount we try to stay with is quickly depleted and some are turned away. Your gifts, once each year help to replenish this fund. Thank you for your generosity!

**Northeastern Food Pantry**- During the month of April, the food pantry is in need of the following items: vegetables (except peas, corn & green beans), paper products, and health & beauty aids. All donations of food, paper products and health & beauty aids are appreciated!! Barb Krier will be delivering items to the food pantry on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!!!

**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.

**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. We have also printed a reading calendar for March to use with your children to encourage reading activities at home. Thank you, the Mission Core.

**Cooks on the Road** will travel to the Ronald McDonald House on Sun. April 26th after late worship.

**Audio/Visual System Training Sessions** have been posted on our online calendar. There are two of them: Sat. April 25th from 9-11 AM will be sound training, from 11:30 AM-1 PM will be video & camera training. Sat. May 23rd from 9-11 AM will be video & camera training, 11:30 AM-1 PM will be sound training. Please contact Denny at [dennyd@triple-d.us](mailto:dennyd@triple-d.us) if you have questions or are interested in attending.

**Hospice & Community Care's Pathways Center for Grief & Loss** has scheduled two support group meetings in April to discuss coping with the loss of a companion or spouse. You can attend this free meeting on Mon. April 6th from 6:30-8 PM, or Tue. April 7th from 2-3:30 PM at the WellSpan Surgery and Rehabilitation Hospital (Community Room), Apple Hill Health Campus, 55 Monument Rd. York. No registration is required, call the Pathways Center at 1-800-924-7610 if you have questions.

**EASTER EGG HUNT!** **Calling all children for the Easter Egg Hunt TODAY from 2 – 4 PM! Please sign up in the side narthex if you plan to attend with your child/grandchild!** Different age groups will be hunting for eggs on the church grounds (or inside if the weather is not cooperating) and snacks and drinks will be available. The youth and other volunteers are asked to stay after the 10:30 AM service that day to help set up and then hide the eggs. Pizza and soda will be served to anyone helping to stuff / hide the eggs. For questions, please contact Elaine Bevivino at 840-6397 asap. We hope to see everyone there for a fun time!!

**Photo-A-Day Lenten Challenge** -- During the season of Lent the Youth Group invites you to join in with them on their photo-a-day challenge. The youth are challenging themselves to take pictures that represent the a different word each day. As they take and post the picture, they will reflect on God's presence in their life. This will be their Lenten spiritual practice, and they would like you to join in with them. There are cards in the narthex with the list of words. You are welcome to email your pictures to Pastor Danielle or you can post them on Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook using the hashtags #mtzionucc and #40faithfuldays.

**The Messengers Bible Study Group** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of each month. Carol Bair hosts the group on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. at her home, Natalie Fleming hosts the group on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at her home. Meetings start at 6:30. We hope you like our new name! Space is limited, but if you are interested in joining us, please contact Carol at: cbbair@comcast.net or Natalie at: dfleming2@comcast.net.

**As we begin this year of our Chop & Peel schedule** I am pleased and thankful to let you know we are starting our 25<sup>th</sup> year of supplying Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen with Beef Stew. This has been made possible by your ongoing and continuous support of this most important mission. The usual signup sheet is in the West Narthex and we will have the Chop & Peel portion on Monday March 30th at 6:00 PM. Hope to see you then for an hour of good work and fellowship, *Nancy Sleeper*

**Ridgerunners** will meet on Wed. April 1st at noon in the fellowship hall. After lunch and a short business meeting, we will be having our White Elephant Sale. Bring your wrapped "white elephant" and get ready to bid! Don't forget, anyone who wishes to attend is welcome. Bring a bagged lunch, we will provide you with dessert and refreshments. We're not fooling!

Book Discussion Group will meet Wed. April 8<sup>th</sup> at Panera Bread on E. Market St. to discuss the book, *Saving Alice* by David Lewis. Lunch at 11:30 am. Discussion begins at noon.

**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 attend the meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. If you have more questions, you can contact a member of the child protection task force: Barb Krier, Kathy Sweeney, Mike Miller, Jess Crowell, or one of the pastors. Thank you for your help in this matter!

**Mt. Zion UCC's Hand Bell Choir** is now inviting children of all ages! Bells are a fun and exciting way to make music and to bring praise to God! We will be practicing on **Thursdays from 6:30-7:00 PM from April 9<sup>th</sup>-May 7<sup>th</sup>**. We will be performing on **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** at the **10:30** service.

**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!

*In the event of inclement weather, please check WGAL's ([www.WGAL.com](http://www.WGAL.com)) or Mt. Zion's website ([www.mtzionucc.org](http://www.mtzionucc.org)) for changes. WGAL may list church cancellations due to a major snowstorm on television, but it will be at their discretion. You may also call the church. Please listen to the message to learn if we have altered our schedule for the day.*

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
March 1, 2015	117 members + 4 guests	\$3,936.00	\$1,703.15	\$5,639.15	\$4,765.08
March 8, 2015	168 members +16 guests	\$3,308.00	\$1,703.15	\$5,011.15	\$4,765.08
March 15, 2015	172 members +15 guests	\$2,665.00	\$1,703.15	\$4,368.15	\$4,765.08
March 22, 2015	158 members + 24 guests	\$2,335.00	\$1,703.15	\$4,463.94	\$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

**THIS WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Jim Shiffer  
**8 AM Welcome Team:** Kerri & Brent Ames, Rick & Cindy Hogentogler  
**8 AM Acolyte:** Hayden Dallam  
**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Bonnie Dull  
**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Bronson & Tammy Gordon, David Bradnick, Alan & Sam Neff  
**10:30 AM Acolyte:** Anson Morcos  
**10:30 AM Nursery:** Kathy Sweeney & Youth Helper  
**WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

**NEXT WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Jim Shiffer  
**8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers:** Tim Snyder, David Strine, Holly Bievenour, Mary Jane Snyder  
**8 AM Acolyte:** Holt Dallam  
**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Bonnie Dull  
**10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers:** Clyde Snyder, John Schriver, Tori Everhart, Barb Stebbins, Jim & Carter Beyer  
**10:30 AM Acolyte:** Emerson Grimes  
**10:30 AM Nursery:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney  
**WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney