

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF March 6, 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
- ~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 9-9:15 AM
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Single's Lunch Cheddar's, 12 PM

### THIS WEEK

- ~Self Study Team Meeting: Mon. March 7th, 6 PM in the parlor
- ~Lenten Worship Team: Mon. March 7th, 7 PM in the 4-6 grade classroom
- ~Book Discussion at Panera Bread: Wed. March 9th, lunch 11:30 AM, discussion 12 PM
- ~Mid-Week Worship: Wed. March 9th, Faithful Families 5:30 PM, Dinner 6 PM, Worship 7 PM
- ~Worship Choir Rehearsal: Wed. March 9th, 7:45-9 PM
- ~Pastor-Parish Relations Meeting: Thurs. March 10th 6:30 PM
- ~Outreach to Pleasant Acres at Elm Springs Apartments: Fri. March 11th, 10-11:30 AM

### NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Daylight savings time begins at midnight, spring forward 1 hour!
- ~Worship Services at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~Reception of New Members at the early service.
- ~Service of Healing after each service.
- ~4th-6th Grade Choir Practice 9-9:15 AM
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~JWalkers Youth Group 5-7 PM, fellowship hall & kitchen
- ~Youth Group 6-8 PM, fellowship hall & kitchen

**Our Monthly Mission for March is the youth of the Lanai Union Church in Lanai City, Hawaii.** This summer, UCC youth from all over the country will be converging on Orlando, Florida for the National Youth Event. The pastor at Lanai Union Church, Pastor Sarah Rentzel-Jones has reached out to us (and others) to help fund their youth's trip to the National Youth Event, as it is a financial hardship for many of the people in her congregation. Our youth have been tithing 10% of their fundraising efforts to the youth in Lanai, and the Mt. Zion Mission Core has extended this generosity, asking that our March monthly mission go towards the fundraising efforts to send several youth from Lanai to the National Youth Event. We thank you for your generosity and look forward to sharing your gifts with Lanai Union Church and Pastor Sarah!

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be collected today 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. Thank you!

**Northeastern Food Pantry-** During the month of March, the food pantry is in need of paper products: tissues, toilet paper, napkins & paper towels. Barbara Krier will collect and deliver all of the donations on Tues. March 29th. We appreciate all of you for supporting the food pantry mission!!!

Thank you to everyone who ordered the **Ridgerunners delicious Easter Candy**. **Volunteers** will be putting their aprons on for a fun day of making Easter Candy Thurs. & Fri., March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 am. Please bring along a Pampered Chef small scoop if you have one. Point of contact for volunteers is Lana Fritz at 755-4065 before 9 PM, or email at [ljf424@comcast.net](mailto:ljf424@comcast.net). The candy will be ready for pick up on March 20th.

**Easter Flower Sale ends today!** 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 an order form and turn it in (with your payment) in the box located in the rear narthex. Make checks payable to Mt. Zion United Church of Christ. Thank you!

**Spaghetti Dinner Thank you!**~ Thank you to everyone who supported the youth and their families at the Spaghetti Dinner on February 20th. Because of your generosity, the youth were able to raise \$1200 towards their trip to the National Youth Event. Thank you also to the youth and their families for their hard work-- you were gracious hosts, you made a delicious meal, and your talents in the talent show were greatly appreciated!

**Did you know...** that it is approximately \$850 to send one participant to the National Youth Event? This money goes towards their flight, housing, meals, and all activities. We thank you for the generosity you have shown and we look forward to your continued support for our upcoming fundraisers. We do not take your gifts for granted and we know what a faithful, loving, and supportive congregation we have. THANK YOU!

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

**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

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

**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.

**Cooks on the Road** will travel to Ronald McDonald House on Sun. April 3rd following late worship. Please sign up in the side narthex if you are able to attend. Their kitchen can accommodate 8 volunteers. Please contact Jim Shiffer if you have any questions.

**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!

**Outreach to Pleasant Acres at Elm Springs Apartments** is on Fri. March 11th from 10-11:30 AM. We will enjoy our time of fellowship with coffee, juice, goodies and cards! A good time is always had by all, please come join us!

**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 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!!

**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](mailto:cbair@comcast.net) or Natalie at: [dfleming2@comcast.net](mailto:dfleming2@comcast.net).

**Mt. Zion is Streaming!** The 8 AM service is 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](mailto:mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net).

**In the event of inclement weather, please check WGAL's ([www.WGAL.com](http://www.WGAL.com)) or Mt. Zion's website ([www.mtzionucc.org](http://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 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
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
Feb. 28, 2016	173 members + 15 guests	\$3,038.00	\$1,900.19	\$4,938.19	\$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, Zachary Shiffer

**Recuperating:** Elaine Doll, Rhonda Vacante, Ken Barshinger, Bonnie Dull, Barry Schwartz, Dick Fisher, Dan Kinard

**THIS WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Mary Jane Snyder

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Mike & Kathy Ferree, Drew & Danika Dallam

**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** John Schriver

**10:30 AM Acolyte:** Maddie Gyenes

**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Barry & Mary Jane Epley, rest coordinated by Dave Firestone

**10:30 AM Nursery:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

**WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathv Sweeney

**NEXT WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Jim Shiffer

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Deb & Terry Barnes, Danika & Drew Dallam

**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Rich Huber, Palmer Burke, Nancy & Jesse Smith

**10:30 AM Nursery:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

**WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney