

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 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 Services at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~Children's Sunday School at 9 AM
- ~Annual Congregational Meeting 9 AM, Sanctuary
- ~Jubilation Rehearsal 9:10-9:55 AM
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Council Meeting immediately following late worship
- ~Self Study Team Meeting immediately following late worship

THIS WEEK

- ~Mid-week Worship Wed. Feb. 24th, Faithful Families 5:30 PM, Dinner 6 PM, Worship 7 PM
- ~Worship Choir Rehearsal Wed. Feb. 24th, 7:45-9 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~Children's Sunday School at 9 AM
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Youth Group 6-8 PM, kitchen & fellowship hall

Pastor Danielle will be out of the office beginning this evening (Sunday, Feb. 21st) through Saturday, Feb. 27th for an out of state conference. She will return to Mt. Zion on Sunday, Feb. 28th. During this time, should you have any pastoral care needs arise, please contact the church office (717-755-6117) or Pastor Jeff directly (717-387-0069). 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.

Our Monthly Mission for February is the 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. The need is great. Your gifts, once each year, help to replenish this fund. Thank you for your generosity!

Northeastern Food Pantry- During the month of February, the food pantry is in need of the following items: jelly (all flavors except for grape), peanut butter & regular, long spaghetti noodles (no shaped pasta please). Barbara Krier will collect all of the donations Sun. Feb. 28th after the early service, and will deliver them Mon. Feb. 29th. We appreciate all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!!!

JWalker Worship Bags Now Available! Thank you for all the donations towards the JWalker Worship Bags. These bags are now ready and available for all older children in worship (grades 3-6). The bags offer a unique prompt each week that relates to the scripture and lessons for the day in worship. We hope that they will become a favorite for our JWalkers to use during worship! If you have any questions, please contact Kristen.

The Mt. Zion Youth Thank You! Thank you to all those who supported the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser held by the youth group and their families last evening. We appreciate your support and we hope that you enjoyed the food and the entertainment. All proceeds from this event will go towards the youth trip to the National Youth Event this summer with a title going towards the Lanai Congregational Church in Hawaii so that some of their youth can attend as well! Thank you for your generosity!

Mid-week Lenten Services have begun, and will carry on through March 16th. Faithful Families begins at 5:30, dinner is at 6 PM in the fellowship hall, followed by worship at 7 PM in the sanctuary. If you are planning to attend any or all of the dinners, please sign up on the sheets that are provided in the narthex.

4th-6th Grade Choir Practice ~ Our 4th-6th grade choir has practices scheduled for the following dates: Sun. Feb. 28th from 9:00-9:15 AM, Sun. March 6th from 9:00-9:10 AM, Sun. March 13th from 9:00-9:15 AM, and the choir will perform on Sun. March 20th during the 10:30 AM service. If you have any questions, please see Travis Pinci.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE EGG HUNT! Mt. Zion's Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 3/20/16 from 2-4 PM. We are in need of your help stuffing the eggs. Bags of 25 eggs can be found in the narthex, please take and **return them by 3/13/16**. Please use NUT FREE candy only. Chocolate is acceptable, just not Snickers or Reese's or anything that has nuts in it. Small trinkets (stickers, temporary tattoos, etc.) are also acceptable inside the eggs. Thank you!

EASTER EGG HUNT ~ SAVE THE DATE! Is everybunny ready?? The Mt. Zion Easter Egg Hunt is back! Children ages 10 and under are welcome to come and hunt for Easter Eggs on **Sunday, March 20th from 2-4 PM**. **Please sign up in the side narthex in you plant to attend with your child/grandchild, or register by calling the church office.** 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 eggs. Pizza and soda will be served to anyone helping to stuff/hide the eggs. For questions, please contact Pastor Danielle, Dani Devine, or Melissa Shindler. We hope to see everyone there for a fun time!!

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.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected on Sunday, March 6th during both worship services. The UCC and Global Ministries are partnered to distribute your gifts to those who have been displaced due to natural disasters and to refugees who are forced to live in camps. Your gift to this mission will help them access food, medical attention, clean water and obtain education. Further information is available in the pamphlet that you will find in this week's bulletin. Thank you!

Ridgerunners: We will meet at Round the Clock Diner East at noon on March 2nd for our Founders Day Luncheon; it is a self pay luncheon. As close as we can tell, this is the 40th anniversary of the beginning of the Ridgerunners group. Also, a reminder that we will provide the Lenten dinner on Wednesday February 24th. If you said you'd help, please show up and if you said you'd bring a dessert, please bring that too. See you at both events, Nancy Sleeper

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.

Easter Flower Sale has begun! Potted lilies, yellow tulips, or purple tulips can be purchased for a donation of \$8.00 each. The flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, March 27th. Please complete the order form (included in this week's bulletins) and turn them in, with your payment in the box located in the rear narthex. Make checks payable to Mt. Zion United Church of Christ. Orders are due by Sun., March 6th. Thank you!

Want to go to Summer Camp?? Hartman Center has released the 2016 summer camp schedule! There are programs/camps for kindergarten through 12th grade as well as intergenerational camps for families! There are 3 day and full week options. This is a meaningful and fun way to spend a few days. Mt. Zion offers scholarships to all Mt. Zion attendees of camp at Hartman Center to help defray costs. Information is available in the side narthex.

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!

The Messengers Bible Study Group will meet on the 2nd and 4rd Thur. during March. Carol Bair will host the group on the 2nd Thur. at her home, Natalie Behrends host the group on the 4th Thurs. at her home. Meetings start at 6:30 PM. If you would like to join us please contact Carol at: cbbair@comcast.net or Natalie at: dfleming2@comcast.net.

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.

Cards of encouragement and well wishes can be mailed to Zachary Shiffer at: Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital, Room P3108, 500 University Drive, Hershey PA 17033.

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
Jan. 24, 2016	Cancelled		\$1,520.15		\$4,352.04
Jan. 31, 2016	207 members + 15 guests	\$4,288.00	\$1,520.15	\$5,808.15	\$4,352.04
Feb. 7, 2016	191 members + 10 guests	\$3,256.00	\$1,900.19	\$5,156.19	\$4,352.04
Feb. 14, 2016	160 members + 12 guests		\$1,900.19		\$4,352.04

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

Hospitalized: Baby Jack, Zachary Shiffer

Undergoing Treatment/Therapy: Glenda Chilcote, Fran Spangler

Recuperating: Elaine Doll, Rhonda Vacante, Pearl Chronister, Ken Barshinger, Bonnie Dull, Barry Schwartz, Dick Fisher, Jerry Hester

THIS WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Acolyte: Holt Dallam

8 AM Welcome Team: Scott, Jen & Sydney Cooper

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Acolyte: Weston Wagaman

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Elaine & Joey Bevivino, Heidi, Megan & Emily Merritt

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Ken Dunbar

8 AM Acolyte: Hayden Dallam

8 AM Welcome Team: Tim Snyder, Rick & Cindy Hogentogler

10:30 AM Acolyte: Ellery Wagaman

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Carol Hartman, Dawn Almone, Jeff & Nancy Sleeper

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney