

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF December 20, 2015

Please silence all cell phones and games when entering the sanctuary. Thank you!

This weekly announcement sheet is included on Mt. Zion's website.

TODAY

~Worship Service at 8 & 10:30 AM

~Christmas Cantata during the 10:30 AM worship service

~Sunday School for all Ages at 9 AM, Gospel of John series

~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship

~Council Meeting after late worship

THIS WEEK

~Christmas Eve Services, Thursday December 24th at 3 PM, 7 PM & 10 PM, (details below)

~Office closed Friday, December 25th - *Merry Christmas!*

NEXT SUNDAY

~Worship Service at 8 & 10:30 AM

~No Sunday School

~Pajama Sunday

~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship

Christmas Eve~ The season of Advent will culminate on **Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th** with worship services at 3 PM, 7 PM, and 10 PM. At both 3 PM and 10 PM we will offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the singing of Silent Night by candlelight. Our 7 PM family service will feature participation by some of our children and youth and will also include the singing of Silent Night by candlelight.

1st Sunday After Christmas~ On **Sunday, December 27th**, our celebration of the birth of Jesus continues with worship services at 8 AM and 10:30 AM! We will sing carols together and the **children are invited to wear their Christmas pajamas** for a special Christmas treat!

Thank you to all the participants in today's Cantata. As a congregation, we are truly grateful for your contributions and willingness to share the gift of music with us. Thank you especially to Denny Daugherty and Travis Pinci for their work coordinating the Cantata.

Our Monthly Mission for December is the UCC Christmas Fund. The Christmas Fund helps retired clergy and spouses by providing supplemental monies for pension and health insurance premiums to low-income retirees. At Christmas, the offering provides gift checks to hundreds of annuitants, and it also provides emergency assistance throughout the year.

Angel Tree~ Mt. Zion is once again sponsoring families in the Central York School District for this Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who took a tag off the tree! Please return your gift wrapped items (with corresponding tag) under the tree **today**. If possible, please include a gift receipt inside the gift in the case of clothing or shoes. Thank you for your generosity!

Northeastern Food Pantry- During the month of December, the food pantry is in need of paper products: toilet paper, tissues, napkins & paper towels. Barbara Krier will collect all of the donations today after the early service, and will deliver them tomorrow. We appreciate all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!!!

Sunday School ~ Please note that we will **not** have Sunday School on December 27th.

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.

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. **2016** giving envelopes are available for pickup in the side narthex. You may take them with you but please do not use them until January 3, 2016. We sincerely thank you for all of the support you extend to the church!

Chop & Peel for the soup kitchen is December 28th at 6:00 PM; please join us to prepare the food. Please also sign up to donate the food needed. You can find the sign-up sheet in the side narthex. Thanks for continuing this ministry!

Join **Ridgerunners** on Wednesday January 6th for a covered dish luncheon at noon. No need to bring a dessert because we will be decorating (and consuming) cupcakes. Come and join the fun!

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!

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. **2016** sign-up sheets have been posted. Thank You!

Mt. Zion is Streaming! The 8 AM service is now posted on the Mt. Zion website at: <http://www.mtzionucc.org/services-online.html>, with both a live feed (during the actual service) and past services for some of the last few Sundays. The streaming works to PCs, tablets, and smart phones. **Our 3 PM Christmas Eve service will be streamed.** 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.

The Church office will be closed on New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st.

Questions or Concerns relative to the 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.

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.

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
Nov. 22, 2015	253 members + 25 guests	\$3,095.00	\$1,551.15	\$4,646.15	\$4,765.08
Nov. 29, 2015	134 members + 13 guests	\$1,735.00	\$1,958.94	\$3,693.94	\$4,765.08
Dec. 6, 2015	160 members + 11 guests	\$3,431.00	\$1,958.94	\$5,389.94	\$4,765.08
Dec. 13, 2015	158 members +15 guests	\$2,869.00	\$1,958.94	\$4,827.94	\$4,765.08

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

Hospitalized: Baby Jack, Lois Yingling

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

Recuperating: Elaine Doll, Virginia Dietz, Paulette Smith, Jen Cooper

THIS WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Jack Herlocker
8 AM Welcome Team: Jodi Graham & Mary Jane Snyder
8 AM Scripture Reader: Barbara Krier
8 AM Advent Wreath Reader: Barbara Krier
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder
10:30 AM Scripture Reader: Brigitte Bradnick
10:30 AM Advent Wreath Reader: David Bradnick
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Tom & Sharon Mulligan, David & Brigitte Bradnick
10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney
WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Ken Dunbar
8 AM Welcome Team: Deb & Terry Barnes, Mary Jane Snyder, Tim Snyder
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Bill & Bonnie Murphy, Dennis & Pat Cooper
10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney
WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney