

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF January 17, 2016

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 at 8 & 10:30 AM

~Sunday School for all ages at 9 AM

~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship

~Council Meeting after late worship

THIS WEEK

~Children's Choir Rehearsal Thurs. Jan. 21st 6:30-7 PM, room 5

~Winter Confirmation Retreat (Philadelphia) Fri. Jan. 22nd & Sat. Jan. 23rd

NEXT SUNDAY

~Worship at 8 & 10:30 AM

~Reception of New Members during both worship services

~Sunday School for all ages at 9 AM

~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship

~Baptism of Jack Douglas Devine during 10:30 AM service

~Children's Choir performs during the 10:30 AM service

This morning we welcome Pastor Jeff Kardisco who will be serving as our designated pastor throughout time of transition and self-study. Jeff will be working approximately 20 hours per week and plans to be in the office Wednesdays and Thursdays and worshipping with us on Sundays. Please take a moment to say hello to Pastor Jeff and welcome him to Mt. Zion.

Pastor Danielle will be out of the office January 18 and 19. During this time, Pastor Laura Bair from Starview UCC will be on call for emergencies. If you are in need of pastoral assistance on the 18th or the 19th please call the church office and leave a message. These messages will be checked throughout each day and Pastor Laura will respond as needed. Thank you.

Our Monthly Mission for January is the Bell Family Shelter. Located on E. Market St., this shelter is the only family emergency shelter located in York. Other agencies provide emergency shelter for men or women, but Bell allows families to stay together. Additionally, they provide financial counseling and assistance to get employment so families can become self-sufficient. Your gifts are greatly needed and appreciated!

Northeastern Food Pantry- During the month of January, the food pantry is in need of the following items: Hamburger Helper, pasta, boxed potatoes (instant mashed, scalloped, au gratin, etc.). Barbara Krier will collect all of the donations Sun. Jan. 24th after the early service, and will deliver them Mon. Jan. 25th. We appreciate all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!!!

Children's Choir has a rehearsal scheduled for **Thurs. Jan. 21st** from 6:30-7 PM here, at Mt. Zion. The choir will sing on **Sun., Jan. 24th** during the 10:30 AM worship service.

Messy Church returns! We will meet on Fri., Feb. 5th from 6-7:30 PM in the fellowship hall & sanctuary. All are welcome to join us for this evening of storytelling, music, dancing, crafts, games & general messiness! While all are welcome, please know that this service gears its activities and worship experience specifically towards the needs of children and their families - so a sense of humor, love of children, and comfort with organized chaos is a must!

Children & Youth Clearances - If you have not already submitted your volunteer clearances, please do so as soon as possible. Due to changes in the child protection laws in the state of Pennsylvania, ALL volunteers who work with children and youth (even in a 1-time capacity) must submit a background check & child abuse clearance. There are forms available in the church office. Please let the office know if you have any questions.

Eastertide Worship Team-- Eastertide is the season following Easter. It is a season of worship where we celebrate the risen Christ and the promise of new life all around us. We are seeking people to Easter Worship Teams. Thank you to those who have signed up! We are still in need of 2-3 people to sign up for the Eastertide Team. Worship Teams meet according to the team's availability. Come join us as we plan for this meaningful season. Signup sheet is in the side narthex.

Place your order for the **Ridgerunners delicious Easter Candy** on the signup sheet in the Narthex no later than **Feb 28**. The candy is \$10 per pound with a selection of Peanut Butter Eggs, Dark Chocolate Coconut Cream Eggs, Raisin Clusters and Peanut Clusters. The candy will be ready for pick up March 20.

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 17th and 18th 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.

Ash Wednesday ~ On February 10th, we will have worship services at 3 & 6 PM in the sanctuary. Dinner in the fellowship hall will follow the 6 PM service, soup & salad will be served. Please sign up on the sheet in the side narthex if you are planning to attend.

Mid-week Lenten Services will begin on February 17th, and will carry on through March 16th. Dinner is at 6 PM in the fellowship hall, followed by worship at 7 PM in the sanctuary. Information on Holy Week activities will be available soon!

New Members will be welcomed into the Mt. Zion UCC family of faith on January 24th during both worship services. If you or anyone you know would be interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Danielle.

JWalker Worship Bags - Beginning on the first Sunday of Lent, (February 14), we would like to provide kids in 3rd through 6th grade with worship bags that will create a deeper, more intentional engagement during Sunday morning worship. Our hope is to fill 15-20 bags with art journals and various craft supplies, which will be used in conjunction with a "challenge" or question based on that day's worship service. For example: "Name one Scripture example Pastor Dani used during her message; or "Pick a hymn we sang today and create a collage about it." In order to make this happen, we are asking for donations of the following items: **Play-doh, colored pencils, crayons, markers, pencils, kid-friendly scissors, glue sticks, and construction paper.** If you would like to donate, please drop off your donations in the plastic bin in the Narthex labeled, "JWalker Worship Bags," beginning next **Sunday, January 24 through Sunday, February 7.** If you have any questions, please talk to or email Kristen, Kristen.km.adams@gmail.com.

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!

2016 Church Directories ~ We are in the process of preparing to print new directories. Our goal is to have them ready for distribution on Jan. 31st. Please submit all corrections and additions to the church office by **January 20, 2016.** Information can be emailed to: mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net, called in to the office at 717-755-6117, or you may complete a form which can be found on the table in the narthex by the main entrance. Thank you for your help with this endeavor!

Compassion York Food Run - The next Compassion York Food Run is scheduled for Sun. Feb. 7th. Sign-up sheets for food items needed and helpers needed can be found in the Narthex.

SAVE THE DATE!! Mt. Zion Youth will be hosting a spaghetti dinner and talent show fundraiser on **Sat. Feb. 20th from 5-7 PM!** Tickets will be on sale beginning January 24th!

Congregational Meeting ~ Sunday, February 21st at 9 AM in the sanctuary. Annual reports will be available prior to the meeting so you can review the material and prepare any questions that you would like to ask.

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!

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.

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. Comments and feedback are welcome. If you are streaming from home and experience technical difficulties, please contact mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net.

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.

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.

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
Dec. 20, 2015	242 members +30 guests	\$5,145.75	\$1,958.94	\$7,104.69	\$4,765.08
Dec. 24, 2015	408 members +50 guests	\$5,339.00	\$1,958.94	\$8,530.94	\$4,765.08
Dec. 27, 2015	120 members +5 guests	\$1,233.00			
Jan. 3, 2016	145 members + 16 guests	\$2,046.00	\$1,520.15	\$3,566.15	\$4,352.04
Jan. 10, 2016	160 members + 12 guests	\$2,059.00	\$1,520.15	\$3,579.15	\$4,352.04

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

Hospitalized: Baby Jack

Undergoing Treatment/Therapy: Glenda Chilcote, Fran Spangler

Recuperating: Elaine Doll, Rhonda Vacante, Pearl Chronister, Ken Barshinger

THIS WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Welcome Team: Barry & Nancy Schwartz, Carol Bair, Natalie Fleming

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Acolyte: Hayden Dallam

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Barb Stebbins, John, Michelle & Jackson Kollasch

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: Coordinated by Debbie Butcher

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Bonnie Dull

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Debbie Butcher

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney