

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF November 22, 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

- ~**Sunday School for all Ages** at 9 AM, **Gospel of John** series
- ~**Worship Service** at 10:30 AM
- ~**WOW Kids** during 10:30 AM worship
- ~**Reception** for Pastor Cathy's retirement at 12 PM, fellowship hall
- ~**Youth Praise Band Practice** 4:30-6 PM, Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- ~**Worship Choir Practice** Wed. Nov. 25th, 7-9 PM Choir Room
- ~**Thanksgiving, Office Closed** Thurs. Nov. 26th

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~**First Sunday of Advent**
- ~**Worship Service & Communion** at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~**Sunday School for all Ages** at 9 AM, **Gospel of John** series
- ~**WOW Kids** during 10:30 AM worship

Our *Monthly Mission* for November Hospice & Community Care which is dedicated to providing care and comfort to help patients and families live better at end of life. Thank you for your support!

Northeastern Food Pantry- During the month of November, the food pantry is in need of the following items: canned sweet potatoes, boxes of stuffing mix & paper products. Barbara Krier will collect all of the donations today and deliver them tomorrow, just in time for Thanksgiving! We appreciate all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!!!

Homewood Auxiliary~ Sun. Nov. 29th, Paulette Smith will have a registration table set up in the narthex. She will be at the table after the early service and before & after the late service to accept memberships, which are a minimal cost of \$3.00 per person OR just \$5.00 for any two persons residing at the same address. There will be Christmas wish lists for the residents coming out at a later date (gifts are in the \$5.00 range). You will be able to take a list along with you while you shop, then bring the items here by Dec. 6th. If you have any questions, please see Paulette.

Questions or Concerns relative to the upcoming transition..... Forms are available for pickup on the table in the narthex. Please fill one out and put the completed form in the white box provided. The congregation will receive and update today. Copies today's update will be available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Gospel of John Sunday School Class - Would you like to learn more about the life of Jesus? Want to prepare your spiritual well-being for the upcoming Advent season? Do you have questions about Christian beliefs concerning Jesus? If so, join us for a series that explores the exciting Gospel of John. This study meets in the fellowship hall and is led by David Bradnick. Be sure to bring your bibles. Don't worry if you missed the study today, there are still a few weeks left!

Come Sing With Us! Singers of all skill levels, including youth 7th grade and up, are encouraged to sing in Mt. Zion's two choirs. *Jubilation* rehearses Sunday mornings and sings at the early service. *Worship Choir* rehearses Thursday evenings and sings at the late service. Schedules are posted outside the choir room.

Please note the change in time for **Worship Choir Practice** on **Wed. Nov. 25th**. We will be practicing from **7-9 PM**.

UCC Advent Devotional-- We have a number of copies of the UCC Advent Devotional to help guide you through the holy season of Advent. The devotionals are available at no charge, or for a suggested donation of \$5 (the cost of the devotional, simply place the money in the box provided). They are available side narthex and are entitled, "Wonder".

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. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to be in touch with Pastor Danielle.

Want to be a part of a special Mt. Zion UCC tradition? Join us for "Advent Storytellers!" We are looking for folks to read stories to each Sunday school class throughout Advent (Nov. 29th, Dec. 6th, 13th & 20th). Stories are provided for you to read. You will read during the first or last 15 minutes of the Sunday school hour. This long-held tradition is loved by adults and kids alike! The sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Questions? Talk to or email Kristen, Kristen.km.adams@gmail.com.

Ridgerunner members planning to attend the Christmas luncheon: Please notify Becky Hester **by November 30th** if you did not sign up so that she can give the restaurant and approximate count. We are meeting at the Round the Clock Diner in East York at 12 PM on Wednesday, December 2nd.

Christmas Poinsettias - The time has come to place your orders for Christmas Poinsettias. Please complete the order form which can be found in your bulletin then put it in the box on the table in the narthex. All orders are due by Fri., Dec. 4th. Thank you, Mary Jane Snyder

Year End Contributions~ In order for Jesse to prepare the 2015 giving statements, he needs to receive all contributions for 2015 by December 29, 2015. We sincerely thank you for all of the support you extend to the church!

ATTENTION E-GIVERS: If you wish to change your giving for 2016 or need to have any other changes made to your account, please give them to me, in writing, on or before **December 18, 2015**. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Sincerely, Jesse Smith II, Financial Secretary

Messy Church will take place on Friday, December 4th from 6-7:30 PM in the fellowship hall & sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you there!

Singles will meet for their monthly luncheon at Crimson Grill on Sunday, December 6th at noon. The address is 1839 S. Queen St., York.

Book Discussion of "*Skipping Christmas*" by John Grishom will be held on Wednesday, December 9th at Panera Bread. Lunch is at 11:30, followed by discussion at noon.

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 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!

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!

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. The streaming works to PCs, tablets, and smart phones. Comments and feedback are welcome.

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

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. 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
Oct. 18, 2015	164 members + 16 guests	\$2,522.00	\$1,938.94	\$4,460.00	\$4,765.08
Oct. 25, 2015	141 members + 28 guests	\$2,720.00	\$1,938.94	\$4,658.94	\$4,765.08
Nov. 1, 2015	137 members + 11 guests	\$2,289.00	\$1,551.15	\$3,840.15	\$4,765.08
Nov. 8, 2015	177 members + 32 guests	\$2,538.00	\$1,551.15	\$4,089.15	\$4,765.08
Nov. 15, 2015	182 members + 12 guests	\$2,936.00	\$1,551.15	\$4,487.15	\$4,765.08

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

Hospitalized: Vanessa Bicher

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

Recuperating: Ken Barshinger, Rhonda Vacante, Terry Hevner, Elaine Doll, Lois Yingling

THIS WEEK:

Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull

Acolytes: Ethan & J.B. Sherry

Welcome Team: Mary Jane Snyder, Anne Henry, Bob Ensminger, Jim Shiffer, Dick Everhart

Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

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

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Tori Everhart, John, Robin & Emily Schriver

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney