

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF March 13, 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
- ~Reception of New Members at the early service.
- ~Sunday School for all ages at 9 AM
- ~Service of Healing after each service.
- ~4th-6th Grade Choir Practice 9-9:15 AM
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Eastertide Worship Team, 4-6 PM in the 4th-6th grade classroom
- ~JWalkers Youth Group 5-7 PM, fellowship hall & kitchen
- ~Youth Group 6-8 PM, fellowship hall & kitchen

THIS WEEK

- ~Mid-Week Worship: Wed. March 16th, Faithful Families 5:30 PM, Dinner 6 PM, Worship 7 PM
- ~Worship Choir Rehearsal: Wed. March 16th, 7:45-9 PM
- ~Ridgerunners Candy Making Thur. & Fri. March 17th & 18th, 8 AM kitchen & fellowship hall
- ~Winter Confirmation Retreat - Broad Street Ministries, Fri. & Sat. March 18th & 19th

NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Palm Sunday
- ~Worship Services at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~Sunday School for all ages at 9 AM
- ~Jubilation Rehearsal 9:10-9:55 AM
- ~4th-6th Grade Children's Choir performs during 10:30 AM service
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Easter Egg Hunt 2-4 PM, Fellowship Hall & Grounds

Thank you to our Worship Choir for performing during the 10:30 AM service today!

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 ~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. We are accepting gifts for the remainder of this month. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to raise \$1,205.20 so far.

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 two fun days of making Easter Candy Thurs. & Fri., March 17th & 18th 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. The candy will be ready for pick up on March 20th.

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 practice TODAY from 9:00-9:15 AM, and they will be performing next Sun. March 20th during the 10:30 AM service.

Mid-week Lenten Services ~ Wed., March 16th is our potluck dinner. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you are planning to attend. Please plan to bring a dish or item to share with the group. Faithful Families begins at 5:30, dinner is at 6 PM in the fellowship hall, followed by worship at 7 PM in the sanctuary.

Holy Week - Maundy Thursday is on March 24th, we will have dinner at 6 PM followed by a Worship Service with Communion in the fellowship hall. The sanctuary will be open from 12-3 PM on Good Friday, March 25th. This will be a quiet time to observe and reflect on the significance of the day.

Good Friday Take Home Bags~ Good Friday is one of the most important days of the Christian year. If you are not able to stop by the sanctuary on Good Friday (3/25, 12-3 PM) to observe Jesus sacrifice, we invite you to pick up a Good Friday Take Home Bag. Within these bags are small items, prayers, and scripture that can help you as you take time to remember our Lord and the tremendous gift of love given to us on that day so long ago. If you utilize the bags, we invite you to share a picture with us on facebook or instagram using the hashtag #mtzionucc.

Easter Hospitality Table ~ We plan to have various cookies, breads, pastries, etc. available to share after each worship service on Easter Sunday. If you are able to donate any of these items, please sign up on the sheet in the side narthex. Thanks!

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.

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. There are five spaces to left if you would like to sign up. Please contact Jim Shiffer if you have any questions.

DODGE BALL! We've been invited by Chapel Church in Red Lion to join them for an evening of dodge ball. We went as a group last year and had a ball! They have 2 more dates planned for this school year: Sat., March 19th and Sat., April 9th. Doors open at 5:30 (food is available for sale) and play is from 6-9. Price is \$5 per player. Teams consist of 8 members, but they will combine people to form teams if we don't have the exact amount. This is truly a fun evening for people of ALL ages (youth through senior.) For participants under 18, a signed parental waiver is required during registration. Forms are in the side narthex, along with a sign-up sheet so we can determine carpooling, if needed. Any questions, please contact Robin Schriver or Stacey Roache at: rschriver@block.com or sroache@wellspan.org.

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!

DONATIONS FOR THE EGG HUNT! Thank you to everyone who filled and donated Easter Eggs for next week's Hunt, which is scheduled from 2-4 PM. Please turn the eggs in today!

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. Flower and bulletin sponsors are needed for Easter Sunday. 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 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
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
March 6, 2016	167 members + 18 guests	\$2,471.00	\$1,866.44	\$4,337.44	\$4,352.04

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

Hospitalized: Zachary Shiffer, Weldon Spangler

Undergoing Treatment/Therapy: Glenda Chilcote, Fran Spangler, Zachary Shiffer

Recuperating: Bonnie Dull, Barry Schwartz, Dick Fisher, Dan Kinard, Paula Beever

THIS 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 Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

NEXT WEEK:

8 AM Worship Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Jen Cooper

8 AM Acolyte: Holt Dallam

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Jen Cooper

10:30 AM Acolyte: Anson Morcos

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney