

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 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
- ~4th-6th Grade Choir Practice 9-9:15 AM
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Youth Group 6-8 PM, kitchen & fellowship hall

THIS WEEK

- ~Ridgerunners Wed. March 2nd, Round the Clock Diner East, 12 PM
- ~Mid-week Worship Wed. March 2nd, Faithful Families 5:30 PM, Dinner 6 PM, Worship 7 PM
- ~Worship Choir Rehearsal Wed. March 2nd, 7:45-9 PM
- ~Messy Church Fri. March 4th, 6-7:30 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Worship Services at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, both services
- ~Children's Sunday School at 9 AM
- ~Jubilation Rehearsal 9:10-9:55 AM
- ~4th-6th Grade Choir Practice 9-9:10 AM
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Single's Lunch Cheddar's, 12 PM

We lift the promises of our faith and our prayers to the family of Roberta Snyder, who passed away on February 23, 2016. Please pray especially for Barb Stebbins, Lana Fritz and Gordon Snyder Jr. on the death of their mother. Roberta's visitation will be held at Mt. Zion UCC tomorrow from 9:30-10:30 AM, memorial service begins at 10:30 AM. There will be a luncheon following the memorial service. May God grant this family the comfort that only He can give.

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!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected next 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. Special offering envelopes will be available next week. Thank you!

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 today after the early service, and will deliver them tomorrow. We appreciate all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!!!

Place your order for the **Ridgerunners delicious Easter Candy** on the signup sheet in the Narthex no later than **TODAY**. 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.

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!

4th-6th Grade Choir Practice ~ Our 4th-6th grade choir has practices scheduled for the following dates: TODAY 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.

Mid-week Lenten Services 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 dinner, please sign up on the sheets that are provided in the narthex.

Ridgerunners: We will meet at Round the Clock Diner East at noon on Wed. 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.

Messy Church ~ We will meet on Fri., March 4th 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!

Chop & Peel/Soup Kitchen~ We will have the Soup Kitchen in March. Chop & Peel will be Mon. March 28th at 6 PM; hope to see you join us! Please sign up in the side narthex if you are able to donate food. Thanks, Nancy Sleeper

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.

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.

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!

Single's Lunch is next Sunday, March 6th at Cheddar's Restaurant at noon.

Book discussion at Panera Bread will take place on Wed. March 9th. Lunch is at 11:30, discussion begins at noon.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE EGG HUNT! Mt. Zion's Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 20th from 2-4 PM. We need your help to stuff 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 plan 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!!

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: cbair@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: 4140 Abbey Lane, York, PA 17402.

Date	Attendance	Current Receipts	Ave. Weekly E-tithing	Total Received for Current	Weekly Budget for Current Exp
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	\$1,676.00	\$1,900.19	\$3,576.19	\$4,352.04
Feb. 21, 2016	143 members + 10 guests	\$2,046.25	\$1,900.19	\$3,946.44	\$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, Zachary Shiffer

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

THIS WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Ken Dunbar
8 AM Acolyte: Hayden Dallam
8 AM Welcome Team: Mary Jane Snyder, Tim Snyder, Rick & Cindy Hogentogler
10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder
10:30 AM Acolyte: Ellery Wagaman
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Carol Hartman, Dawn Almoney, Jeff & Nancy Sleeper
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 Dave Firestone
10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver
10:30 AM Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes
10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Dave Firestone
10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney
WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney