

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF March 20, 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

- ~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
- ~Ridgerunners Easter Candy ready for pick up
- ~Council Meeting after late worship
- ~Easter Egg Hunt 2-4 PM, Fellowship Hall & Grounds

### THIS WEEK

- ~Jubilation Rehearsal: Wed. March 23rd, 7:30-8:15 PM
- ~Worship Choir Rehearsal: Wed. March 23rd, 7:30-9 PM
- ~Maundy Thursday March 24th, dinner at 6 PM followed by Worship Service with Communion at 6:40 PM
- ~Good Friday March 25th, sanctuary open from 12-3 PM

### NEXT SUNDAY

- ~Easter Sunday
- ~Worship Services & Communion at 8 & 10:30 AM
- ~Sunday School for all ages at 9 AM
- ~WOW Kids during 10:30 AM worship
- ~Hospitality Table: enjoy light refreshments & fellowship time after each of the worship services

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 \$1,295.20 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!!!

**Ridgerunners** would like to say **THANK YOU** to all of the great volunteers who helped to make the Easter Candy. We could not have made our only fundraiser of the year a success without all of you. Thank you to all who supported us by ordering the candy, and **please pick your candy up today.**

**EASTER EGG HUNT** ~ Is everybunny ready?? The Mt. Zion Easter Egg Hunt is here! Children ages 10 and under are welcome to come and hunt for Easter Eggs **today from 2-4 PM.** 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 today to help set up and then hide eggs. Pizza and soda will be served to anyone helping to stuff/hide the eggs.

**DONATIONS FOR THE EGG HUNT!** Thank you to everyone who filled and donated Easter Eggs for today's Egg Hunt, which is scheduled from 2-4 PM. We would like to extend a special thank you to our volunteers and the residents of the Elm Springs Apartments at Pleasant Acres. During last Friday's outreach, our volunteers worked the residents to prepare & donate 150 eggs!

**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!**

**Did you see the Youth Group's Wall of Money?** In a continued effort to raise money for the National Youth Event, the youth group has put up their "Wall of Money"... the concept is simple and easy! There are 104 envelopes- each envelope has a dollar amount written on the outside ranging from \$1 to \$104. To donate, simply take the envelope with the amount of money you wish to donate off the wall, place cash or check for that amount of money in the envelope and you're done! That money will go towards the cost of our youth attending National Youth Event, as well as a tithe to the youth of the Lanai Union Church. Thank you for your ongoing help! We are truly grateful!

**4th-6th Grade Choir** ~ Our 4th-6th grade choir has been hard at work to prepare for their performance during the 10:30 AM service today. Thank you for all of your hard work and commitment, and thank you for sharing your talents with us!

**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.

**Mid-week Lenten Services** ~ As the season of Lent draws near to its close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part in our mid-week Lenten services. Faithful families met in the fellowship hall for meaningful & fun activities. Many of you came together to plan for, to prepare, to serve, to enjoy, and to clean up from our Lenten meals. And let's not forget the worship. We were blessed to witness different presenters each week who provided creative and meaningful accounts from the Bible. Thank you, and God bless you all!

**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. Please bring your donations to the church by 3 PM Friday, March 25th. 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

**Attention 2016 Graduates:** Whether you are graduating from high school or college, we want to hear from you so that your Mt. Zion family can join in congratulating you during a worship service. Simply notify the office via a note on the secretary's desk, phone: 717-755-6117, or email: mtzionuccyorkpa@comcast.net by May 1, 2016.

**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!** The 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 a few spaces remaining if you would like to sign up. Please contact Jim Shiffer if you have any questions.

**DODGE BALL!** Chapel Church in Red Lion has invited us to join them for an evening of dodge ball on Sat. April 9th. Doors open at 5:30 (food is available for sale), play is from 6-9, price is \$5 per player. For participants under 18, a signed parental waiver is required during registration. Forms are in the side narthex, along with a sign-up sheet. Any questions, please contact Robin Schriver or Stacey Roache at: rschriver@block.com or sroache@wellspan.org.

**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. A bulletin sponsor is needed for Easter Sunday. Thank You!

**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. 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
March 13, 2016	140 members +12 guests	\$1,814.00	\$1,866.44	\$3,680.44	\$4,352.04

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

**Hospitalized:** Paula Beaver

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

**Recuperating:** Dick Fisher, Dan Kinard, Weldon Spangler

**THIS WEEK:**

**8 AM Worship Tech:** Jim Shiffer

**8 AM Welcome Team:** Brent & Kerri Ames, Jodi Graham, Dave Strine

**8 AM Acolyte:** Holt Dallam

**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Clyde Snyder

**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Scott, Jen & Sydney Cooper, Tori Everhart

**10:30 AM Acolyte:** Anson Morcos

**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:** Kathy Ensminger, Tim Snyder, Mary Jane Snyder, Don & Diane Strine

**8 AM Acolyte:**

**10:30 AM Worship Tech:** Bonnie Dull

**10:30 AM Welcome Team:** Mason DeMers, Barb Stebbins, John Schriver, Dave Strine, Guy Wenck

**10:30 AM Acolyte:**

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

**WOW Kids:** Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney