

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF August 30, 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 Service and Blanket Sunday at 8 AM and 10:30 AM
- ~Blessing of the Backpacks and Blankies at 10:30 AM worship
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Last Day for Summer Sunday School
- ~Worship Core Planning Session at 9 AM in the fellowship hall
- ~Cooks on the Road travels to Ronald McDonald House immediately following late worship
- ~Faithful Families group meets after late worship until 1:30 PM in the fellowship hall
- ~Youth Car Wash Fundraiser following late worship until 3 PM at the Fire Hall on Sherman Ave.

**THIS WEEK**

- ~Ridgerunners, Wed. Sept. 2nd at 12 noon in the fellowship hall.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

- ~Worship at 8 AM and 10:30 AM
- ~Movie and Snacks for kids and parents at 9 AM in the fellowship hall.
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Faithful Families group meets after late worship until 1:30 PM
- ~Compassion York Food Run

**Our *Monthly Mission* for August** will be split between the Hoffman Homes for Children and Youth & 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!

**Blanket Sunday Offering** ~. TODAY, we will receive your gifts in this special all church offering. \$5 provides a blanket like the one on the sanctuary wall to homeless shelters, in times of natural disaster and to refugees. Please give generously so we can blanket the world with love!

**Youth Group Car Wash** ~ TODAY, the Youth Group will be hosting a Car Wash and Bake Sale Fundraiser at the Fire Hall on Sherman St. from 11:30 AM until 3:00 PM. Please stop by and have your car cleaned, and if you are able, offer a donation towards their fundraising efforts to attend the National Youth Event next summer. The youth will offer tithing a portion of their proceeds.

**Northeastern Food Pantry**- During the month of September, the food pantry is in need of the following items: toilet paper, paper towels, and cleaning products. Barbara Krier will pick up all of the donations Sunday, September 27th after the early service. Thanks to all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!!!

**Mt. Zion is Streaming!** The early Sunday services are now posted on the Mt Zion website at <http://www.mtzionucc.org/services-online.html>, with both a live feed (but only during the actual service, of course) and past services for some of the last few Sundays (8/16, 8/9, 7/26, & 7/19). The streaming works to PCs, tablets, and smart phones. Comments and feedback are welcome.

**It's Soup Kitchen time again!** Please sign up to donate food items and come help with Chop & Peel on Monday, September 28th at 6:00 PM; Thank you for your continuing support of this mission

**"Go Green Sunday"** –Thank you to all who helped with Go Green Sunday last week. The event was a great success!

**Compassion York Food Run** - If you weren't able to help with *Cooks on the Road*, but would like an opportunity to serve our community, the next **Compassion Food Run** is scheduled for Sun., Sept. 6th. The sign-up sheets for helpers and food are in the side narthex. Thank You!

**Woven Threads** will be resuming their study and discussion on Wed., Sept. 9, @ the home of Paula Beever. The title of the study book this season is "Embracing God's Design for Your Life". If any woman in the congregation would like to join this group, please contact Paulette Smith 757-3625.

**Come Sing With Us!** Choir rehearsals are starting back up for the Fall. *Jubilation* rehearses Sunday mornings and sings at the early service; next rehearsal is September 13th at 9:10 AM. *Worship Choir* rehearses Thursday evenings and sings at the late service; next rehearsal is September 10th at 7:30 PM. Singers of all skill levels, including youth 7th grade and up, are welcome to join. Schedules are posted outside the choir room.

**2015-2016 Worship Ministry Teams** are being formed! Sign up to plan services for October, November or Advent in the side narthex.

**Sunday School Beginning!** A reminder that Sunday school for all ages begins once again on Sunday, Sept. 13th. We will also present Bibles to our third graders and 7th graders on that Sunday during worship.

**Tech Team Volunteers Needed:** Training sessions offered following late worship September 13th & 20th; October 11th, 18th. Sign up in the side narthex to learn how to be a part of this meaningful ministry at Mt. Zion!

**The last day for Summer Sunday School will be TODAY.** We had so much fun listening and learning about our favorite Bible stories. Parents come join the fun with your child for Sunday School September 6th from 9-10 AM in the fellowship hall and watch a movie with snacks. Regular Sunday School will start September 13th.

**SEEKING BACK TO SCHOOL PICTURES--** We are currently collecting Back to School pictures for our kids and teachers as they head back for the new school year. You can submit the pictures by emailing them to the church, or by tagging us on facebook, or using the hashtag #mtzionucc. Please turn the pictures in by September 7th.

**Service Opportunity!** Mt. Zion is seeking dedicated individuals to serve as Sunday school teachers for the 2015-2016 program year. At this time, we are specifically looking for an additional teacher to join the existing team of teachers in the PreK/K and 1st-3rd classes. If you would be interested in serving as a teacher in these classrooms, please contact Pastor Danielle. Thank you!

**Are you resuming group meetings or practices? Contact the church office !** If you have schedules for your group, (bible study, choir, etc.) please submit them to : [mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net](mailto:mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net) as soon as they are available. In order to have your information printed in our weekly announcements, it needs to be received by 10 AM on the preceding Tuesday of the event start date. Schedules will also appear on our online calendar and if possible, in the E-Spirit as well. Thank you!

**We are seeking Acolytes!** 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. The first available date to sign up is Sunday, September. 13th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to be in touch with Pastor Danielle.

**Faithful Families Group-** As a continuation of the Love and Logic group that began during Vacation Bible School, Mt. Zion will be offering a four week series that continues with the themes of Love and Logic and also includes a week of discussion around incorporating faith into home life. These sessions, which will take place after late worship on August 30, Sept. 6, 13, and 20 from 11:45-1:30 will be a time for parents to talk about their experiences raising children and teens and engage in topical discussions around developing positive relationships with our kids. The sessions are free, but contributions towards lunch and childcare would be appreciated. Even if you were not a participant in the Love & Logic courses during VBS, you can still participate! Please also sign up even if you cannot attend every week of class! These discussions will be facilitated by Matt Grimes and Pastor Danielle. You can sign up in the side narthex or email Pastor Dani at [pastordani@comcast.net](mailto:pastordani@comcast.net).

**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 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. Flower arrangements cost \$14.75 & bulletins cost \$15.00. Thank You!

Through our new audio-visual upgrade we now have a new hearing assistance system called **Listen Technologies**. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Cards and well wishes to Carol & Leon Hartman's grandson, Aiden, can be sent to:  
*Aiden Fowler : 970 Park Ave., Woolrich, PA 17779*

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
August 2, 2015	133 members +16 guests	\$2,823.00	\$1,551.15	\$4,374.15	\$4,765.08
August 9, 2015	142 members + 13 guests	\$2,045.00	\$1,551.15	\$3,596.15	\$4,765.08
August 16, 2015	138 members +12 guests	\$3,435.00	\$1,551.15	\$4,986.15	\$4,765.08
August 23, 2015	164 members +12 guests	\$2,862.00	\$1,551.15	\$4,413.15	\$4,765.08

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

**Hospitalized:**

**Undergoing Treatment/Therapy:** Leon Hartman, Glenda Chilcote, Fran Spangler

**Recuperating:** Deb Barshinger, Ken Barshinger, Guy Wenck, Jeanne Bowman, Dani Devine, George Sipe

**THIS WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Ken Dunbar

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Natalie Behrends, Tom & Carol Bair, and Jim Shiffer

**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** John Schriver

**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Scott, Jonathan, Marla & Don Butcher

**10:30 AM Nursery:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

**WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

**NEXT WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Mary Jane Snyder

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Coordinated by Tim Snyder

**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** John Schriver

**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Team Grimes

**10:30 AM Nursery:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

**WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney